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"I don't believe you!" Leia was still worried. She turned to look at Liam. "Liam, think of something. Renee must've experienced something devastating. Otherwise, she wouldn't be so downtrodden. Although you guys broke up, you can't just ignore her. Didn't you wait all night to talk to her after she returned? Why are you being silent?"

Leia had always been hot-headed. She directly pushed Liam into Renee's room and closed the door with a bang. She then locked the door from the outside.

Liam instantly panicked and tried to open the door, but it wouldn't budge. "Leia, damn it! Open the door!"

"I don't care. You have to make Renee feel better tonight. Otherwise, don't even think about coming out," Leia uttered. Worried that the lock might not hold, she even attached a steel bar as a latch for good measure.

It couldn't be helped -her brother was too passive-if she didn't lend him a hand, he wouldn't even stand a chance! Renee and Liam were left in the large room all alone. They looked at each other.

"I'm sorry. You know how my sister never thinks things through." Liam chucked his hands into his pockets. He pretended to be casual and nonchalant. It was as if their argument in H Group had never happened.

Renee smiled exhaustedly. "I'm the one who should apologize. Jovan is a nutcase. I thought I could get some useful information from him, but I realized he was full of nonsense. It was a complete waste of my time. It even affected our relationship. I'm such an idiot!" Renee's head hung low while she sat in front of the dressing table. She buried her head in her hands, and her shoulders trembled slightly.

Liam frowned when he saw this. He felt bad for her. "Looks like you've found out. Cry if you want to. You don't have to pretend that you don't care. This isn't something to be embarrassed about."

From the moment Jovan showed up, Liam knew that it was impossible to keep Stefan's death a secret.

He reacted so strongly in H Group and insisted on not letting Jovan get close to Renee, worried that Renee couldn't handle the news.

Unfortunately, she still found out in the end...

"Haha. I... What have I found out? I don't know what you're talking about." Renee was still pretending, but she wasn't doing a good job at it. This made Liam feel even worse for her.

He walked up to her and gently patted her on the shoulder, as though channeling energy into her body. "Just let it out. After all, he's the man you once loved deeply. It's normal that you'd want to cry for him."

"Just don't stay sad for too long. You have to get back on your feet and live your life. Adie and Abby are still waiting for you. You can't give up..." He added.

"Don't make things up!" Renee suddenly looked up at Liam. Her eyes filled with tears of anger. "Jovan lied to me, and so did you! Do all of you think I'm so easy to fool? Stefan is a tough man, and he won't die so easily. This is a laughable lie!"

"I know you don't want to face the truth. Well, let's just pretend he's still alive. If it makes you feel better, I'll tell you he's still alive too. You can stop crying for him." Liam could tell Renee was greatly affected by Stefan's death.

Renee was normally not quite as weak. Why wouldn't she be able to face the truth?

Since she was unwilling to accept the truth, he'd continue lying to her for the rest of his life. This was what he planned to do from the very beginning.

"Whether he's dead or alive has nothing to do with me. I won't shed a single tear for him. Even if he died saving me, I could only say that he's too unlucky..." Renee took a deep breath and walked shakily to her bed. She fell onto the bed and said with her back to Liam, "I'm tired. I want to sleep."

Save it for tomorrow."

Liam looked at her scrawny figure as she wept and shook uncontrollably and felt like he had been stabbed in the chest...

"Stefan, are you dead or alive? If you're alive, just come out. How can you call yourself a man when you make a woman cry for you?"

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Meanwhile, at a child-friendly hotel in Beach City, Adie sat cross-legged on a couch in one of the suites, eyes glued to Happy Sheep and the Big Gray Wolf on television.

Briar brought some washed fruits to Adie with a big smile on her face. "Adie, have some fruits. You need the vitamins."

Adie smiled in an adorable manner. "Thank you, Aunty Desrosiers. You're a beautiful and kind person. No wonder you're Mommy's good friend."

"You are such a sweet-talker."

"Of course. I get to eat super sweet fruits that you personally washed. My mouth naturally becomes super sweet too!" Briar couldn't stop smiling throughout her conversation with Adie.

Although she kept reminding herself that Adie was Renee and Stefan's child and that the child would severely delay her marriage into the Hunt family, meaning he couldn't be spared, she couldn't resist his angelic smile. He was so sweet with the things he said that she couldn't help but want to be close to him. She yearned to give him good food and nice clothes. It was insane!

Initially, she planned to get William to send Adie to Water Dock, where he would be handed over to a unique individual. However, she couldn't make up her mind and kept delaying.

Due to the urgent and complicated situation, she steeled herself and decided to send Adie away tonight. She couldn't drag this on...

She held the plate of fruits and sat next to Adie. With his cheeks all puffed up, he looked like a hamster that was munching on grapes. Her heart nearly melted.

Adie was completely focused on the cartoon.

Briar couldn't resist laughing. "Adie, do you like Happy Sheet and the Big Gray Wolf? Do you hate the wolf?"

Adie shook his head. "Not at all. I don't hate the wolf. It might seem bad, but it's actually not that bad. Although it wants to eat the sheep in every episode, it keeps failing. I think it's not only because the sheep is smart but because it doesn't actually want to eat it. They're just playing!"

"I-Is that so?"

"Of course!" Adie reached out to Briar. "If you don't believe me, Aunty Desrosiers, you can watch the show with me. After watching it, you'll realize it's quite adorable despite how everyone hates it. Mommy once told me that nobody is entirely good or bad in this world. If a bad person is willing to be good, he can be a good person too. He deserves to be liked by everyone."

"Your mother... She's good at sharing important values with you." Briar had a complicated expression on her face after hearing Adie's philosophical thoughts.

Why did she sense that there was an underlying message?

But he was only four years old. How could he be so smart? She had to be overthinking.

"Adie, what your mother said makes sense, but here's my advice. There are more villains in this world than you imagine. In fact, sometimes, bad guys will always be bad guys. It's hard for people to change. You have to be careful and don't trust strangers too easily. Don't go home with strangers, either. Otherwise, you won't even know if you get sold!"

"In that case, are you a bad person? Will you sell me to human traffickers?" Adie asked.

"O-Of course, I'm not a bad person!" Briar felt a little guilty after being asked that question. She stammered when she answered him.

She had only shared her thoughts so that Adie wouldn't fall into the hands of bad people in the future. In reality, though, she hadn't thought too much about it.

Coincidentally, her mother was the one who taught her this.

Her mother was a homewrecker who humbly served her father. That was how she managed to make his wife leave and create a reasonably comfortable life for Briar.

Briar's mother had been telling her since she was a kid that being born was a woman's first reincarnation, while getting married would be her second.

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Good men were scarce, and women needed to have thick skin to win them over and keep them. The more ruthless one was, the more stable one's position in the household would be. Weak women would only be discarded -even their children would end up suffering.

Therefore, Briar had no other talent than competing for men.

She fought hard for Tristan and had him wrapped around her fingers.

Tristan thought she was pregnant with his child but in reality... The child didn't even belong to the Hunt family.

In other words, even if her baby was healthy, she wouldn't keep it.

Renee happened to be the perfect scapegoat.

Stefan was the man Briar had set her sights on. She was willing to pay any price to get married to him.

"Adie, you have to believe that I'm a good person. I would never hurt you. You should be grateful that your mother has a good friend like me," Briar said with a smile while she gently ruffled Adie's head.

She made up her mind right there and then.

The kid could only blame himself for being Renee's child!

Suddenly, Adie stopped watching the cartoon. He turned around and stared at Briar with wide eyes.

"W-What's the matter?" Briar panicked at the sight of his intense stare.

He looked way too much like Stefan. Their eyes were practically the same when he didn't smile. His piercing gaze seemed as if it could see through her.

"Nothing. I just think that you're a good person. I like you a lot. I'm glad I got to know you. I'm so happy... Give me a hug, Aunty Desrosiers!" After saying that, he opened his arms passionately and wrapped them around Briar's neck.

"Uhh..." Briar froze. She didn't dare to move.

Adie was soft to the touch. She felt a gentleness in the deepest part of her heart.

However, despite the passionate hug, she couldn't see the look of disappointment on Adie's face.

He already gave this mean aunty a chance, and he didn't want to punish her too severely. However, she still hadn't learned her lesson. She couldn't blame her for what he would do next...

"Adie, it's getting late. Finish your milk and go to bed!" Briar hesitated for a long while. In the end, she still offered him the milk that had a large number of sleeping pills infused.

"Alright. Thank you. Aunty Desrosiers." Adie picked up the glass of milk and emptied it in a few gulps.

Soon, he was sound asleep. Briar couldn't wake him up no matter how hard she tried.

"Don't blame me, kiddo. It's all your mother's fault. You might be very adorable, and I really do like you, but you're Renee's son, and I can't keep you around!" Briar sat on the edge of the bed and silently looked at Adie. Amid her fierce, steely expression, however, was a tinge of sadness.

And that was when the doorbell rang..

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Briar stood up and went to the door. Outside stood William, her biggest admirer.

"I'm here for my reward!" William barged in and pressed Briar against the wall. He began kissing her passionately.

Briar lifted her arms and let him do what he wanted without any expression on her face. She even seemed annoyed. After a few kisses,

William found it pointless and harshly let her go.

"If you don't like me at all, why did you promise you would give yourself to me as a reward for completing the mission?" William asked.

He pinched her cheeks with his long fingers. "You're like a log. There's no warmth and no response from you. Are you rewarding me or humiliating me?" he asked through clenched jaws.

Briar sneered. "What's the rush? I've always kept my promises. If I promised you something, I'd give it to you, but not now..." "What's your excuse this time?" William was losing his patience.

"I've considered you my one and only love interest for many years. I've never let myself forget that. Back when you were young and naive, I didn't even dare to kiss you. I only realized how much of a bitch you were after we broke up..."

"Why could other men easily get their hands on you, but I couldn't? This is my only regret, and it's the only thing driving me mad. I even dream about you. I've done so many things I swore I'd never do just to be with you. In fact, I even hurt a kind girl. Are you telling me that you want to change your mind now?" The more he said, the more extreme he became. His grip also tightened.

"Don't force me. Otherwise, don't blame me for killing us both. Well go to hell together!"

Briar wasn't afraid. She snickered. "William, you're losing control. Look at your crazy self. Are you still the same gentleman who dreams of becoming a doctor?"

"Do you finally realize that I've lost control? It's all your fault. Is my love for you so cheap?! Why must you toy with my feelings?"

Briar's gaze became increasingly cold. She cut to the chase. "You lost control over that bitch's friend, Leia. You didn't expect to actually fall in love with her. You say you loved me and would do anything for me, but you so easily developed feelings for someone else. You've only known her for a few months... Men who claim to be devoted like you can never stay true to their words!"

"T-That's not true!" William was initially furious, but he now seemed frantic. His gaze darted around, "I-It's impossible. I'm sure I was only acting. I was using her to gain access to Renee's secrets. I intentionally got close to her, and I even recorded a video of us sleeping together, just so I could blackmail her into hurting Renee... I did all of this to make you happy and to make you mine. I've already proven that I love you the most!" William argued.

"Well said and well done too. Unfortunately, you can fool others, but not me. Even if I really do give myself to you, you still won't be satisfied. Not only that, but you'll fall into despair. You'll be in pain because you're afraid of losing Leia..." Briar said while lifting her phone up.

"I recorded everything you just said. If you really meant what you said, send this voice recording to Leia," she added.

"What? You're insane!" William panicked. He snatched her phone away and deleted the voice recording. He was so nervous that his fingers were trembling.

Briar observed all this before bursting into laughter. "Hahaha! See? Men like you never mean what you say. You're full of lies. To you, love is like a bubble that pops with a single poke. I've known long ago that there are no men in this world who could love only one woman. The day men can be trusted is the day pigs fly!"

After making sure the voice recording was deleted, he finally calmed down. "Leia is a kind, naive girl. I've hurt her enough. I don't want to keep playing this game. From now on, I won't do anything for you."

William finally realized how laughable his attempt to be with Briar was.

For the sake of this pursuit, he had done many wrong things. He had turned from an upright, kind person into a demon. He hurt the innocent Leia.

He didn't want to keep making these mistakes...

"Hmph. Do you think you can call it quits whenever you want?" Briar asked sarcastically.

She began mocking William for his naivety. "You've fallen into the abyss from the time you started getting close to Leia, for my sake. You'll be naive to think you can climb out of it now!"

"Did you think you could wipe away all the ugly things you did by deleting this voice recording? Hahaha! I've always been careful with everything I do. I already uploaded this voice recording to the cloud. Not only that, but I also have a copy of the video of you having sex with Leia. It's all saved on my cloud disk. Do you think your naive Leia would have a breakdown and kill herself after I publish it online?"

"You wouldn't dare!" William reached for Briar's neck. "What is your cloud disk's password? Delete those videos right away. I don't want to play your game anymore. I'm counting down from three... Tell me the password, or I'll strangle you!"

"I don't care if you finish counting down from three. It took me so much effort to draw a card I could use against Renee. Did you think I'd give it up so easily? Unless... You do one last thing for me." Briar noticed the hesitation in William's eyes. "As long as you complete this task, I'll delete everything, be it a voice note or a video. You can also use me however you want. If you think I'm an eyesore, I can even disappear from your life completely. I won't get in between you and Leia. Nobody will find out about all those nasty things you did..." She added.

William gulped. His willpower wavered. "Are you sure you can keep your promise?" "Yes, but only if you carry

this task out perfectly."

"What do I have to do?" William asked.

Briar didn't answer him. Instead, she looked in the direction of the bedroom where Adie was sound asleep. She didn't need to say anything further..

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William saw Adie, who was fast asleep, and his expression changed instantly.

"Briar, are you mad? How could you do this to a child? He's still so young. He shouldn't be taken to Carmine Pawnshop... You should know when to stop! Aren't you afraid that karma will come back to bite you?"

A while ago, he received an order from Briar to deliver something 'unique' to Water Dock's Carmine Pawnshop.

On the surface, Carmine Pawnshop sounded like a proper pawnshop where various precious treasures from around the world were gathered, but in reality, it was a breeding ground for evil.

The pawnshop's owner was mysterious and had a powerful background. He once claimed that if a pawnbroker could give him something precious, he would fulfill any of their wishes.

Some traded invaluable treasures for the love they so desired, while others traded their organs for immeasurable wealth.

All in all... As long as the owner was willing to accept the item one offered, one's deepest desires could be turned into reality. Since Briar was able to offer Adie to Carmine Pawnshop, she must've negotiated a deal with the owner.

All she needed now was someone reliable to deliver Adie to Carmine Pawnshop, and the deal would become official!

"Tell me the truth. What did you ask Carmine Pawnshop's boss to give you ... Money? Power? Health?" William couldn't figure it out no matter how hard he tried. "You have everything now. This child is only starting out in life. If the shop takes him in, his life will be in ruins. Stop this while you can!"

'Hehe!' Briar was like a proud peacock. She stood proudly under the warm orange light while she laughed sarcastically. "You were the one who did all those unspeakable things. Now, you're the one pretending to be a saint. Don't you think it's a little too late?"

'You found your happiness in romance, and now you want to leave. Me? I have nothing and no one. The man I love has gone missing. The Hunt family I longed to be a part of thinks I'm the bearer of bad luck. I don't even have the chance to be a mother now. If I don't give it one last shot, my mother would turn in her grave. She'd blame me for being an embarrassment... So, do you think I'm going too far?"

All these years, she'd been pretending to be a fool to solicit pity from others. She and Stefan were getting closer and closer, and it was only a matter of time before she got married into the Hunt family.

Who would've thought that Renee would suddenly show up? She seemed to be practically impossible to get rid of!

As soon as Renee appeared, Stefan lost his soul. All of Briar's efforts for the past four years had gone to waste. How could she not hate Renee?

Naturally, Briar knew she was no match for Renee and needed someone stronger to help her. Coincidentally, Adie was a 'treasure' the owner of Carmine Pawnshop took interest in. They got along right away!

'I don't have another choice. I can't lose. Being nice will only lead me down the path of destruction...' Briar clenched her fists and glared coldly at William. "We're both the same. If this child isn't delivered to Carmine Pawnshop without the stipulated period, we'll both be in deep trouble. Carmine Pawnshop's owner won't let us off the hook. If you keep hesitating, you'll lose everything, including your beloved Leia!" Briar's words broke through William's last line of mental defense.

There wasn't anything he was personally afraid of, but he couldn't put Leia in danger. Carmine Pawnshop's owner was known to be a cold-blooded demon. If they really did make him upset, he might exact revenge on them indiscriminately...

William took a deep breath. He walked to the bed and picked Adie up, who was sound asleep.

"Don't worry. This kid might be smart, but he trusts me too much. I gave him some milk infused with sleeping pills. It'll keep him asleep until you send him to the pawnshop. All you have to do is be the delivery man. I'm sure you can do a good job," Briar said while crossing her arms. She sounded like a heartless snake or scorpion.

"Briar, you're not even human!" William exclaimed. He looked at the adorable Adie in his arms, and his face displayed a look of pain. He felt extremely guilty.

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"I could say the same about you!" Briar looked at William. Just as she was about to start mocking him, she caught sight of Adie. Her heart ached a little.

She took a deep breath and clenched her fists tightly. She couldn't go easy on him!

"This is the last time I'll do anything for you. I hope you can keep your promise. Delete those videos and voice recordings on your phone. We owe each other nothing after this. Well pretend we don't even know each other! ' William exclaimed before leaving the hotel with Adie.

Briar stood where she was and watched them leave. She didn't move for a very long time, and there wasn't any expression on her face, not unlike a soulless corpse.

After remaining silent for a while, she squatted and began laughing like a lunatic. She even started rolling on the floor while she laughed...

'Hahaha! Briar, you're such a sad case. Even that fool who loved you the most decided to leave you for good. You deserve to have nothing!'

Briar clambered onto her feet and looked at the glass Adie used in the living room. She also saw the clothes and toys she bought for Adie.

Although she felt a little disappointed, she forced herself to not feel anything.

Since she'd already lost everything, she couldn't afford to lose anymore.' Renee... It's time for you to die!'

William carried Adie to the backseat of his car. After strapping on Adie's seatbelt, he even draped a small blanket over Adie. This kid was good-looking and adorable. There was nothing to dislike about him.

The thought of sending Adie to the hell-like Carmine Pawnshop made William want to kill himself.

Mr. Q, Carmine Pawnshop's owner, gave the final order that they had to send Adie over before the break of dawn. If it didn't happen, the contract would be nullified, and he'd exact revenge on him and Briar.

After hesitating for a moment, he finally stepped on the gas.

While the car moved forward at a reasonable speed under the pale moonlight, William struggled with conflicting thoughts in his mind.

That was when he received a call from Leia.

William was pleasantly surprised. He frantically picked up the call. 'Baby, have you finally stopped being mad at me? Are we not breaking up anymore?'

Leia's voice was cold. "Don't take it the wrong way. We're definitely breaking up. However, if you perform well, I might just reconsider my decision."

"Just tell me what you want. I'll do anything for you!" William exclaimed earnestly.

'I'll tell you the truth. My friend is in a tough spot. I think she's probably too worried about Adie. Didn't you say you had a friend who's the chief at a police station? Can you ask him to find Adie as soon as possible?'

Leia was worried William might have approached her with ulterior motives. That's why she decided to break up with him temporarily. She didn't want to affect Renee.

However, if he could find Adie, she'd naturally have nothing to worry about, and she could also get back with him in peace. To be

honest, she also wanted to test if William was genuine.

"This..." William looked at Adie, who was sound asleep in the backseat, and his willpower began to waver

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"Leia, if you find out one day that I'm not as simple as you imagined, and I turn out to be a bad person, would you... Would you forgive me?" William asked.

"Why are you asking that? I knew you were up to no good... But it depends on how you define being bad. If you hurt me, I'll decide if I should forgive you based on how serious it is. However, if you hurt my friend, I will never forgive you. In my heart, Renee will always come first. She's more important to me than anyone else. If you cross this line, you and I are over for good. Do you understand?" Leia asked.

To her and her brother, Renee wasn't only a good friend. She was the person who gave them a second chance at life. They treated her like their idol, and they were determined to protect her to the ends of the earth.

William's facial expression froze after hearing this. He remained silent for a long while before replying. "Alright. I understand. I know what to do."

Leia was confused. "What do you mean? Why are you beating around the bush? Are you going to ask your friend for help or not?"

"Leia, I'm sorry. I can't help you with this. If you want to break up with me because of this, then so be it." William's eyes filled with tears. "I'm a bad guy, and I'm also an idiot. I don't deserve to live. However, I never regretted meeting you and falling in love with you. Thank you for saving me. I love you, Leia. Goodbye!"

"William, you..."

William hung up before Leia could finish her sentence. He was already crying.

It wasn't difficult to deduce from what Leia said-if he came clean right now and returned Adie to Renee, they might still be able to get back together. However, if he sent Adie to Carmine Pawnshop, their relationship would be over for good.

He loved Leia. Naturally, he didn't want their relationship to end. However... More importantly, he was worried she would get into trouble because of him. Carmine Pawnshop's owner might exact revenge on her.

That's why he'd rather go through with the breakup than take the risk...

"I'm sorry, kiddo. I don't want to hurt you either, but if I don't do this, the woman I love will get hurt. I hope Mr. Q wants you because he genuinely likes you." William turned around and looked at Adie. He sounded apologetic.

Despite committing an evil crime, William was a reasonable person. That's why he'd already thought of a way to redeem himself. Once he sent Adie to Carmine Pawnshop, he'd offer a clear explanation to everyone.

The car eventually stopped at a gas station.

William was feeling awful. He decided to get out of the car for a smoke.

Just as Briar had said, Adie was still sound asleep due to the sleeping pills' effect. However, when

William walked far away, Adie got up.

Adie knew ahead of time that Briar was up to no good, so he swapped the glass of milk infused with sleeping pills with a regular one when she wasn't paying attention. He was only pretending to be asleep all this time.

Therefore, he heard everything Briar and William said. He was intrigued by the Carmine Pawnshop's owner that they spoke about. He wanted to meet this guy.

If this person turned out to be capable, Adie might even try persuading him to work for Mommy.

After all, Mommy had been working hard for many years. Even if Liam was there to help her, he couldn't do much for her. The more, the merrier. Mommy would have an easier time too.

However, Briar was too evil. Not only did she hurt Mommy, but she even tried to sell him. He couldn't forgive her. Adie retrieved

his phone and dialed 911 according to plan.

"Police officer, help me. I've been kidnapped and sold by Briar Desrosiers, a human trafficker. She's at Hotel XX right now. Hurry up and arrest her. Oh, and send someone to save me. My name is Aiden Everheart. My Mommy is Renee Everheart, and my Daddy is Liam Osborne. Ahh... The bad guy is here!"

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Adie hung up right after divulging the key information. He also switched off his phone's GPS system so that the police wouldn't find him too soon.

On top of that, he intentionally left his belongings behind at the hotel when he left earlier. If the police caught Briar now, there'd be solid evidence of her crime. 'Hehe!'

After William finished smoking, he returned to the car. Adie was still sleeping. William couldn't resist sighing. "Poor kid."

He filled up the petrol tank and started driving faster than before.

Water Dock was even brighter at night than during the day. All types of people were out and about. Ordinary people wouldn't even dare enter this lawless place.

Men would have their organs harvested, while women would be forced into prostitution. As for fair, good-looking boys like Adie, one could only imagine the horrors that would befall him if he was caught on the streets!

William's legs were shivering when he drove into this area.

Unfortunately, their car was stopped less than a mile away from Carmine Pawnshop. Bang!

One of William's car tires ruptured. A man with one eye walked over with a watermelon knife while chewing gum. ' Hey, you must be real bold, coming to Water Dock in the middle of the night. Your tire's blown. You're lucky I'm here to help.'

William held onto the steering wheel tightly. "Thanks but no thanks. I have a spare tire."

"Your tire is inferior to mine. My tire is the passport you need to enter Water Dock. I guarantee you'll be able to go wherever you like when you have it on. Otherwise, you might just suffer more punctures!"

Clearly, the one-eyed man was the person who intentionally caused William's tire puncture. His objective was to demand money.

William couldn't be bothered to argue any further. "How much does your tire cost?"

"That depends on what valuable goods you have." The one-eyed man chewed on his gum before looking into the car. He was initially searching for expensive goods, but his eyes lit up when he saw Adie, who was sleeping in the backseat. "Your kid here looks valuable. He's fair and adorable. I'll adopt him as my son."

No way! Somebody has already made a booking. You better not get any wrong ideas. If you want money, make an offer!" William exclaimed.

"Damn it! I'll do whatever I want. Stop yapping!" The one-eyed man slapped William across the face and swung his watermelon knife around. "Cut the crap. Get out of the car right now. This kid is mine. Otherwise... I'll chop your head off!"

"Dream on!" William quickly rolled up the window and locked the doors. He then stepped on the gas as hard as he could, intending to drive directly to Carmine Pawnshop.

However, the one-eyed man, an influential person in the dock, immediately ordered someone to block his way with another car. He then struck his watermelon knife against the car door. "Damn it. Get out, or I'll chop your head off!"

"This..." William panicked. He didn't expect the man to be so unreasonable. Just as the rumors claimed, Water Dock was as terrifying as hell. It explained why Briar sent him!

"What are you waiting for? Step on it!" Adie could no longer pretend to be asleep. He got up and started yelling at William.

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"Ahh!" Adie's voice sent William, who was already tense and nervous, screaming. ' Kiddo, y-you're awake?' William stammered.

Adie rolled his eyes and started giving orders. "Idiot. I've been awake for a long time. Look ahead. Pedal to the metal all the way. Turn the car as much to the left as possible, and force your way through. Otherwise, we're both doomed!"

Adie initially wanted to pretend to be asleep, but this man didn't seem the least reliable. Although it was obvious the other party was driving their way, he still hesitated and didn't go full speed ahead. Adie was terribly anxious.

"Huh? What?" William's jaw dropped. He looked ahead and realized that he ought to follow Adie's instructions. Without thinking too much, William held onto the steering wheel tightly. " I'm going to make a rapid turn. Sit tight!"

Vroom, vroom, vroom! The roar of the car's engine echoed throughout the dock. The vehicle headed toward a gap on the left, and just when it seemed they would get through, another car showed up from the opposite direction and blocked their way to Carmine Pawnshop.

The worst part was that William's tire was completely ruined this time. The car couldn't be driven unless he replaced it with a new one!novelxo.com fast update

"What do we do now?" William fell into despair with his hands on the steering wheel. He didn't mind dying, but the consequences would be unimaginable if this boy fell into the hands of the one-eyed man.

'Kiddo, I'll open the door later, and you'll jump off after that. Run to Carmine Pawnshop and tell them your name. They'll probably be able to protect you!"

Although Carmine Pawnshop's name was mysterious to outsiders and was perceived as very powerful, their boss, Mr. Q, had a decent reputation.

Apart from always getting revenge on his enemies and being heavy-handed, he'd never done anything too perverse. Therefore, it was better for Adie to fall into Mr. Q's hands than the one-eyed man.

"Look after yourself first. He's about to break your window." Adie pointed out the window while calmly warning William.

William watched as the one-eyed man broke the window after hitting it with his watermelon knife several times. Immediately after that, the man reached in and unlocked the car with force. "Bloody hell. Why would you even try to run away from me? You over- estimate yourself!"

"What are you doing? How can you kidnap a child so openly? There are laws in place for this. I'll call the cops if you don't stop!" William argued while trying to reach for his phone.

'Laws?' The one-eyed man punched William in the head. "Hahaha! People will laugh at you for being an idiot if you bring up the law in Water Dock. Here, the size of one's fist is the law. This kid is coming with me today, no matter what!"

After being punched, William felt dizzy. He was a doctor who merely used surgical knives. He was no match for the one-eyed man.

When he saw the one-eyed man opening the door to the backseat, he started yelling in Adie's direction. "Kid, run, now!"

However, Adie didn't panic. He crossed his arms. "Hey, one-eyed guy, are you sure you want to take me with you? I'm afraid you might not have what it takes!"

'Hehe. This kid is interesting. He's got guts. That makes him perfect as my adopted son. Tell me. Why do you say I might not have what it takes?"

"That's because Carmine Pawnshop's owner specifically asked for me. If you want me, that means you're going against him. Why don't you take me to Carmine Pawnshop and fight with their boss? I'll go with whoever wins," Adie said in a logical manner.

"Oh my god. You... You actually knew?" William nearly passed out after being hit. He was shocked when he heard what Adie said!

"Are you kidding me? Mr. Q has been very mysterious since he took over Carmine Pawnshop four years ago. He comes goes to Water Dock several times a year. Why would he want a kid like you? Why would I fight him?"

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The one-eyed man didn't believe what Adie said at all. He gradually lost his patience and directly picked up Adie by his collar. "Kid, you better start telling the truth, or I'll hit you just like how I hit him!"

"L-Let him go!" William pressed himself onto his feet and tried to stop the one-eyed man. In the end, he was sent flying with a punch.

"Let me go, or you'll be in deep trouble!" Adie shouted angrily. He fought as hard as he could, refusing to get into the one-eyed man's car.

"Shut up, kiddo. You deserve a beating!" Just as the one-eyed man was about to slap Adie across the face, a car suddenly sped over and crashed into his car, sending it flying.

"Damn it! Who the hell..." The one-eyed man began cursing, but his knees went weak the moment he saw the car's registration. He directly went down on his knees and didn't even dare to make a sound.

Adie took the opportunity to set himself free. He slowly walked up to the heavy, off-road vehicle and looked directly at the driver's seat.

The window wasn't rolled down on the driver's side, but he could vaguely see a man in a black windbreaker. He wore a pair of black sunglasses and seemed like a cool guy.

Everyone went down on their knees and pressed their foreheads against the ground. It was as if they were looking at Satan, who controlled their fates.

Adie stood on his tiptoes and knocked on the window. He was frowning, and he seemed to be a little angry.

After a while, the car's window slowly wound down.

"Are you the boss of Carmine Pawnshop?" Adie asked.

The man smiled coldly. The sunglasses nearly covered half of his face, but they couldn't conceal the cold vibe he gave off.

"Are you Aiden Everheart?" The man asked calmly in a deep voice.

"That's right. I am indeed Aiden Everheart. You can call me Adie." Adie stood upright and continued talking. "You should speak to me after getting out of the car. This is basic courtesy."

The man couldn't resist raising his brows. "What if I refuse?"

"In that case, we can't be friends. I won't introduce you to my Mommy either. She said I shouldn't be friends with impolite people."

The man remained silent for a while. He actually opened the door and got out of the car.

Towering over six feet, with the black windbreaker on, he had a quietly mysterious and domineering aura.

The one-eyed man carefully looked up. He instantly felt intimidated by the man's imposing manner. "I'm sorry for trying to steal what belongs to you... Please forgive me, Mr. Q! Please!"

He now believed that what Adie said was true. Mr. Q really did specifically ask for Adie.

Nobody in Water Dock dared to offend Mr. Q, and everybody obeyed him. The one-eyed man was doomed this time!

Mr. Q ignored the one-eyed man and turned to look at Adie instead. He reached out to shake the kid's hand. "Can we be friends now?"