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## Chapter 1481



It had been so many days.

If any proof could be found, Ethan would have given up.

But nothing was found.

He couldn't even find the necklace he had given her.

Whoever took her didn't leave any evidence behind.

They were clearly well-prepared.

But who could it be? He looked at the stars in the sky and muttered, "New Year's is just around the corner." Willow had her arms by her side as she swayed her feet in mid-air.

She nodded.

They were supposed to celebrate New Year together.

Where was Olivia? As the New Year drew closer, Olivia became busier.

A few days ago, she asked for some ribbons.

She started to prepare decorations.

Then, she decorated the house.

Even if she was alone, she wanted to create the atmosphere of a festival.

Even the guards watching over her helped her hang the decorations all over the island.

It looked very beautiful.

Wayne arrived at the island on New Year's Eve.

He smelled something very nice when he arrived.

He knew that Olivia planned to bake cookies for the night. Please bookmark

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Some of the ingredients were flown over, while others were grown in the yard. Although the housekeepers wouldn't talk to her, they would still help out. Olivia made a lot of cookies.

She made enough for everyone on the island.

After all, they were also stuck on the island for New Year's, and it was quite sad.

There was some flour on Olivia's face while she was baking in the kitchen.

She got it on her face while she was preparing the dough.

She had rolled up her sleeves as she worked quickly and nimbly.

She didn't look like a rich heiress at all.

Wayne finally understood why Ethan liked her so much.

She was a perfect woman who could do everything.

She could pull off cold and elegant, but she could also be warm and gentle.

The sight of her wearing an apron and working in the kitchen warmed Wayne's heart.

If she was his wife, he would never hurt her.

He would be willing to wait three years, or even ten years, for her.

Olivia saw him at the door.

She looked at him calmly and said, "Wash your hands.

The cookies will be ready soon." Alan rarely had time to relax.

He nudged Ike.

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Some people ate cookies, some drank wine, and some didn't even celebrate New Year.

Ike looked at him coldly.

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You don't have to be so rude." "Is she even that special? How is she able to

charm Mr.

Maxwell so much?" "Skilled doctors aren't necessarily pretty.

Pretty and skilled doctors might not know how to cook." Ike grunted.

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He was about to insult the cookies when one was stuffed into his mouth.

"It's not that good." He took a bite.

"Give me another."

## Chapter 1482



Ethan was back at the Heath Residence with the kids.

He was prepared to celebrate New Year with Olivia and the kids.

But he didn't expect Olivia to disappear so suddenly.

The Heath Residence was fully decorated, but it was very quiet.

There wasn't a smile to be seen on Mason's face, and even Tatiana was very gloomy.

Molly was very distracted.

She was praying for Olivia, hoping she could turn out fine and come back to them.

There was a feast on the table, but no one was in the mood to eat.

The atmosphere was very heavy.

Mason sighed.

"Let's eat.

Don't starve yourselves." He started putting food on the kids' plates.

Connor thanked him politely, "Thanks, Great-grandpa." novelbin Tears were

swirling in the twins' eyes.

They muttered, "Mom." Ethan ruffled their hair.

"Let's eat." In the span of two weeks' time, Ethan slimmed down a lot.

He looked like he was always exhausted.

Although he had returned to Arlandia, the search was still going on.

None of Olivia's stuff had turned up since the search began.

If she was still alive, was she doing good? It was New Year's Eve, a time for families to be together.

She had to be missing home, right? There were only sounds of spoons and forks around the table.

No one spoke or laughed.

Mason prepared some gifts for all the younger ones.

Linus said coolly, "Father, I'm over 30 years old.

I don't need a gift." "So, you do realize you're over 30.

Why haven't you found a wife yet? Are you still trying to infuriate me? You'll also be a kid to me if you're not married." Molly

smiled when she saw the troubled expression on Linus' face.

The atmosphere lightened a little.

Mason handed her a gift.

"I'm sorry, Molly.

It's all my fault for not finding you earlier.

You suffered a lot because of that.

"You're all grown up now, but it's the first time I'm giving you a New Year's gift." Molly shook her head gently.

"I'm already very happy that I got to meet you, Dad.

I've never blamed you.

We still have plenty of time ahead of us." Molly put a necklace on for Molly.

"This is a necklace that Olivia and I got for you at a church.

"It's a pity that Olivia is missing right now.

You have to stay safe.

Happy New Year, Molly." Mason proceeded to hand all the kids a gift. He even prepared one for Ethan. Please bookmark site [novelxo.org](http://novelxo.org) to read latest content. If you want to read light novel please visit [novelxo.org](http://novelxo.org) to read fastest content.

He handed two gifts to Ethan.

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At that moment, he just nodded.

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Mason shot him a quick glance and looked away.

The night was still young.

They went out and played with some fireworks with the kids.

Yale clenched his fists.

Mason didn't acknowledge him.

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The fireworks shot up into the sky and exploded into a dazzling display of lights.

The kids were holding sparklers, but they weren't the least bit excited.

"Dad, Mom will come back to us if she sees the lights in the sky, right?" Zack said as he sobbed.

"She loves all of you very much.

She'll come back soon.

Don't cry." Connor looked at the plum blossoms in the yard.

He said calmly, "The cherry blossoms will bloom soon.

"She promised me that she would meet me under the cherry blossom trees.

She won't break her promise." Ethan felt horrible as he looked at the faces of the kids.

He wanted to find Olivia as soon as possible, but the kidnappers were well prepared.

They didn't leave any clues.

He could only hope that Olivia was still alive.

Back on the island, Olivia had just finished eating some cookies.

Her stomach was full, but her heart was empty.

She had gazed at the night sky countless times.

It was one of the few entertainments she had on the island.

It was New Year's Eve.

The kids had to be eating dinner at the Heath Residence, right? She thought about what that dinner would look like.

"Do you want to leave?" Wayne's voice rang from behind her.

"Just give me your word that you'll marry me.

Then, I'll let you leave." "And if I don't agree to marry you, will you keep me here forever or force me to do whatever you want?"

Olivia was immune to many poisons.

Most drugs wouldn't work on her.

Besides, Wayne didn't plan to use such underhanded methods on her.

He wanted her to accept him willingly.

"I'll wait for as long as I need to, Dr.

Ophelia.

There are plenty of chances for you to accept me in the future." Olivia got up.

"Keep waiting, then." She set off some fireworks at the beach as a celebration

of the New Year for herself.

It was midnight.

There was only the sound of waves on the island.

It's not as noisy as the cities.

She closed her eyes and chanted inwardly, "Happy New Year, everyone!" The next morning, Olivia heard the sound of a helicopter starting up.

Was Wayne leaving again?" She made herself presentable and exited her room.

She saw Wayne leaning on a tree nonchalantly.

"Do you want to head out?" he asked.

Olivia looked at him cautiously.

"What do you mean?" "Nothing.

It's just that it would be sad to be on an island on the first day of the new year. I'll bring you somewhere else.

If you're willing, then put on this bracelet." "To prevent me from escaping?"

"Yeah.

The choice is yours." This was Olivia's only chance to leave the island.

There was no way she was going to let it go.

She would only have a chance to call for help if she was outside.

So, she put on the bracelet.

It couldn't be removed without the password.

"Let's go." This was the first time Olivia had left the island in two weeks.

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A lot of the passersby were wearing crosses.

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Olivia guessed it was where Wayne was born.

At the same time, Olivia's tracker showed up on Ethan's men's screens.

"Mr.

Miller, good news! Mrs.

Miller is still alive."

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Those words sent a shockwave into the group.

Ethan dropped whatever he was doing and raised his head abruptly.

"What did you say? Where is Liv?" "Mr. Miller, Mrs. Miller is currently in Kreene." Ethan immediately knew what happened.

"Where Wayne was born? Damn it.

So it really was him.

I should've known." novelbin If the kidnapper were the person who was trying to kill Olivia, she would've ended up like the rest of the crew.

Only Wayne would set up such a distraction.

His confession was rejected.

So, he faked Olivia's death to hide her whereabouts.

He didn't expect Ethan to place a tracker on Olivia.

"Wayne is a ruthless man.

He'd even resort to such methods.

Mr.

Miller, let's go and bring Mrs.

Miller back." Ethan raised his hand to stop him.

"No.



Wayne must be keeping tabs on us.

If we make any sudden moves, we risk alerting him." "You're right, Mr. Miller. Please bookmark site [novelxo.org](http://novelxo.org) to read latest content. If you want to read light novel please visit [to read fastest content](#).

Then, what should we do? We can't just leave Mrs. Miller with him, right? He might move her to another location soon." "We have to make a move, but I can't be the one doing it."

Ethan had a grave expression on his face.

"I have to pretend like I'm still searching the ocean to prevent raising his suspicion.

It's not only me.

None of you can leave the country.

"That's his turf.

He'll find out as soon as we enter the borders." Kelvin frowned.

"If none of us are going, who would you entrust this mission to?" "I have a plan.

I'm relieved to know that Liv is with Wayne.

Judging by his personality, he's probably going for the long game.

He won't do anything to Liv for now." "And Mr. Heath..." "Don't tell him yet.

I'm afraid that Wayne might have spies." "Yes, Mr. Miller.

But why would Wayne bring Mrs. Miller to his hometown on the first day of the new year? That place is known for its bad conditions." Ethan frowned.

"He probably wants Liv to know more about him so she would accept him.

He's trying to be sincere." It would be fine if Wayne were just entranced by Olivia's beauty.

Such a shallow emotion would fade over time.

But that wasn't it.

He was serious about Olivia.  
Ethan had treated Olivia horribly in the past.  
He was starting to feel threatened and anxious.  
So, he quickly went to another place after giving some more orders to his men.  
Yale was holding a cigarette between his fingers.  
He looked dejected and pale.  
He cut ties with the Kingston family for Molly's sake.  
Mason would never accept him.  
That made things awkward for him in the Heath Residence.  
His only purpose was to comfort and accompany Molly.  
He would be kicked out when Molly got better.  
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He was the most pitiful person in the Heath family.  
"Why have you come?" Yale snuffed out the cigarette.  
"We've fought for so many years."  
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Ethan was already better connected than he was.  
Yale saw that Ethan's eyes weren't as bloodshot as before.  
He could guess what the deal was about.  
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## Chapter 1485



Kreene was a city that Olivia had heard a lot of rumors about.  
She knew that this was Wayne's hometown from the information she read

about him.

She only realized how segregated the city was when she saw it with her own eyes.

The city was very prosperous.

The roads led to all corners of the city, and the streets were busy.

But there was such a rundown area in this city.

It was like the difference between heaven and hell.

Olivia had been to many cities.

She had met many refugees as well.

It was her first time seeing such a place.

It looked so prosperous, especially the airport.

It was better than a lot of the cities in Arlandia.

The refugees from other places appeared because their entire city was destroyed.

Olivia was shocked that there was such a slum in such a nice city.

novelbin How poor were the people here? There were some people that lived under bridges in some other cities, but there were whole families living in graveyards in Kreene.

The children's faces were covered in dirt.

They gazed at strangers cautiously.

On a street not far away, there were some barefooted kids in rags.

They were carrying a sack of stuff that they had just stolen.

Some adults were chasing after them, yelling profanities.

Before Olivia could react, a boy ran into her.

The boy rubbed his hands together and apologized.

"I'm sorry, miss.

I didn't mean to run into you." Olivia grabbed his hand.

"Did you want to pick my pockets? Unfortunately, people rarely carry cash around these days.

"I'll give you some advice." She pointed at Wayne and said, "He has more money.

Go steal from him." The boy looked toward Wayne's direction.

Wayne didn't say anything, but he had a scary expression on his face.

It was like he saw himself apologizing.

Wayne put his hand into his pocket.

The boy immediately got on his knees.

"I'm sorry.

I was wrong.

Please don't kill me!" In this part of town, human life was the cheapest thing there was.

Unexpectedly, Wayne pulled out a wad of cash.

"I'm in a good mood today.

This is for you." The boy stared at the money with a stunned expression.

He was still in a daze even after Wayne and Olivia left.

"Why did you give him the money?" Olivia looked at him from the side. Please bookmark site [novelxo.org](http://novelxo.org) to read latest content. If you want to read light novel please visit [to read fastest content](#).

Wayne raised his head and wore a proud expression.

"Weren't you the one who asked me to do it?" Olivia had no idea why he was acting proud.

Olivia witnessed several robberies in less than ten minutes of arriving at the place.

"So, this is where you grew up in?" "Does it seem unbelievable to you?" "It is hard to believe.

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He didn't expect Olivia to say something like that.

"You..." "What?" Olivia smiled at Wayne, who was stuttering.

Olivia was rendered speechless.

"You must've sacrificed a lot to get to where you are today.

I'm impressed by your achievements.

"But I still think you're despicable for kidnapping me.

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Olivia frowned.

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"How pitiful.

Smiling despite getting scolded."

## Chapter 1486



Alan didn't say anything as he stared at Ike.

Ike glared at him.

"Why are you looking at me like that? Am I wrong?" novelbin "Ike, didn't you enjoy the cookies that Dr.

Ophelia made? You shouldn't be so rude to someone who offered you hospitality.

"I feel like Mr. Maxwell is happier than before.

There's nothing bad about that." "You're a fool.

Don't you know that a forced relationship never ends well? "Besides, if Mr. Maxwell falls hopelessly in love, his enemies will tear him to pieces.

A man like him can't have any weaknesses." "Even if it isn't Dr.

Ophelia, he might fall for some other woman.

You can't just expect Mr.

Maxwell to be single forever." Wayne led Olivia to a dilapidated old building

with ease.

The house would be easily flattened by a typhoon if it was built near the ocean.

There were no elevators in the building, and there were countless ads posted by the stairwell.

There were all sorts of odors in the building.

Wayne stopped before a wooden door.

He took out a key from under a potted plant to open the door.

Olivia thought he would bring her to where he used to live.

She hadn't expected to see such a homely place when the door was opened.

The place was quite small.

There were neither floor tiles nor wooden floorboards on the ground, just bare concrete floors.

The couch was covered with a hand-knitted towel.

There were some cats in the house.

They weren't any famous breeds, but all of them looked well-fed.

The gardenia flowers on the windowsill exuded a faint fragrance, and there was also a pot of sunflowers blooming in the direction of the sun.

The house was very tidy.

Even the ancient television was covered with a clean towel.

It was clear that the owner of the house had very deft hands.

Although the world was in shambles, there were always people who were willing to patch it back up.

The owner was able to turn a normal housing unit into such a cozy home.

"This is..." Olivia scanned the home.

The owner of the house should be quite old.

"I thought you were an orphan?" There were some old photos on the side.

They were of a middle-aged woman and a young boy.

The boy had Wayne's eyes.

He had a defiant gaze.

As soon as she spoke, someone entered the house.

A woman wearing a floral shirt paired with a green skirt walked in.

She seemed to be around 60 years old, but her figure and demeanor resembled that of a young woman. Please bookmark site [novelxo.org](http://novelxo.org) to read latest content. If you want to read light novel please visit [to read fastest content](#).

She was holding a basket of vegetables as she rushed inside.

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"That's my boy.

Let me see if you've gotten thinner.

Right, you told me you were bringing someone over.

Is this young lady your guest?" "Yeah, that's right.

Take a look at her.

She's my girlfriend.

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Olivia smiled.

"He was just joking.

We're friends.

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"You brat, how dare you lie to me like that.

You even got a married woman to play along.

What will you do if you ruin her reputation?"

## Chapter 1487





"Mom, she didn't explain the whole picture.

She was divorced a long time ago." Jade pulled Wayne's ear.

"Didn't you notice that she doesn't have any feelings for you? Whether she has children or if she is married or not, those are all excuses.

"Be honest.

Did you kidnap her?" Unable to hold it in anymore, Olivia laughed.

She never expected Wayne, who didn't seem to fear anything, to be scared of someone.

"Mom, let go!" "Darling, tell me.

Did he threaten you to come here? I'll teach him a lesson." Olivia smiled.

She knew that Wayne was only behaving respectfully toward Jade.

Even if Jade knew the truth, she would only lecture Wayne a little.

Also, judging by Wayne's personality, if he listened to Jade, he wouldn't have brought Olivia home without warning.

This meant that they were in cahoots with each other, and Jade also wanted Wayne to get a wife.

However, Jade was just secretly feeling glad on the inside.

She wouldn't actually help Wayne out.

Olivia was nice enough to play along.

She shook her head, saying, "Oh, no.

Mr.

Maxwell knows that I'm skilled at medicine, so he asked me to come and give you a quick checkup." Wayne was shocked.

He thought that Olivia would tell the truth right away.

Olivia was indeed a smart woman, and Wayne was even more reluctant to let her go now.



Her answer cleared up her connection to Wayne, but she also made sure that Wayne wasn't embarrassed in the process.

Jade was indeed ill.

Aside from a simple visit, he had also brought her over to take a look at Jade. "Really? You don't look that old, but you're a doctor, too?" Jade let go of Wayne.

Even though she didn't have makeup on, she had aged gracefully. From her contours, Olivia could guess that she had been a beautiful woman when she was younger.

Jade also seemed to be an impulsive and impatient person.

Olivia nodded calmly.

"Yes.

From your face, I can see that both your liver and lungs aren't in good condition.

As for the details, I can check your pulse to get more information." "Wow, a miraculous doctor!" Jade hastily stepped forward and took Olivia's hand.

She handed the basket she was holding to Wayne and said, "You go cook. I want this woman to take a look at my illness." Olivia obediently sat down. If she wanted to save herself, she would have to grab any chance of survival she could find.

Medicine was her most important means of livelihood.

She checked Jade's pulse carefully.

"Madam Delaney, do you smoke and drink often?" It wasn't hard to figure out. When Jade came in just now, Olivia had caught the faint smell of smoke. Please bookmark site [novelxo.org](http://novelxo.org) to read latest content. If you want to read light novel please visit [to read fastest content](#).

Some older women liked to smoke, so it wasn't unusual at all.

Olivia didn't have any prejudice toward women who smoked, either.

Olivia put on a faint smile.

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Just don't get married and don't have children.

"I've lived a carefree life, much more than anyone else.

I just age a little slower than my peers.

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The things you say are much nicer than those quacks." "Those quacks?"

## Chapter 1488



Jade was quite straightforward in her speech as well.

"I'm talking about those doctors he called over in the past.

They think they're mothers or something; they nag so much.

"It was so annoying! They kept telling me to quit smoking and drinking.

novelbin Ugh, those annoying flies!" Olivia knew that.

Even though Jade was quite old, other than her liver and lungs, her health was completely fine.

Olivia could tell that she took great care of her body.

Even though Jade was living in a place like this, it was quite peaceful in the area.

There weren't any thieves or robberies that happened as soon as she stepped into this place.

This meant that an even more powerful person was protecting this area.

That was how Jade managed to live in safety.

"Mr. Maxwell cares about you, so he's worried about you.

I won't tell you to change your lifestyle.

"But if you trust me, I'll prescribe something for you to maintain your health.

Jade nodded enthusiastically.

"Good girl.

I can see that you came from a good family.

"What's your name? You look familiar to me for some reason.

I feel like I've met you before." Olivia said, "Madam Delaney, my name is Olivia Fordham.

I wonder if you know my grandpa.

His name is Mason Heath." If anyone from that generation felt that she looked familiar, Olivia didn't want to waste any chances.

What if the person they knew turned out to be her grandmother? "Mason Heath? I feel like I've heard his name before.

Oh, yes, he's someone important from Arlandia, isn't he? "Child, I can see that you have quite an extraordinary background."

Olivia was a little disappointed.

"I thought you were my grandpa's old friend, Madam Delaney, and that's why you felt that I looked familiar." "I don't know your grandpa.

I just..." "Just what?" Olivia prodded.

Jade put a hand to her head.

"It's probably because of my age, but I can't quite remember what happened so long ago.

"I just feel something familiar about you." Wayne had just washed the fruits.

When he emerged from the kitchen, he overheard the conversation between the two.

"Mom took a serious injury to the head when she was young.

She was sold off, and she ended up here.

So, she's not from this place.

"You probably looked like someone she knew in the past." Olivia was sure that the person Jade knew might very well be Natalie.

After all, Natalie would be in her 80s, so she would be quite similar to Jade in terms of age.

Sadly, the people who knew Natalie were all quite old.

At their age, they could easily get cerebral hemorrhage if they tripped and fell.

If their minds get confused, they would forget even themselves, let alone others.

Olivia sighed.

That was one more clue that ended up in a dead end. Please bookmark site [novelxo.org](http://novelxo.org) to read latest content. If you want to read light novel please visit to read fastest content.

"It's okay, Madam Delaney.

Take your time to think about it.

If you remember anything, you can tell me anytime.

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"What's the story behind this godmother of yours?" "To be honest, I don't know.

She was brought here in her teens.

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"She forgot everything that happened when she was young.

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"She had helped me a lot back then, so I acknowledged her as my godmother. She lived a life full of suffering.

## Chapter 1489





Wayne peeled off the dirty skin on the onion.

"IT don't know.

I was abandoned as soon as I was born because of my weak physique.

Someone took me in because I was a boy.

"But after the family had a son of their own, they sold me off.

"After some twists and turns, I was abandoned here when I was three.

From then on, this place has become my home." He tossed the onion peel into the trash can.

"The people here are like weeds in the soil.

No matter how difficult their surroundings are, they will give it their all to emerge from the soil." He briefly recounted his tragic past.

Olivia knew that it must have been very difficult for him to get to where he was right now.

He didn't have a prominent background, and he had to survive by stealing and robbing from young.

His story was quite a legend.

Olivia examined his face.

If he wasn't abandoned by his family, he might have been a child from a wealthy family.

"Anyway, you should get out of this kitchen.

I've been cooking for myself for years, and I know this kitchen better than you do.

"I'll be very grateful to you even if you just keep Mom company." Olivia leaned against the stove.

"If you're grateful to me, can you take me home?" "No can do." "Then what sort of gratitude is that?" Olivia clicked her tongue.

Then, she turned around and left.

She knew that Wayne wouldn't just take her home for no reason.

Jade was knitting a hat for the kitten sitting on her lap.

Winters in Kariken were usually above 50 degrees, and it would usually be around 68 degrees.

So, it was quite warm here.

Comment by soonyoung gu: think author made a typo and it's actually kreene??? since one is ka li ni and this ka li ken Jade had lived here for more than 60 years, but she still maintained her habits from before.

She would knit something every time winter came around.

Olivia scooted closer to Jade and overheard the latter's murmurs.

"Who does she look like? She feels so familiar.

Why can't I remember anything?" The kitten on her lap raised its chubby face to stare at her.

Reaching out, Jade caressed the cat's face.

"I'm not talking about you, Doughball." Olivia half-crouched next to her.

Taking Jade's hand, she said, " Madam Delaney, if you can't remember, just take your time with it.

You don't have to rush." Jade was old, but her eyes were clear.

Her dark eyes were as bright as day.

Reaching up, she touched Olivia's face.

She murmured, "You look so familiar.

Who is it? Who could it be? I couldn't possibly forget someone so important."

The more she thought about it, the more her head hurt.

She hissed in pain.

Olivia noticed that things were getting worse, so she hastily comforted Jade.

"Please stop thinking about it, Madam Delaney.

I'm Olivia Fordham and nobody else.

Just close your eyes and rest for a while." Jade soon fell asleep on the rocking chair.

Olivia placed a blanket on Jade's lap.

Then, she lit a calming candle for Jade.

The kitten was playing with a furball while Wayne was whipping something up in the kitchen.

Ethan often made meals for Olivia as well, but his every movement was noble and elegant.

After all, he had lived in a strict family since young.

Wayne's movements were free and easy, and he looked more like a street food chef than anything.

Noticing Olivia standing silently behind him, he raised an eyebrow at her.

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"If it were Ethan, he would have cleaned that piece of meat more thoroughly."

Wayne snorted.

"He's a spoiled kid from a rich family.

I don't believe that he can cook.

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"That's not true.

He makes wonderful mushroom and chestnut soups, and his barbecue pork ribs are heavenly.

He controls the heat very well.

When we were just married, he would cook for me whenever he had the time."

Wayne sneered.

"You said that it was only when you were just married.

So later on, he cooked for someone else, didn't he?" Olivia fell silent.

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Olivia couldn't deny it because it was the truth.

While she was pregnant, Marina happened to return to the country.

Marina was pregnant as well.

She wanted proof that Ethan would treat her well, so she asked Ethan to cook for her, too.

Back then, Ethan was filled with guilt toward Kurt, so he would fulfill any wish Marina had.

"It's kind of boring talking to you," Olivia grumbled.

"T hit the nail on the head." Wayne flipped the food in the pan, sending sparks flying.

"I won't be like him.

I'm like a wolf, you see.

As soon as I lock onto a prey, I will never give up on it.

I won't be distracted.

"I'll admit that my background isn't as good as Ethan's.

But with my position, I can give you things he won't be able to.

I am not inferior to him in this sense." Olivia scoffed.

"Men would make empty promises and whisper sweet nothings when they are trying to court women.

"How would I know that you're not another Ethan to me? Or do you think that I'm a pure 18-year-old, and I'll fall for you because of some cheesy lines you said?" "Alright, I won't force you.



Why don't you tell me about you and him? How did you get to know each other?" Wayne felt that he should get to know his enemy better.

It would increase his chances of winning.

Since Wayne wanted to hear about it, Olivia would indulge him, of course.

She softly recounted the story between her and Ethan.

At the end of it, she looked at Wayne.

"What do you think?" Wayne scoffed.

"That's corny.

Even storytellers wouldn't use clichés like that.

Ethan only saved your life, and you're already giving him your hand in marriage?" Olivia pouted.

At that moment, he reminded her of a certain friend.

She said earnestly, "I was so young back then, and the sea was like a monster with its huge jaws wide open.

"There was thunder overhead, and the waves were roaring.

When he jumped off a warship and took me out of the water, he was like an angel who had descended to save me!" Even though it happened more than a decade ago, every time Olivia recalled that scene, she still felt her heart racing.

How could she not? His arms were so strong, and even though his voice was cold, it comforted her nervous and fearful heart.

"You're so naive." Wayne snorted.

He served the beef slices he had just fried.

Then, he raised his head and glanced at Olivia.

"Hey, if I saved your life, would you marry me?" Olivia replied, "No." "Why not? How am I worse than him?" Olivia took the cutlery

out, lowered her head, and said, "Wayne, you don't have to compare yourself to anyone else.

"You're you, and there's only one of you in the world.

"Your background may not be as good as Ethan's, but you're the seed that will push through the soil even if it's on a cliff.

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"You've encountered a woman who survived against all odds.

To the teenage me, love was a necessity.

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"We can't be a couple, but we can be friends, right?" "Those are empty words." Carrying the plate of beef, Wayne turned around and left.

Olivia was too good at this.

She was trying to bewitch him with just a few words.

But fortunately, he was a determined man.

Olivia watched as he walked away.

Men were strange creatures.

They were elated when she told them lies.

But when she started telling the truth, they wouldn't believe her.