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Victoria was able to empathize with Summer on some level. A relationship between her and Erik would set them apart socially. “However, his words demonstrate his deep feelings for you. He doesn’t want these material aspects to restrict you or cause any complications in your relationship.

In fact, a man like Erik was hard to come by. He had built his own career from the ground up and had no parents or relatives. Hence, his interpersonal relationships were uncomplicated, as he had always been aware of his needs. He single-handedly plotted out his entire future, including marriage. With his marriage proposal to Summer, it was clear he had given this much thought and was ready to take the next step.

“I know.” Then, Summer lowered her eyes and continued, “I didn’t believe it before. I thought he might not be able to accept it because I resigned suddenly, but when I went to buy gifts for Nicole and Nathan, I realized that he was still using the pen I bought at a discount for him all this while.” This may sound like a trivial matter, but it is of great importance for this man, who possesses billions of cash in liquid assets. At least, that was what she thought.

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However, Victoria listened to her narration quietly, and the corners of her lips curled up. “Honestly, you don’t have to worry so much. If you like him, just go for it. Anyway, even

if you decide to be with him, you won't get married so soon. You might even change your mind after being together with him."

"You have a point there. In that case, I shouldn't contemplate anymore. Why don't I just try it out with Erik? It's just dating anyway." Summer was initially conflicted, but she felt much more relieved after speaking with her

best friend.

"Yep. Life is full of trials and errors, and it doesn't matter if you make a mistake. Who can confidently say that our initial steps will prove fruitful?"

"You're the best, Snowball! You are truly my life savior!" Summer felt her heart unraveling, so she couldn't help calling Victoria's nickname tenderly while tilting forward to hug her. "If I hadn't met you during the most difficult time in my life, my life would probably be over by now, let alone having the life I have now and meeting him."

Victoria hugged her back and placed her hand on Summer's shoulder while patting it gently. She had always been able to feel Summer's gratitude toward herself.

"So, thank you,

Victoria."

On the other hand, Erik and Summer were in no hurry to leave the following day, so they extended their stay. Since it was the New Year holidays, everywhere was crowded and lively, so they took the children out to visit

various attractions.

At

this time, Mary had heard that praying at a specific church and lighting candles would bring her family luck, so she took the whole family out to pray.

The church was on top of a hill, and the climb from the bottom to the top took about half an hour.

Initially, the two children climbed up happily by themselves, but after about ten minutes, Nicole became tired and climbed on top of her mother. As Victoria prepared to pick her up, Alaric scooped his daughter up.

In the meantime, Nathan outwalked Nicole for another five minutes before he became too tired to continue.

Just as Adrian was about to pick him up, he heard a voice from behind.

Let me do it.”

At this instant, Erik offered to carry Nathan on his back.

“We don’t want to trouble you.”

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“It’s not a problem. I go to the gym regularly, so carrying a kid is an easy job for me.”

When Victoria saw that, she didn’t utter a word. She reasoned that since only two young men were present, Erik must have felt bad about leaving Adrian to do all the work.

Meanwhile, Mary’s opinion of Erik improved after he volunteered to carry the boy. Summer may only be Victoria’s best friend, but she’s a lovely young lady, so it’s no surprise that she has won my heart. I had planned to introduce Summer to other guys, but now that she has met such a wonderful person, I am naturally happy for her. Furthermore, Erik appears to be a good man, so I don’t mind assisting in setting them up. With a smile, she commented, “Erik, I heard that people often come to this church to pray for relationship matters. You should do it if you deem it suitable.” After saying this, she glanced at Summer. “You too, Summer. Go on and pray.”

Summer, who had been strolling along nonchalantly, flushed red at mentioning her name and held her tongue.

However, Erik’s face lit up with a smile as he looked down at her reddening face and ears. All is not lost on this trip. Also, the Cadogan Family is very welcoming. He was already

dy looking

forward to having a family like theirs if he married. "Okay, I will pray with a sincere heart. Thank you for letting me know in advance, Mrs. Cadogan."

After hearing this, Mary waved her hand at him and smiled happily.

Ten minutes later, they arrived at the top of the hill.

The weather was great, so by standing on top of the hill, they could feel the clouds right in front of them. They could see the summit of the hills beneath them and how they connected to the distant villages. The view was as breathtaking as a work of art. There were a lot of tourists around at this time, and while some snapped photos of the scenery, others took pictures of themselves in front of the backdrop.

On the other hand, Victoria and the rest also took several photos before going to a nearby stall to buy some

candles.

The church was jam-

packed, the air was heavy with the scent of burning candles, and people were waiting in

line because they wanted to make a wish.

While inside, Erik stood directly in front of Summer. At first, she didn't believe he was serious, but then she saw

him cup his hands around the candle and close his eyes as if making a wish. The unexpected and heartfelt

nature of his act left her surprised and touched.

Suddenly, she heard a voice from behind asking, "Aren't you going?"

Summer was finally jolted from her thoughts by Victoria's voice. Hence, Summer rushed forward, closing her eyes. Her emotions were all over the place because of him, but eve

Everything was crystal clear when she closed her eyes. A wish, hmm? I hope my family can be safe and healthy, and as for me.... I hope to find someone who will treat me sincerely and passionately for the rest of my life. Her wish was simple, and when she finished praying, she turned around and locked eyes with Erik. Her heart skipped a beat, so she dashed forward to place the candle on the altar.

When they were finished, Victoria got her turn to make a wish.

As soon as she lowered her head, Alaric followed suit. "What are you going to wish for?" he asked lazily as he looked at her with raised brows.

The corners of her lips curled up slightly. "Wishes won't come true if you say it out loud. Make your own wish, and don't ask what's mine."

After saying this, she closed her eyes, and Alaric had no choice but to follow suit.

In fact, his wish was straightforward, and even if he didn't tell the Gods, everyone knew what it was- All he wanted was her.

On the other hand, Victoria also had nothing particular to ask for. Her wish was always straightforward and similar to everyone else. She hoped for the safety and health of her family, as well as the safety of her two children.

After reciting her prayers silently, she paused momentarily, opened her eyes, and quickly glanced at him. She just happened to notice the side of his face with his eyes closed, looking solemn and pious. Then, she looked away and closed her eyes again. "I pray that we will always be happy and healthy."

The End.