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Three years later, in the garden of a mansion, a little girl in a pretty dress was prodding at some ants with a stick as she mumbled, "Hey there, little fellas. Did your parents abandon you too? I know mine has. Isn't my life just sad?"

The little girl then turned to look at the swing in the distance and pouted when she saw the lovely couple feeding each other.

Tossing her stick aside, she ran up to them and shouted, "I want some too, Daddy!"

Vinson shot his daughter a glance.

"There's more in the kitchen. Go ask Helma to get you some. These are for your mommy," he said while feeding Arielle another strawberry.

Arielle swallowed that strawberry and fed Vinson one before telling her daughter, "Your daddy is right. There's some more in the kitchen, so just ask Helma to bring you some."

"Mommy, Daddy, that's not fair!" the little girl protested angrily and stormed back into the living room.

She threw herself into Susanne's arms the moment she saw her. "Grandma! Daddy and Mommy only have eyes for each other! Nobody likes me!"

Susanne's lips curled into a smile when she heard Jasmine Nightshire's words.

Ah, Arielle and Vinson must've been teasing her again!

"You silly girl! Your mommy worked really hard to give birth to you, so how could she possibly not like you? Your mommy and daddy were just teasing you!" Susanne said while hugging her.

Realizing that Susanne was also taking her parents' side, Jasmine ran into her bedroom, grabbed her phone, and gave Aaron a video call.

"My mommy and daddy don't love me at all, Uncle Aaron! The two of them are always together! They're kissing all day and all night! They even feed each other fruits! I wanted to have some earlier, but they told me to go away! They wouldn't let me have any!" Jasmine complained with tears in her eyes as soon as Aaron answered the call.

Aaron's heart melted when he saw how pitiful she looked.

"What would you like me to do, Jasmine? How about I sneak you over to my place? We'll see if your mommy and daddy panic when they realize you're missing!"

Noticing that Jasmine was starting to be tempted, Aaron added, "Sebastian is here, remember? Don't you miss him? Don't you want to come play with him?"

Sebastian!

Jasmine's eyes instantly lit up with excitement as she really missed playing with Sebastian.

"When will you come sneak me away, Uncle Aaron?"

She had only seen Sebastian in video calls, so the thought of seeing him in person got her really excited.

Sebastian Moore, who was beside his father, took Aaron's phone over and said in his most mature voice possible, "Hey, Jasmine. Father and I will go pick you up with our private jet later. Just get your phone ready and wait for our call. We'll contact you as soon as we get there."

Sebastian was the son Aaron and Alicia. They decided to let him have Arielle's last name since Aaron was her sibling.

"Okay, Sebastian! I'll be waiting for you guys at home!" Jasmine replied.

Oblivious to the fact that Aaron was coming to take Jasmine away, Vinson and Arielle grabbed their phones and left the house.

The two of them were watching a movie at the theater when Arielle asked, "Darling, are you sure it's okay to leave Jaz at home like this?"

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Vinson shot her a glance in response.

"Are you sure it's appropriate for her to see this?" he asked while pointing at the screen.

Arielle shifted her gaze toward the screen and saw a kissing scene between her and the male lead in the new film.

"Are you jealous? Come on, you know we didn't actually kiss! This is all just camera angles!"

Both he and Susanne were present on set when this scene was shot, and he didn't say a word about it then!

Isn't it a little too late to get jealous now?

Little did she know, Vinson's jealousy knew no bounds. Pulling her into his arms, he kissed her so aggressively that she could barely breathe. He then released his grip on her and whispered something suggestive into her ear.

"Just watch the film!" Arielle exclaimed with her face red.

Honestly, this guy is getting more and more out of hand!

Turned on by her blush, Vinson hugged her and said softly, "Hey, Sannie... I'm feeling horny..."

Arielle's ears turned beet red instantly.

"Cut it out, Vinson! I want to watch the movie!" she protested while struggling to break free from his embrace.

Vinson's lips curled into a smile as he hugged her even tighter than before. Even after having a child, the two of them were still as intimate as couples madly in love with each other.

Suddenly, Arielle noticed Vinson's body getting hotter and hotter with each passing second. It became so hot that she quickly pushed him off and put some distance between them.

"Vinson!" she shouted shyly while looking away from him.

Even after three years, she still gets shy and flustered so easily.

Man, I love this part about her so much!

With that in mind, Vinson let out a chuckle and scooped her into his arms. He then sat her on his lap so that they were facing each other. As their bodies were pressed tightly against one another, they could feel the other's heartbeat and warmth.

Arielle tried to squirm her way out of his embrace, but Vinson held her in a vice-like grip.

"Vinn..."

Three hours later, Arielle's body had gone limp as she lay in Vinson's arms while he put her clothes back on.

"You mustn't do this again, Vinson. We came here to enjoy the movie, so that's what we should be doing..." she mumbled softly in a hoarse voice.

Vinson arched an eyebrow at her in response, obviously disagreeing with her statement.

“But I find you a lot more attractive than the movies. You know what? We should have another child. We’ll keep the baby if you get pregnant again, okay? That way, Jasmine will have a younger sibling to keep her company.”

He narrowed his eyes and looked at her as he continued, “What do you think?”

Arielle nodded blindly in response when she recalled how adorable Jasmine was. “Okay!”

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It’d be even better if we can get a boy this time! I can then spoil my precious daughter all I want while my son inherits the company!

“Vinson, Jasmine has gone missing!” Susanne shouted anxiously.

The look on Vinson’s face changed instantly. “What? Jasmine has gone missing? When did this happen?”

Arielle, too, began to panic when she heard that.

How did Jasmine go missing?

“Got it! We’re heading back right now!” Vinson hung up the phone after saying that and drove Arielle home as quickly as possible.

“Jasmine is fine, Mom. Her uncle came by and took her with him.”

Susanne, who was close to tears from anxiety, calmed down a little when she heard that.

“Which uncle? Pat or Aaron? Honestly, why would this child just leave without telling us? I was worried sick!”

“It was Aaron.”

“Why did he take her away without informing us?” Susanne was a little mad at him even though he was Arielle’s brother.

“Jasmine gave him a video call and asked him to take her away.” Arielle had seen a text message from Aaron when she was coming down the stairs just now.

Susanne shot the two a glare when she heard what Jasmine did. “Jasmine got mad because you two wouldn’t stop acting all lovey-dovey! Go bring her back right now!”

"It's really late, Mom. Sannie and I will head over to Turlen tomorrow. You'll have to take charge of things at work while we're gone, okay?" Vinson said.

Susanne was about to say no to having to deal with company matters but held her tongue as she knew they were going to bring Jasmine home.

The next day, the two of them took the earliest available flight to Turlen.

Jasmine, who had just woken up, walked up to Sebastian and Alicia with her hair all messy.

"Sebastian, do you think my parents know I'm gone? Will they come looking for me?"

"I'm sure they will. You're their precious little princess, after all." Sebastian turned toward Alicia as he continued, "Mother, could you bathe her and get her a change of clothes? She must be hungry."

"Okay. You wait right here," Alicia replied as she led Jasmine over to the bathroom.

When they came out again, Jasmine was wearing a dress that Alicia had prepared for her.

The two kids then walked hand in hand to the dining table and had lunch.

After they were done eating, the adults left the house with Jasmine and Sebastian.

"Uncle Vinson, Aunt Arielle, Grandmother, you guys had better hurry..."

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Right then, Arielle and Vinson arrived.

"You're incredible, Jasmine!" Arielle squatted down and picked up Jasmine.

When Arielle stood up once again, Vinson immediately took the girl away from her mother's embrace. He just didn't want Arielle to get too exhausted.

"Daddy, did you panic when I left with Uncle Aaron?" Jasmine wrapped her arms around Vinson's neck and looked at him innocently.

Vinson hummed in response, but he then noticed how dissatisfied Jasmine was with his answer.

Hence, he added, "I did! That's why I came here right away."

Upon hearing that, Jasmine was thrilled, and she planted a kiss on Vinson's cheek.

After that, she uttered proudly, "That's your reward!"

Vinson couldn't help but chuckle when he heard that.

What a silly girl!

Celeste, the Queen Mother, was standing awkwardly nearby. She had missed Jasmine, someone she considered her granddaughter, dearly.

"Arielle, I..." Celeste wanted to tell Arielle that she wasn't the one who asked Jasmine to address her as "Grandmother".

However, Arielle interrupted her by saying, "She's supposed to address you so."

After all, Celeste was her father's wife. Moreover, she was Aaron's mother. In other words, Celeste was Jasmine's grandmother. Also, Arielle knew how sad and depressing Celeste's life was.

Even though she was Dad's wife, he had never shown her warmth and affection...

Celeste was touched when she heard what Arielle said.

"Arielle, I would like to apologize for the things I did to you in the past," Celeste apologized sincerely while looking at her.

Arielle recalled the time when she was there and how they fought against each other.

With a smile, she shook her head and replied, "That's all in the past now, and I've forgotten all about it. You should also let go of the past."

"I came to see you again, Dad. I'm leaving tomorrow. When I'm done with this fictional film, I'll bring Vinson and Jasmine here to visit you again," Arielle uttered.

"Granddad, although you've never met me before, Mommy told me you love me as much as my late grandmother did. Granddad, I love both of you very much. I'll come to visit you again," Jasmine said.

While holding Jasmine in one arm and the dispirited Arielle in the other, Vinson gazed at the photo on the tombstone and uttered in a deep voice, "Dad, I'll make sure Sannie will forever be happy. You and Mom shouldn't worry about them. I'll take good care of our little family."

When they arrived, Rayson was there to fetch them.

“Ugh!” Arielle couldn’t help but gag the moment she got into the car.

Vinson heard it, and he immediately looked at her worriedly.

That was when he saw Arielle saying with a pale face, “Congratulations! You’re going to be a father again...”

Vinson was stunned for a moment, but in the next second, his handsome face filled with delight. “Sannie!”

While hugging Arielle tightly, he was filled with indescribable joy and excitement.

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“Don’t hit him, Grandpa. I fell for him first, and I was the one who wanted a relationship with him...”

Alicia didn’t expect Clement to have such a big reaction.

When she saw Clement was about to hit Aaron, she ignored the fact that she was pregnant and immediately rushed toward Aaron to shield him from the stick.

“Alicia!” Clement was enraged when he saw Alicia protecting Aaron.

“Aaron...” Alicia’s eyes reddened immediately.

“I’m at fault, Grandpa. I didn’t take good care of Alicia, and I’ve disappointed her.” Aaron turned around and knelt before Clement.

“Give me a chance to redeem myself, Grandpa. If you let Alicia marry me, I promise I’ll treat her right for the rest of my life. I’ll make sure she’ll live a happy life.”

Seeing that Aaron was saying all the right words while he was on his knees, Clement snorted.

Does he really think I’m going to believe what he says? I ‘m not as foolish as Alicia! She believed everything he said!

“Leave. I’ll take care of Alicia myself. We don’t need you.” Clement glared at Aaron and warned, “Leave at once before I get even angrier.”

No one could imagine how angry Clement was when he returned to see Aaron hugging Alicia.

Who would’ve thought that the person who impregnated Alicia would turn out to be the person I rescued?

Did I bring this upon myself?

At that moment, he was so angry that he was trembling all over. How he wished he could just kill Aaron there and then.

Alicia noticed how furious Clement was, so she hurriedly walked up to him and grabbed his hand. "Grandpa, Aaron never said he didn't want me. I left him because I thought I would never be good enough for him. After I left, he spent months tracking me down. Don't be angry anymore, okay?"

In response, Clement pointed at Alicia and scolded, "What makes you think that? You're pretty, well-behaved, and smart! Why would you think you don't deserve him?"

"Grandpa, he's the king, and I'm just a commoner. What makes you think I'm deserving of him?" Alicia had tears welling up in her eyes.

Those words silenced Clement instantaneously.

Who would've known that the person I rescued back then would end up being a king?

He then glanced at Aaron, who was still on his knees, and sighed inwardly.

Alicia's right. She's not good enough for him.

"Get up and don't ever come here again." Despite not being a busybody, Clement knew Aaron was supposed to marry the country's general's daughter.

Now that's a good match.

"Since I've come all the way here, Grandpa, I don't intend to leave here alone. I came here to bring Alicia back and marry her. I want her to be my wife and Turlen's queen." As Aaron was finishing his sentence, he threw a gentle glance at Alicia.

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Upon hearing that, Alicia and Clement looked at Aaron in bewilderment.

Did we hear him wrong? Doesn't he have a fiancée?

Indeed, they were wondering how Aaron could marry Alicia and make her the queen.

"Kid, stop fooling around, will you? Don't try to trick me. I know you already have a fiancée." With that, Clement dragged Alicia into the house because he was sick of listening to Aaron's lies.

Alicia didn't want to leave, but she didn't want to hurt Clement by fighting him off. She ended up throwing a glance at Aaron before walking into the house with Clement.

Seeing that they were leaving, Aaron instantly stood up and ran in front of them. "Grandpa, that's what my grandma wants, not me. I'll bring Alicia back and cancel the marriage arrangement I have with my fiancée."

Aaron then said to Clement with a straight face, "I love Alicia, and I want to marry her. I want her to be my wife and queen."

"Do you want to marry Alicia so badly?" Clement asked, and Aaron nodded in response.

"Fine. I'll agree with it. However, I have one condition," Clement added.

Upon getting Clement's approval, a smile finally appeared on Aaron's face. "Name it, Grandpa. As long as I get to marry Alicia, I'll accept whatever conditions you have."

"You can be with Alicia. My condition is that you must go back and break off the engagement first. Once that's done, you can come over to fetch Alicia," Clement uttered.

Aaron didn't dare to accept the condition. He was worried that once he left, Clement and Alicia would go into hiding.

"Grandpa, can I..."

Before Aaron could finish his sentence, Clement cut him off by saying, "No!"

Clement knew what was on Aaron's mind, so he said, "Neither I nor Alicia will leave this place. We'll wait for you here. All you need to do is cancel the marriage arrangement and announce it to the public."

Alicia looked at Aaron and nodded slightly. At that, Aaron had no choice but to agree to it.

"Okay. I'll go back and call off the engagement now. You guys must wait for me." Aaron decided to go home and pull out of the marriage arrangement he had with Nico.

Once I've done that, I'll come with more people to bring Alicia home. I haven't seen Alicia in such along time, and I can't wait to be with her.

When Aaron was leaving, Clement allowed Alicia to send him off. Before they parted ways, Aaron pulled Alicia into his embrace, grabbed her chin, and kissed her passionately.

"Wait for my return," he said.

Aaron then went home to tell Celeste he wanted to break off the engagement he had with Nico. Although Celeste was bothered by what happened between Nancy and Matthew, Celeste liked Nico because she thought the latter was the perfect daughter-in-law.

“Why’s that?” Celeste looked at Aaron and said, “I think Nico is a nice girl. She treats others well, and she’s going to be a good queen”

Aaron knew Celeste was fond of Nico, so he told Celeste about Alicia.

“Who is she? What’s her status in society?” Celeste was very mindful of a person’s family background.

In her opinion, having similar status was more important than a couple’s feelings for each other. Although Dylan and she were from similar backgrounds, she was never happy after their marriage.

Despite that, her thoughts on the matter remained the same.

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“She’s just a commoner, and she lives with her grandpa.” Aaron glanced at Celeste and uttered in a serious tone, “Regardless of her status, I still like her. Whenever she’s with me, I feel warm and happy. I feel comfortable being around her.”

Celeste noticed Aaron’s body language when he was talking about Alicia.

After giving it some thought, Celeste agreed to let him cancel the marriage arrangement.

“Aaron, you ought to call off the engagement yourself so that there won’t be bad blood between you and General Matthew. He has control over the military, so no matter what, you need to be careful,” Celeste said earnestly.

“Okay!” Aaron knew what Celeste said was for his own good.

He then nodded and wanted to go and look for Matthew to talk about the matter. Before he left, he turned around and smiled at Celeste. “Mom, you’ll have a grandchild in five months’ time.”

With that, Aaron left cheerfully.

The only obstacle to breaking off the marriage arrangement wasn’t Matthew or Nico. In fact, it was actually Celeste.

Hence, he was on cloud nine after getting his mother's approval. Although her approval wouldn't change the outcome, it meant the world to him.

"Did you hear that, Miranda? Aaron said I'm going to have a grandchild soon. That means I'm going to be a grandma!"

Celeste was thrilled. She didn't expect to have a grandchild so soon.

Miranda was just as happy for Celeste. "Congratulations, Your Majesty! Congratulations!"

"He said the child will be born in five months' time. Miranda, quick! Send someone to buy clothes and toys for the baby! We also need cribs and baby walkers!"

Before Miranda could utter a word in response, Celeste quickly added, "Never mind. Forget about it. I should be the one buying these things."

With that, she told Miranda to get the car ready.

Meanwhile, Aaron had gone straight to the Nighy residence.

Melissa welcomed him with open arms and led him to Matthew's study.

"You're here, Your Majesty," Matthew greeted.

"General Matthew, I came to tell you something." Aaron didn't want to beat around the bush, so he said directly, "I want to call off the engagement I have with Nico. In the future, we shall marry whoever we like."

Truth be told, Matthew knew something was up when he saw Aaron. However, he didn't expect Aaron to revoke the marriage engagement.

His expression turned gloomy the moment he heard that. "Your Majesty, about the marriage..."

"General Matthew, the engagement has always been my grandma's idea. Furthermore, Nico and I don't have feelings for each other. Since that's the case, breaking off the engagement is beneficial to both of us. You may ask Nico about it because she'll surely agree to it."

"Please allow me some time to think about it, Your Majesty."

Aaron knew how sudden it was, so Matthew would definitely have a hard time accepting it. Hence, he nodded in response and left.

Before he left, Melissa cordially invited him to stay for a meal because she thought he was going to be her son-in-law. However, Aaron said he had matters to attend to and left.

Matthew then called Nico to ask if she liked Aaron and whether she was okay with breaking off the engagement.

Nico was elated when she heard that. "Dad, I'm okay with it. After all, we don't have feelings for each other. If we were to force it, we wouldn't have a happy marriage."

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After hanging up, Matthew gave Aaron a call to tell him he agreed to revoke the marriage engagement.

Hearing that, Aaron immediately announced the news to the public.

Meanwhile, Melissa, who was in the Nighy residence, almost passed out from anger the moment she heard the news.

Not understanding why the event she had been looking forward to was suddenly canceled, she immediately went looking for Matthew to find out if Aaron was the one who suggested it during his previous visit.

As soon as Matthew nodded, Melissa gave him a tight slap on the face.

"Did he find out about your matter? Is that why he wants to revoke the engagement?" Melissa questioned with bloodshot eyes.

The slap from her left Matthew in a daze. "What do you mean he found out about my matter? What matter?"

Melissa scoffed, "What matter? What else? Of course, it's the humiliating matter between you and the Queen Mother!"

With that, she added, "Let's get divorced, Matthew."

She did not want to live with him anymore.

At first, Melissa thought of putting up with it for Nico's sake since the latter was getting married to Aaron. Now that the engagement was revoked, there was no point in her staying with Matthew. After saying those words, Melissa packed her things and returned to her parent's home.

Matthew, on the other hand, never expected his matter with Nancy to be discovered. As he watched Melissa leave, he moved his lips to say something, but nothing came out of his mouth.

The moment the news was announced to the public, Aaron led a team to the island to pick Alicia and Clement up.

In the meantime, Clement, who was on the island, had heard about the news.

He glanced at Alicia and said with a sigh, "The palace is not the same as your home. Make sure you treat Aaron's mother with respect and help him like a perfect partner should when you're there, okay?"

Alicia nodded. Of course, she knew all that.

I'll do my best to be a good wife and daughter-in-law.

"Pack your things. He'll be here any minute now."

Upon hearing that, Alicia nodded and went to her room to pack her things.

Aaron traveled so quickly that he arrived at the island in just two hours. The moment he saw Alicia, he jogged over and hugged her.

"Let's get married once we return," he said softly into her ear.

"Thank you, Aaron." Alicia wrapped her arms around his neck as hot tears streamed down her cheeks and fell onto his skin.

She never expected such a day to come. In fact, she thought she would never be a part of his world. All she could imagine was bringing up the child alone and living a peaceful and blissful life with Clement.

Letting go of her, Aaron wiped her tears. He then led her to Clement and said with a smile, "Grandpa, I'm here to bring both of you back."

Clement gazed at the duo, his eyes filled with merriment. Relief washed over him as he realized Alicia had found a reliable partner.

At least I won't feel guilty if I meet her mother in heaven when I die.

"You can bring Alicia back. As for me..." Clement's voice trailed off as he gazed at the tiny hut and everything else on the island.

A smile crept up on his lips, and he said, "I can just stay here. I like the environment here. Living in the city is too boring and stifling. I feel more comfortable and at ease here."

Alicia was dumbfounded by his words.

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"Grandpa, are you really not coming back with me?" Alicia tore her arm from Aaron's and approached Clement to grab his.

With reddened eyes, she choked, "I don't want to part with you..."

She could not help but worry about the idea of Clement living alone, especially when he was quite old.

"Please come with me. It's okay if you don't want to live in the palace or the city, I'll find a house for you in the suburbs. As long as it's a place where I can go to anytime when I want to see you," she said.

Clement studied Alicia, whose eyes were brimming with tears.

I'm her only relative left. I guess it'll be hard for her to adapt now that she's suddenly getting married into the royal family.

After pondering for a while, he agreed and went back with her.

Upon returning, Aaron helped Clement to settle down and hired a housekeeper to take care of the latter. When that was done, Aaron took Alicia to register their marriage. After getting the long-awaited marriage certificate, they ended the registration with a passionate kiss.

Aaron then brought her back to the palace and crowned her queen while Celeste took Nancy's place as the queen's mother. Even so, Celeste still stayed in her own palace because the one Nancy stayed in had been sealed long ago.

Next, Aaron brought Alicia to meet Celeste.

Along the way, Alicia could not help but feel worried that his mother would not like her.

Noting her unease, Aaron informed her that Celeste liked her very much. Only then did Alicia relax a little.

When they arrived at Celeste's residence, Miranda hurriedly welcomed them in.

The smile on Celeste's face never faded the moment she saw Aaron helping Alicia in.

“How far along is the baby? Has the baby been bothering you?” Celeste asked with a bright smile, which caused Alicia to be relieved.

“Five months... The baby’s all right. It hasn’t been bothering me much.” There was a motherly glow on Alicia’s face when she talked about her child, and it made Celeste even more pleased with her.

Though Alicia and Aaron were of different backgrounds, Celeste did not mind it as long as the former loved Aaron. After all, Alicia was pregnant with her grandchild.

“Come... I’d like to show you something.” Celeste got out of the main seat, walked over to Alicia, and led the latter to another room.

While walking off, Alicia turned around to look at Aaron for help because she did not know how to interact with Celeste on her own. However, Aaron merely shrugged helplessly and gestured for Alicia to follow his mother.

Of course, all that happened in silence.

Soon, Miranda opened the door to another room. The moment Celeste brought Alicia in, the latter was stunned by what she saw.

One half of the room was filled with clothing for baby boys and girls in various colors. On the other side were several strollers, a baby cot, and a mountain of toys. Alicia gawked at the things, too touched to utter a single word.

Seeing Alicia frozen by the door, Aaron made his way over, only to be shocked by the mountain of things in the room. He never expected Celeste to have prepared everything for the baby so soon.

“Thank you, Mother!” Aaron hugged Celeste, who was grinning widely.

Right then, she removed the rosary bead necklace on her neck and helped Alicia to put it on.

Alicia wanted to refuse it but was stopped by Celeste.

“This was my wedding gift and a blessing from your grandmother. It’s yours now. I’m giving it to you as a blessing for both of you. I hope you and Aaron can live happily for the rest of your lives.”

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Alicia turned to glance at Aaron, who smiled and indicated she accept it.

Unable to turn down the thoughtful offer, Alicia could only look at Celeste and say, "Thank you, Mother!"

"When Aaron gets busy at work in the future, you can always come to me to have a chat if you're bored. There's so much we can talk about, the baby's gender, the name, and even what you plan to do after childbirth."

Alicia nodded obediently.

Not long after, they left Celeste's residence, and Aaron took Alicia home to get some rest.

Alicia wanted to take a shower before sleeping, so Aaron decided to wait in there for her, worried she would accidentally fall in the washroom. Nonetheless, he was chased out by her.

As soon as Alicia was done showering, he quickly helped her to wipe her hair and blow dry it. His gestures filled Alicia's heart with warmth. If Aaron had not gone looking for her, she would have lost him for the rest of her life.

At that thought, she turned around and hugged Aaron.

Realizing she was being a little emotional, Aaron put down the hairdryer and ruffled her dry hair, asking gently, "What's wrong?"

"I almost lost you, Aaron," Alicia mumbled.

Aaron took a step back and pinched her cheeks. "Tsk... Did you only realize that now? You're right. You would've lost me if I didn't set my heart on searching for you."

Alicia could only nod in response.

Thank goodness he came looking for me...

With that, she got up, stood on her toes, and wrapped her arms around his neck.

"Thank you, my dear husband, for putting in so much effort to look for me."

Hearing her call him "husband" triggered a strange feeling in Aaron's heart. He gazed at her and finally kissed her gently on the lips. Ever since Alicia left, Aaron had never touched another woman.

Now that he was aroused, he whispered into her ear, "Can I?"

Alicia nodded shyly. At that, he picked her up and placed her on the bed.

"Be gentle, Darling..."

Aaron hummed a response and kissed her.

Truth was, Alicia was tired after all the exciting events that day. Hence, it did not take long for her to drift off to sleep. Aaron peered at her and kissed her gently on the lips before shutting his eyes.

Two months later, Vinson sent Aaron a text that read: I'm going to propose to Arielle. I hope you can come and witness this important event.

Without any hesitation, Aaron accepted the invitation and broke the news to Celeste and Alicia.

Celeste said nothing, for she knew how close Aaron was with Arielle. However, Alicia could not help but feel uneasy because Aaron had called out Arielle's name before.

Realizing Alicia was feeling jealous, Aaron smiled and pulled her into his embrace, saying softly, "Alicia, Arielle's my sister... She's my biological sister from another mother."

It was only then that Alicia realized she had misunderstood Aaron's relationship with Arielle. Even so, she wanted to tag along with him to witness Arielle's important moment.

To Alicia's surprise, Arielle took a liking to the former, despite it being their first encounter. Arielle even let Alicia stay in Chanaea to deliver her baby. In fact, she even promised to help the latter with the delivery.