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Their next step was to uncover the mechanism for basement access.

Hector quickly devised a strategy to revisit Daveys manor.

However, on the operation day, Hectors entry was thwarted when he discovered that Davey had brought in expert royal tomb craftsmen from Aurora to install a dangerous quicksand fire system throughout the premises.

This system could engulf the entire villa in flammable quicksand at the touch of a button.

Davey had effectively transformed his manor into a mausoleum. His actions were beyond comprehension.

Hector hesitated, recognizing the grave risks to anyone attempting entry and Casey, who Davey had stashed in the basement.

Daveys extreme measures shocked everyone. Who would rig their home with such lethal traps? What could drive someone to these drastic measures?

Consequently, their plan to rescue Casey had to be delayed.

Hector sought advice from many seasoned craftsmen to decode the quicksand fire system, hoping to identify a flaw.

After days of investigation, they concluded there were no weaknesses.

The only option was to draw Davey out and search his house during his absence.

But Davey had rejected all reasons to leave his home in recent days.

This left everyone feeling anxious and uncertain about the next steps.

Raegan had been on edge for several days due to the situation.

Noticing her distress, Stefan suggested they go out for dinner at a restaurant, considering Erick needed some rest as well.

Although not particularly excited, Raegan felt compelled to accept, acknowledging Stefans continuous support, especially with the challenges involving her mother.

Today coincided with the Shaman Festival in Aurora, a celebration of a shaman woman and a commoner man who overcame obstacles to fall in love and bless their community.

The festival had turned into a local version of Valentines Day, attracting both single and married individuals out for romantic evenings.

Stefan had chosen this day for their outing, hoping the unique festival activities would cheer Raegan up.

The festive decorations along the streets briefly distracted Raegan from her concerns.

As they navigated the bustling crowds, Stefan was vigilant. He held Raegans hand tightly and used his other hand to shield her from bumping into people.

At one moment, Raegan thought she spotted a familiar figure on a shops staircase. Upon a closer inspection, though, the man shared only a resemblance in height with Mitchel.

Raegan dismissed it as a mistake. Mitchel was still in rehabilitation, far from able to come here. Logically, he still needed a month more of recovery, and would need to avoid strenuous activities for several more months.

What were you looking at? Stefan inquired, noticing her fixed gaze.

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Raegan shook her head. Nothing, she replied. She couldnt explain why she had mistaken someone else for Mitchel, nor did she want to linger on the thought.

With recent troubles concerning her mother, Raegan realized it had been a while since she last thought about Mitchel. Perhaps that was a good sign.

She was experiencing the subtle sensation of slowly forgetting someone. This gradual disappearance wasnt painful but caused an occasional twinge in her heart, like when she glimpsed a figure on the street that reminded her of him.

By the time they reached the restaurant, Raegan had begun to sweat slightly.

Stefan considerably offered her a napkin to dab her forehead before they sat down at a table overflowing with seafood dishes.

Stefan knew Raegan adored seafood, and Aurora offered a plethora of choices. However, due to her pregnancy, Raegan had become more selective with her diet.

The evenings menu featured safe, nutritious seafood options suitable for pregnant women to enjoy in moderation, all carefully chosen by Stefan after extensive reading.

Hearing this, Raegan eagerly began eating.

Some dishes, particularly those with shells, were difficult to handle, so Stefan assisted her by peeling several shrimp and promptly heaped more onto her plate.

Feeling a bit self-conscious, Raegan protested, Stefan, focus on your own meal. I have plenty here.

Yet, Stefan continued to serve her, saying, Eat as much as you wish today. You wont have this luxury during your confinement.

Raegans due date was just two weeks away.

They faced a significant dilemma. Allowing Raegan to return home for the birth raised concerns. If she faced any complications, they would be powerless to help. However, being in a

place surrounded by medical staff guaranteed more security for the childbirth.

The matter regarding breaking into Daveys manor had to be postponed further.

Seeing Raegan enjoy her meal and appear contented made Stefan smile.

After reflecting for a moment, he decided to express his feelings.

Raegan, after spending this time together, Ive realized my feelings for you have deepened from simple affection to true love.

Stunned by his sudden declaration, Raegan could only stammer, Stefan, you

She was at a loss for words, recalling the last time he had spoken so candidly back in Ardlens.

Back then, his words had seemed more about needing a partner for marriage than expressing true love. Today, however, his tone was serious as he confessed his feelings.

Raegan sensed that Stefans confession was genuine, which immediately made her feel burdened.

To ease her discomfort, Stefan clarified, What I mean is, Id like the opportunity to win your heart. Youre free to say no, but I want to give it a try.

He paused for a bit and added playfully, First, can I brag about myself a little?

This lighter tone helped relax Raegan, prompting her to smile and respond, Okay.

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Stefans aim was to soothe Raegans anxiety, but once she consented to listen, he began to feel nervous himself. This was new for him, having been single for 30 years and never before feeling this strongly.

Though my family background isnt the best, Ive made a point to distance myself from it. In the future, I promise no bad habits, no infidelity. Ill love only you. If we start a family, Ill commit fully to it and strive to be a good father. Regarding children, if you decide against having more, Janey, Juan, and Westin will be the only kids in my life.

Juan and Westin were the names Raegan had chosen for her unborn babies.

Raegan simply wanted her children to lead carefree and simple lives.

Honestly, Stefans declaration was touching. He was prepared to forego having biological children and instead embrace her three as his own. Such dedication was rare.

But Raegan was hesitant to open her heart to love again. She had often heard that love led to heartache. She had faced many challenges and, despite her efforts, had yet to see a favorable outcome.

Suddenly, Raegan thought of Nicole who had suffered immensely because of the so-called love, her spirit crushed and seemingly irreparable.

Yet now, having broken free, Nicole appeared to be thriving.

Raegan then considered her three children. She believed she could raise them well, yet she worried about the absence of a father figure and its possible effect on their development.

Noticing Raegans pensive look, Stefan reassured her, Raegan, theres no need to rush your response. We can address our current challenges first and proceed at a comfortable pace. Even if you decide against it, Ill understand.

Hearing this made Raegan feel increasingly self-conscious. Stefan, my life is far from ordinary. I fear I might only end up disappointing you she confessed.

Though Stefan was undeniably noble, Raegan doubted her ability to reciprocate his romantic feelings. For her, Stefan had always been like a brother, akin to Erick. Their bond felt familial to her. She questioned whether their relationship could evolve beyond this without causing complications.

Responding now would be premature and irresponsible. Thus, she found herself deeply conflicted.

Stefan smiled warmly, Raegan, the choice is mine. You shouldnt feel any pressure. Its my decision to pursue you, and I am prepared to handle the outcomes of my actions. Please, dont feel obliged. I have no intention of masquerading as a husband just to be close to you. That would be contemptible. My wish is to convey my feelings transparently and with integrity. But, you always have the freedom to withdraw.

Anyone listening to this conversation would undoubtedly be touched.

It wasnt just about romantic interest. It was admiration for Stefans forthrightness.

Confronted with such sincerity, Raegan felt undeserving of his affection. After a moment of

reflection, she responded, Stefan, I truly value your sentiments

This kind of start usually signaled a rejection.

Stefans expression darkened slightly. He hadnt pressed for an immediate response because he feared a swift rejection. That would leave him without even the consolation of unrequited love.

Ill think about what you said, Raegan told him.

Stefan was caught off guard, not expecting her to consider his proposal.

Raegan admitted to herself that she didnt dislike Stefan. If she were to consider starting a new family, Stefan would indeed be an excellent partner. Moreover, she aspired to be a better person, someone who could effectively guide her children. Having a stable, supportive partner like Stefan would undoubtedly simplify her life.

Previously, when she got only Janey in her life, Raegan thought she could handle it alone. Now, with two more children on the way, her perspective had shifted. Stefan was emotionally mature, though he tended to avoid grandiose declarations.

After a pause, Stefan managed to say, Thank you, Raegan.

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Raegan playfully responded, Thank you as well.

Raegans response that she would think about what he said, made Stefan joyful, nearly overflowing with happiness.

As they exited the restaurant, snow began to fall once again.

Aurora was enchanting, but the cold was intense. Raegan had to wrap up warmly whenever she went outside.

Stefan helped her into her fluffy gloves and took her hand as they walked.

The streets were bustling tonight, and holding hands helped them avoid being bumped.

But unexpectedly, Raegan saw the familiar figure in the distance once more. That distinct silhouette momentarily made her think it was Mitchel.

Stefan noticed her sudden distraction and followed her gaze, quickly grasping the situation. The figure did indeed look like Mitchel.

However, Raegan quickly composed herself and tugged at Stefans hand, urging, Lets go.

Stefan had briefly considered approaching the figure, not out of altruism, but because he recognized that Raegan and Mitchels past was a reality that couldnt be ignored indefinitely.

Facing it sooner rather than later seemed prudent since Mitchel was the father of Raegans children. Avoiding Mitchel forever wasnt an option. His plan was to acclimate to the situation gradually, so interactions concerning the children in the future wouldnt be uncomfortable.

But Raegans prompt dismissed his thoughts, and he simply nodded in agreement. Okay, lets go.

On the way back, Raegan seemed downcast, likely upset by her repeated misidentifications. She couldnt understand why she kept thinking about Mitchel.

Upon arriving home, Stefan escorted Raegan to the manor gates and presented her with a packet of sleep-inducing herbal incense.

He explained that his clan elders, who followed ancient health regimens, had recommended it. It was reputed to be highly effective for sleep and safe for pregnant women.

After confirming with Raegans doctor that it was safe, Stefan handed it over to her.

Raegans sleep had deteriorated as her pregnancy advanced, leading to noticeable dark circles

under her eyes, which Stefan had observed.

Gratefully accepting the incense, Raegan thanked Stefan and headed inside, planning to check on her brother first.

But as she entered the hall, the packet of herbs suddenly slipped from her grip and fell to the floor with a thud!

Upon entering the hall, Raegan was greeted with a familiar figure.

It was Mitchel, still as tall and handsome as ever. And when he turned his head and gazed at Raegan, his eyes twinkled brightly like the stars in the night sky.

Raegan looked at him in a daze. She had been imagining his presence everywhere tonight. She didn't expect it to become a reality.

After locking eyes for a while, Raegan turned around, intending to walk away.

Her mind was in turmoil, entertaining tons of questions. Why did he come? Wasn't he injured? Had his leg recovered? Yet, she didn't spot a cane by his side. Did he really get better? Or did he only come here to see her, although he had not fully recovered yet?

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Raegan didn't hear any footsteps following behind her, so she stopped.

She thought for a moment and then turned back.

Mitchel maintained a calm face and didn't stop Raegan from leaving.

Instead, he just stood there and stared at her.

Mr. Dixon Raegan stammered. Thinking Mitchel had come here to mend relationships with her, she felt the need to make things clear. In any case, she shouldn't entangle herself with him anymore.

Besides, if he had not fully recovered yet, she didn't want to carry the guilt if something happened to him.

Pausing for a bit, Raegan remarked firmly, I thought I made myself clear last time.

Mitchel replied calmly, I'm here because I have something to attend to.

Raegan wasn't convinced. What could possibly trigger a patient who had not fully recovered yet would travel to the frigid Aurora?

Already anxious and troubled every single day because of her pregnancy and her mother's situation, Raegan really didn't want to add more to her worries. She felt like everything had piled up, weighing her down and suffocating her.

Deep down, she was mad at Mitchel, thinking he didnt know how to take care of himself. Before she could grasp the cause of her fury, she said impatiently, Mr. Dixon, dont you know that you are being annoying? Please stop doing things that only make you feel good about yourself.

Mitchels face turned pale upon hearing this. After a long silence, he said in a self-deprecating tone, Its not what you think it is.

Thinking that was an excuse he had fumbled out, Raegan raised her voice and questioned, How is it not? If you think your actions will move me, think again. I am so annoyed by you. Please, stop devaluing yourself.

Seeing her getting emotional, Mitchel pursed his lips and refrained from saying anymore to aggravate her further.

Raegan pivoted in a huff and was about to walk away when she heard an enthusiastic voice calling her.

Raegan! A youthful woman in a white fur coat ran up to Raegan, her face clean, brimming with vigor.

Raegan froze, staring at the woman and trying to recall if she knew her.

The woman approached Raegan enthusiastically and said, Raegan, dont you remember me? Im Eloise Benton.

Eloise Benton Raegan scanned her memory, trying to remember the name. Finally, it clicked. Eloise was once Mitchels blind date.

It had been a while, and Raegan found Eloises enthusiasm somewhat strange. She couldnt help asking, Eloise, what are you doing here?

Eloise seemed oblivious to the tense atmosphere and replied, I tagged along with Mitchel. The Dixon Group is overseeing a transportation project, and they need to do some on-site inspections.

Her voice trailed off, and her face suddenly turned red. She added hesitantly, I simply insisted on coming over against his wish.

Raegan knew the project Eloise mentioned.

The leaders of Aurora prioritized infrastructures development, aiming to shorten the time of travelling to the outside world. The transportation project first set eyes on commuting to Ambrosia.

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This could be regarded as a signal to the international community that Ambrosias economy had attracted the interest of Aurora.

This was a fantastic opportunity. Which company in Ambrosia wouldnt want to get involved in such a project? After all, they had government subsidies and the chance to earn company prestige.

Nothing could be better than this. So, it was no longer surprising that the Dixon Group took this project seriously.

However, what Raegan didnt quite understand was Eloises last sentence. Mitchel had no intention of bring Eloise along here?

Realization belatedly dawned on Raegan and her face flushed with embarrassment. It seemed she had indeed misunderstood Mitchel, since it appeared his presence here was merely for business.

Moreover, the relationship between Mitchel and Eloise raised question.

Judging from Eloises sudden flush, Raegan suspected that Eloise was likely Mitchels girlfriend.

Raegan lowered her head. If only she could have withdrawn her previous words of assuming Mitchel had come all the way here just for her.

There was an awkward silence.

Right then, Hector showed up. Spotting Raegan had returned, he stepped forward and said, Raegan, Mitchel came to discuss the project. But when he heard about Ericks situation, he came with me to pay a visit.

Then, Hector glanced at Eloise and added, Do you remember Miss Benton?

Hector remembered Raegan and Eloise once camped together and felt there was no need for further introductions.

Raegan was rendered speechless. She had never been this frustrated.

She vividly felt the impact of her recent anxiety as the due date was around the corner. She was so agitated that she just jumped to the conclusion at first glance and got emotional since then.

Despite Mitchels words of explaining his presence, she stubbornly stuck to her assumption. This made Raegan feel her face burning with embarrassment. She wished she could immediately leave.

Eloise, never a keen one to read the room, said to Raegan, Raegan, am I bothering you? Mitchel didnt want to bring me over. But I insisted

No, its okay. In fact, I want to thank you both for coming to see Erick. Raegans flushed face turned pale as she silently berated herself. With a forced smile, she said, Sorry, I feel a bit tired. Ill take my leave for a rest first.

With that, she signaled her departure and headed straight to her room without looking back.

Eloise was a bit confused. She turned to Mitchel and asked helplessly, Mitchel, did I say something wrong?

Mitchel remained silent, but his eyes darkened. After a while, he said, Its not your fault. Its

just that Im not welcome here.

As soon as Raegan returned to her room, she lay on her bed and buried her head under the quilt. As she chewed on the recent events, the embarrassment overwhelmed her.

She actually told Mitchel not to do demeaning things. It turned out she was the one who had demeaned herself. What would Mitchel think?

He was probably speechless. He must have not expected her to be so eager to put herself in a favorable Light.

Raegan buried her head deeper into the pillow. It was as if she wanted her head to shrink like a turtle. Perhaps she could pretend nothing had happened. Anyway, she wouldnt see Mitchel frequently in the next few days.

Everything would be okay. Raegan tried to comfort herself.

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Then, she suddenly remembered something. Wasnt it said that the person Eloise was with in the tent years back was Bryce? Why was Eloise with Mitchel now?

Wait! Bryce said he and Eloise kised in the tent because they were just drunk. Aside from that, nothing else happened. That meant nothing was going on between Bryce and Eloise. In this case, Eloise could be with Mitchel.

After all, the Dixon family had a good impression of Eloises background.

As these things came to Raegans mind, she felt something was wrong with her. Why had she been thinking about Mitchel all along? Didnt she promise herself she would forget everything about him?

The next day, Raegan woke up, feeling listless. She didnt sleep last night. Her mind was a mess. In fact, the incense fell on the floor last night, but she didnt notice it and didnt pick it up.

Raegan had a quick breakfast and then went to see Erick.

Erick lay in the bed, and the nurse had just finished washing him up.

When he saw Raegans pale face, he asked, Didnt you sleep well last night?

Upon seeing Ericks probing eyes, Raegan prevaricated, I havent been sleeping well lately.

Erick didnt doubt her words. Since she was about to give birth, she must be having difficulty sleeping. At the thought of this, he comforted her, Dont worry about anything else. The most important thing now is for you to give birth to your babies safely.

Raegan felt a bit guilty. Many things had to be put on hold because of her upcoming delivery.

When Erick saw the expression on her face, he understood what was on her mind. So, he said, Its not your fault. Dont think too much about it. As for the quicksand fire, were still deciphering it. Davey has been staying indoors lately and even strengthened the security. We cant get in, and we cant force our way in. Were still figuring out a solution.

I understand, Raegan replied with a nod.

Erick continued to comfort her, There's no need to rush at this moment. After all these years, I doubt Davey will suddenly act against our mother. He might have noticed something, though. So, let's wait a bit longer and see what he's really up to.

Raegan realized Erick's words made sense. According to their father, Davey's connection with their mother was complicated by emotions. So, Davey wouldn't harm their mother rashly.

But Davey was unpredictable. If they didn't plan carefully, everyone involved might end disastrously because of an impulsive move. Of course, that included their mother.

Erick asked casually, Did you see Mitchel yesterday?

Raegan thought back to that embarrassing moment and nodded.

Fearing Raegan might overthink it, Erick quickly clarified, He came here for the transportation project

I'm aware, Raegan interrupted.

Stefan told me about his confession to you yesterday, Erick said, changing the topic.

Stefan's sincere expression flashed across Raegan's mind. At the thought of this, her face flushed slightly.

She remained silent, so Erick probed, What do you think?

Raegan was about to respond. But before she could say something, Erick rephrased his question, Are you seriously considering it?

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I haven't decided yet, Raegan replied truthfully.

Raegan's past with Mitchel had left her timid, wary of repeating the history and experiencing the suffering again. Plus, she had Janey and two more babies on the way, rendering her feeling she couldn't afford to be reckless on the matter of being involved in a relationship.

Stefan was Erick's pal and a man of proven character. Raegan reasoned that from the perspective of a stepfather for her children, he would be a great choice.

Raegan, if you're undecided, don't let others' opinions sway you. Focus on what's best for you. Neither your children nor us should influence your decision, Erick said earnestly.

Raegan was stunned for a moment. Judging from Erick's tone, it seemed he didn't want her to be with Stefan. She couldn't help asking, Why? Didn't you want to set me up with Stefan before?

Erick raised an eyebrow. I can't even judge my own feelings clearly. So, my recommendation didn't say much. Stefan is a good man. But you can't consider him just because of that. Do you understand what I mean?

Raegan was silent.

Erick stared at her, studying her expression. With the multiple years before Raegan reunited with the Fosters, he couldn't quite discern the cause of her indecisiveness. His main concern was her happiness, and he believed marriage was not about fulfilling tasks or simply finding a father for her children. Raegan deserved more than just settling down.

What I mean is Erick paused for a moment, struggling to find the right words to clearly explain his thoughts. He wondered what their mother would say if she was there.

After a while, Eric sighed and said, What you need is a partner who will be with you for the rest of your life. Someone integral to your life and not just someone good to you and your children. Because being good to you and your children can be handled by us, your family. And we can do that indefinitely. So, when considering Stefan's confession, you need to set aside this factor and only focus on one thing. And that is whether this man is really someone you want.

Raegan had never thought about this. She had a giving personality, prioritizing the people she cared about the most, especially her family. Just like when considering a father for her children, she purely looked for the standard of a good father, not thinking if he would be a good partner for her.

Raegan remained silent, so Erick continued, Raegan, although I don't know much about feelings, I don't think the dynamics between you and Stefan fall into that description. Stefan indeed treats you well. But I don't want you to have the mentality that since you can't repay his kindness, you might as well offer yourself to him wholeheartedly.

Raegan developed a pleaser personality because of her childhood experiences. If someone treated her well, she would treat them even better. But if she couldn't repay their kindness, she might sacrifice herself to satisfy them.

Erick didn't want Raegan to make decisions without understanding her feelings clearly. He added, What I mean is, I don't want you to settle down. Don't let our opinions sway you. You should know that it's your life, so what you think is the most important.

Raegan looked at Erick in awe. She hadn't expected him to say such profound words. She felt like he had matured. She grasped his speech.

Rather than finding a standard good man to marry, Erick cared more about whether she felt a soul connection with her partner.

Raegan was suddenly enlightened, realizing she had fallen into a misconception before. Indeed, she shouldn't have measured a man by the idea of finding a great father for her three children. So, she nodded repeatedly. Erick, I understand what you mean. I'll think it over carefully.

Erick desired for Raegan to prioritize her own feelings instead of always placing others over herself. He said gently, Always remember that whatever decision you make, our dad and I will

unconditionally support you. Whether you stay single or get married, we always have your back.

Raegan's eyes were slightly teary as she hugged Erick. Erick, our family will be reunited.

Yes. Definitely! Erick was firm and determined.

The next day, Stefan came to see Raegan early in the morning and invited her for a walk.

Raegan readily agreed.

Stefan had always been considerate. Before Raegan could even bring up the topic, he said first, Raegan, what I said that day was a bit premature and rushed. I didnt consider that you were still pregnant and that your emotions were a bit unstable. I know it will change in the future. So, lets talk about it again later.

Maybe because he lacked maternal care, Stefan had always been sensitive. He quickly detected even the slightest change in Raegans emotions. Like right now, he felt she was wavering a bit. But he hadnt had the opportunity to demonstrate himself to her yet. So, he wanted to delay things for as long as possible and strive for more opportunities.

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Such behavior might not be honorable. But when it came to matters of emotion, everyone could be selfish.

Stefan felt this was the only despicable thing he had ever done.

Raegans weak spot was her inability to refuse those who were kind to her, especially when Stefan phrased his request so effectively.

To Raegan, after Stefan presented his case, any outright rejection from her would appear cold and unappreciative, so she simply nodded silently, implicitly accepting his suggestion.

Being pregnant had left Raegan with little energy for additional worries.

At the park, where ice cream vendors dotted the Landscape, Raegan found herself drawn to one stall in particular.

Noticing her interest, Stefan commented that, despite the persistent cold in Aurora, the appeal of ice cream didnt wane.

Now deep into her pregnancy, Raegan wasnt as cautious about her diet as before.

Would you like some? Stefan asked, observing her gaze.

Raegans eyes lit up at the suggestion. The ice cream here was unique, especially with her beloved vanilla sauce on top.

Aurora grew to love the vanilla sauce, a local favorite Raegan couldnt get enough of. She had not treated herself to ice cream since she got pregnant, and now, eight months later, her cravings were intense.

Yet, she paused and asked, Is it okay to have some?

Her words were cautious, but her eyes earnestly sought Stefans approval. Her hopeful look could melt even the sternest demeanor.

Stefan watched her briefly and comforted her, The doctor mentioned youre free from dietary limits this month. You can indulge a bit. Its wiser now than after the baby is born, when youll need to refrain.

Postpartum seclusion could do good to Raegans recovery, given her condition.

Ill choose a smaller portion with less topping, Stefan remarked.

This eased Raegans sense of guilt considerably.

Stefan led her to a bench, spread a handkerchief to sit on, and smiled. Wait here. Ill be back soon.

The queue at the ice cream stand was lengthy, and Stefan, being a true gentleman, patiently waited his turn without skipping ahead to avoid any mishap with Raegan. He patiently waited his turn.

Meanwhile, Raegan sat enjoying the pleasant weather and the gentle sunlight, keenly awaiting her ice cream with closed eyes.

Suddenly, the atmosphere changed.

Raegan frowned, suspecting clouds might be gathering.

When she opened her eyes, a sharply dressed man stood before her, blocking the sun completely.

Raegan was surprised to encounter Mitchel at the park, especially in her disoriented state due to the pregnancy. Stefan, familiar with seeing her frequently, was unfazed by her relaxed attire. Her immediate concern was whether she looked messy to Mitchel now.

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Especially considering she had dressed up just the other night to look nice for dinner.

Mitchel wasnt thinking about what Raegan was wearing. He was worried she seemed paler than most soon-to-be mothers, who usually look radiant and healthy. Katie had put on a considerable amount of weight during her pregnancy. In contrast, Raegan had become noticeably thinner, her features more defined.

Mitchel instinctively felt Raegan hadnt been well-cared for. Erick was injured and hardly able to take care of her.

Mr. Dixon, youre blocking my sun. Raegan finally spoke up.

To Raegan, Mitchels quiet, steadfast presence was somewhat unsettling, especially as she felt self-conscious about her current condition. She felt hardly presentable compared to his meticulous grooming.

Reflecting on the recent events, Raegan wondered if those had bothered him. To prevent any potential mockery, she bit her lip and apologized, About the other night I misunderstood the situation. Im sorry.

Its okay. He moved slightly, letting a beam of sunlight warm her face.

Raegan then noticed the black cane in his hand. Despite his still-healing leg, he was here, diligently at work. His involvement in the transnational project made his presence here essential.

Raegan spotted several bodyguards behind Mitchel. There were also some guys who looked like officials from Aurora, likely due to this very park being part of the project. She opted to keep quiet. Now that he seemed to have company, she didn't want to engage with him.

However, Mitchel didn't seem ready to leave and instead started a conversation,. Are you accustomed to eating here?

Yes, its fine, Raegan responded.

Not interested in engaging in conversation, she reminded him, Mr. Dixon, people are waiting

for you.

Mitchel didn't miss her point. He paused and then started, Eloise is..

Mr. Dixon, your personal matters don't concern me. You don't have to explain, Raegan interrupted. She couldn't fully explain her feelings, but she really didn't want to delve into his personal life. Perhaps she was avoiding it. Already burdened with enough issues, she felt her plate was full.

Seeing Raegan's unwillingness to listen to him, Mitchel felt exasperated but didn't press further.

It wasn't until later when Stefan approached with ice cream Raegan's face brightened.

Mitchel was momentarily stunned by Raegan's beaming face.

Having craved the ice cream for so long, Raegan paid no heed to Mitchel's presence and stood up to receive the ice cream.

Before Stefan could register Mitchel's face, he handed the ice cream over to Raegan.

Suddenly, there was a crack!

The ice cream Raegan had just received was knocked out of her hand.

Raegan looked in dismay at the remains of the ice cream, now just half its original amount.

Mitchel's previously composed face now showed anger as he confronted Stefan. Who said you could give her that?

Stefan, caught off guard by Mitchel's aggressive questioning, hesitated before replying, Raegan asked for it.