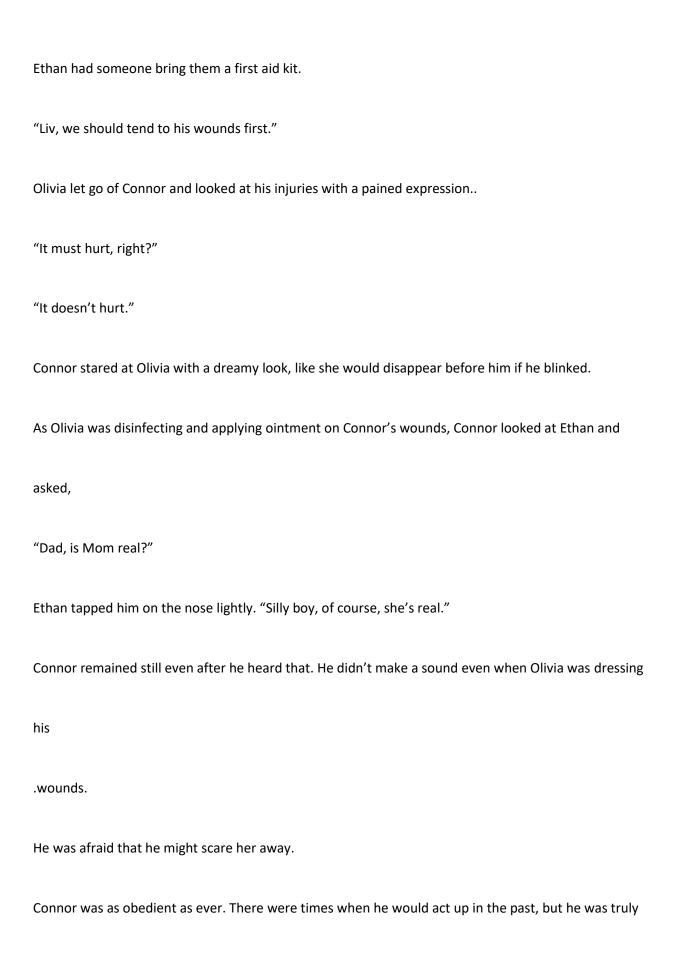
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Chapter 931
Olivia didn't fail to notice the fear and unease in Connor's eyes. What had she done? Why would he
son
look at her with those emotions?
"I'm sorry, I'm so sorry."
Olivia hugged Connor and apologized to him repeatedly.
Connor didn't know what to do.
"Why Why did you come here?"
"My baby, Mom is so sorry. I'm sorry for coming so late."
"Mom?" Connor thought he heard wrong. Did Olivia really address herself as his mother?
"My dear child, I was mistaken about some things. I only managed to find you again now. It's all my
fault."
Olivia hugged Connor tightly as tears rolled down her chin and fell on his neck.

The hug was the best solace for both of them at that moment.



Are you hungry, Connor? Why don't I make some food for you?"
"Okay
It had been so many years, but Olivia had never once cooked a meal for him. She felt guilty when she
thought about that. She was such a failure of a mother.
She felt immense remorse when she thought about the time she planned to jump off the cruise ship
with
Connor, Luckily, she didn't go through with it.
Ethan brought the two of them back to his private room. He would sometimes come here to train with
Connor.
He had to be stricter with a boy, but it didn't mean he didn't love Connor. He loved him a lot. He was
just
thinking about his future.
While Olivia was cooking in the kitchen, Connor took the chance to report his progress in the past few
days



Olivia crouched and hugged him from behind. "You and your siblings are all precious to me
Olivia realized that Connor was very sensitive. He was very insecure because he feared losing his
mother
after finally getting to meet her again.
Olivia comforted him patiently. She told him repeatedly how much she loved her. She even made him
some delicious food.
Connor ate a lot. He didn't stop even when he was completely stuffed Ethan had to take away his
cutlery
to make him stop.
Connor knew he wouldn't get to eat Olivia's cooking every day.
"Come here, Connor."
Olivia sat down on the windowsill and beckoned at Connor. He went to her obediently, and she pulled
him
into her embrace.



"Good boy." Olivia rested her chin on his forehead. "I can't interfere in any of the decisions your father made. You have to be careful while you're here. Call for help if you're in danger. You're just a kid. Your foremost priority is keeping yourself safe. Everything else is secondary to that "Don't worry, Mom Dad has arranged for people to keep me safe. There were several times when I was in shouldn't cry so easily." "Don't listen to his nonsense. The most important thing a kid needs to do is to be happy and healthy every day Cry or laugh if you need to. That's the God-given right of every child. "Your father is just mentally sick. He didn't have a childhood, so he doesn't want one for you either. You shouldn't follow his example." Ethan wanted to eavesdrop on their intimate conversation, but Olivia saying he was mentally ill was the first thing he heard. He rubbed his nose awkwardly. Connor smiled. There was a dimple on his left cheek. He finally seemed like a young boy again.

Olivia was confused. She didn't have dimples, and neither did Ethan. She had met everyone else in the

Miller family. None of them had dimples. But all of her children had a dimple on the left cheek. Maybe this was something they inherited from her side of the family. It was a pity that all the leads had gone cold. Penny passed away two years ago, and she didn't recall any useful information before her death. "Look at you. You're so handsome when you smile, like a prince. Did your father tell you not to smile?" Connor nodded. "How did you know that, Mom? Dad said I shouldn't wear my heart on my sleeve. We don't want people to know what we're thinking." Olivia grunted. "I knew it. I knew he was the one who told you that." Chapter 933 Connor enjoyed hearing Olivia criticizing Ethan. She was the person who understood him the most. With Marina, she would only teach him how to cozy up to Ethan so that he would stay with them.

"But if Dad is so bad, why did you fall in love with him?"

Olivia said huffily, "It was because I was stupid. Son, do you know how many people wanted to date me? As many as the fish in the ocean. I was just blinded by his looks." "But if you had married someone else, I wouldn't have been born, neither would my brother and sister," Connor said with disappointment. Olivia immediately changed her tune." Your dad used to be a decent person. He was good to me once. So, when I was pregnant with you, I was very happy every day. I waited for your arrival with joy and anticipation." "What about now? Dad still treats you well. I know Dad has done a lot of things for the sake of your safety, Mom." "Things are different now. I can only promise you that I'll always love you no matter what happens." Connor asked softly, "Mom, can you give Dad some of your love too? He's really sad." "There are a lot of other people in this world who can love him. He doesn't really need it from me." "But Mom to Dad is like water to fish. A fish would die without water." Connor nestled into Olivia's embrace obediently. He picked it up so quickly and was able to become an

adorable kid in such a short amount of time.

"I love Mom, but I love Dad too. I'd love it even more if both of you got together. Other children's
parents
are together
"Mom, didn't you say you love me? You're still single anyway. Can't you just forgive what Dad did to
you
for my sake? I think my siblings would want the same. They would want you two to stay together."
Connor had grown up since Olivia last saw him. He was able to voice his opinions clearly this time.
Unlike
her two other children, even if they had such thoughts, they couldn't express them.
Olivia didn't know what answer she could give that wouldn't hurt Connor. He was just a kid, and his
world
was simple and pure. He wouldn't understand everything that had happened between Ethan and
herself.
"Mom, if you're afraid that he might hurt you again, I'll keep an eye on him. I won't give Dad the chance

really realized his mistakes. Please forgive him, Mom
Olivia had the urge to relent and give him what he wanted. It was the first request that Connor, the son
she felt very guilty toward, had for her.
"Mom, I don't want anything else. I just want you and Dad to be together. You can come to my parent-

teacher meeting and parent-children activities at school with him in the future. I'll be good. Please,

Mom.

This is all I want."

Connor started to cry in her arms. He seemed to understand that it was his only chance. If he couldn't get Olivia to stay, she would be gone soon.

Olivia patted him on the head lovingly. She could see her past self in him.

In the past, she had gone home happily after school one day when she saw Chris there. He was there

to

take Chloe away.

Suitcase in hand, Chloe walked up to her and told her to be good and obey Jeff because she was



She knew how sad it was to grow up without a mother. She once swore to give her children a perfect
family.
As things were, she was no different from Chloe. She was about to leave her child and give him an
imperfect childhood.
"Connor, I'm sorry."
Olivia hugged him tightly but didn't know how to answer his questions. She could only apologize over
and
over again.
"Mom, I don't want your apology. I just want you with me. You say you didn't know I existed in the past
but now you know. Are you still going to leave me?"
Connor was indeed Ethan's son. He was very skilled at psychological manipulation. In such a short
amount of time, he was able to estimate his importance to Olivia. He was also able to grasp her
weakness.
So, he used the childish tantrum that kids his age would normally have as a bid to get her to stay. This

way, even if Olivia might be unhappy with his actions, she could not turn him down.
No parent would be able to resist their child throwing a tantrum, especially if it was a child they felt
quilty toward and wanted to try their best to make up to. But Connor didn't want anything. He just
wanted Olivia
to stay.
"Mom, I love you so much. You love me too. And there's my brother and sister too. I've never had a
complete family from the start. Do you want them to go without their father as they grow up?
"They would wonder every day what it'd be like to have a father. They would envy the families of other
people.
"Mom, people say that a complete childhood will make your life better, but an incomplete one will cause
you to be traumatized forever."
Olivia was rendered speechless. She didn't expect Connor to say something like that. He was still so
young.
"Did your father tell you to say that?"

"No. Dad never taught me anything like that. He only told me that a man has to be strong and never surrender. And that I'll be able to protect you when I grow up. "Dad has never spoken ill of you, Mom. He always tells me my mother is the best woman in the world. He's the one at fault. He's the one who let you down. "If he could rewind time, he'd give you all the love he had. My teacher told me we should all learn from our mistakes and grow. People should be given the chance to turn over a new leaf. "Mom, please give Dad another chance and see how he does. If he has really changed for the better, you should forgive his past stupidity. Let's be together as a family, okay?" Olivia was rendered speechless by Connor's speech. Who did he inherit this talent of speech from? Connor nuzzled himself in her arms and said, "Dad and I love you a lot, Mom." Chapter 935 Olivia patted Connor on the head lovingly.

want your family to be together. But have you ever considered whether Mom and Dad would be happy

"My dear boy, I understand how you feel, but we don't always get what we want. It's not wrong of you

to

together?" Connor looked at her with teary eyes. It was clear he hadn't thought about that. Olivia patiently explained, "I felt the same way as achild. I wanted my family to be together too. Back then, your grandmother didn't love your grandfather at all. "She treated me and your grandfather with indifference every day. Do you know what happens when a person is unhappy every day? She would become depressed and angry. She would spread negative emotions to everyone around her. Have you ever had a pet bird?" "No, but I have a cat. Dad gave it to me. He said that you love cats." "Birds and cats are different. A cat can run around the house freely, but a bird is trapped inside a cage. It can only look at the sky from within the cage. "The sky is just beyond the cage, but the bird can never reach it. If you love the bird and feed it the best food every day, do you think it'll be happy?"

Olivia nodded. "That's right. Maybe this makes me a selfish person. Connor, I used to be a young

"Mom, are you trying to say that you're the bird and Dad's the cage?"

woman who was looking forward to marriage. I was hopeful for the future.

"I was happy that we were able to create a happy family. I was looking forward to bringing you into the

world and into a happy family. But there are too many things in this world that we can't control.

"I didn't want things to come to this point, but this is where we are now, and we don't have a choice.

What I can do is continue to love you. I'll try my best to make it up to you for the rest of my life. But I'll

never be able to go back to your father.

"You're a good kid. You should understand my decision, right? I have my own path to walk."

Connor stared at Olivia for a good while before nodding. "I understand, Mom. I support your decision."

He was just a kid. He didn't know about everything that had happened between Ethan and Olivia. But

there was He was just a kid. He didn't know about everything that had happened between Ethan and

Olivia. But there was one thing he knew. He loved his mother and wanted her to be happy.

"If that makes you happy, I'll be okay with it. I'm just afraid that .. you won't want me anymore."

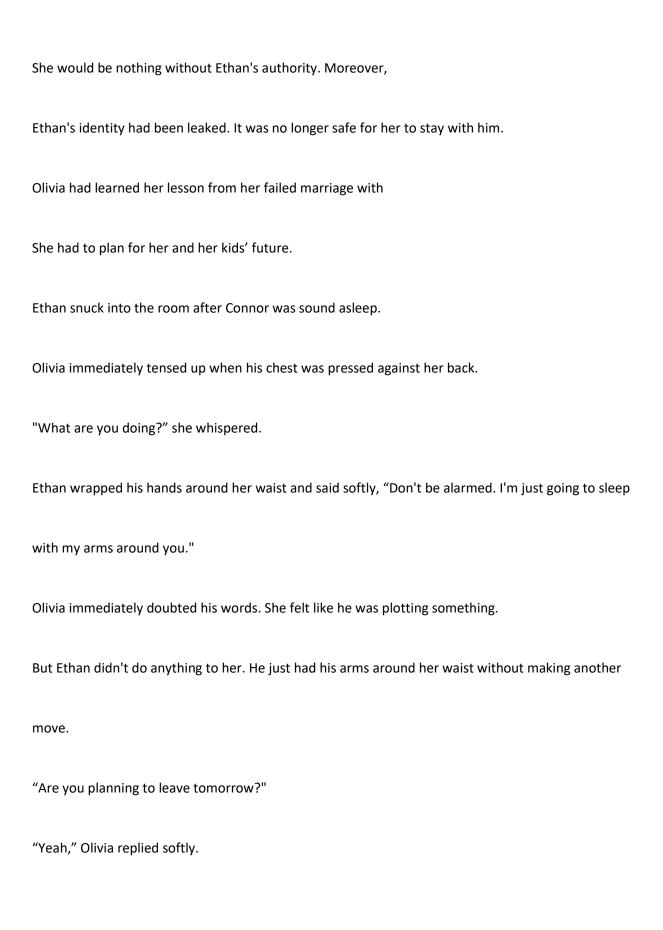
"Silly boy. I told you that you're the same as your siblings. You're all precious to me. I love you a lot too.

I'll be visiting Olivia noticed the necklace around Connor's neck. She pulled it out to look at it. It was the

emerald necklace.

"I designed this for you personally. It carries the hope I have for you. I hope you can be happy every
day and grow up healthily."
Connor stuck his hand out. "Mom, you have to keep your promise. You have to come visit me again."
Olivia made a pinky promise to him with a smile on her face.
"Alright, I promise. Let's live together after you grow up a little bit more, okay? You need to grow up into
a man soon so that I don't have to worry so much."
"Alright, Mom. I got it."
"You're my perfect little baby."
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younger
Olivia patted him on the back and started to tell him about the things that happened when he was
younger while holding him in her arms.
"Do you still remember the cherry blossoms on the island? Why don't I bring you there and show you
the next time they bloom?"

"It's a promise, Mom! I'll hold you to it!" Chapter 936 Olivia finally managed to convince Connor to see things her way. He was still young and wasn't as stubborn as Ethan. All his thoughts were centered around Olivia. He might look like Ethan, but his personality resembled Olivia's. He was considerate. People like them usually had it harder. They would always put other people before themselves and never consider their own interests. That night, Connor fell asleep in Olivia's arms. His arms grabbed onto her sleeves uneasily. Olivia felt another pang in her heart when she looked at the wounds on his face. She knew there would be more injuries to come. Connor's path was one riddled with pain and suffering. Despite that, she would still be leaving him. Olivia felt terrible and sad. But she knew that Ethan and Connor wouldn't be able to protect her forever if she didn't make any changes. She would be dead if she ever slipped up. She only had one life, so all she could do was grow stronger. Or else people like Krystal could slap her without any consequences.



"I knew I couldn't keep you here ..."

Ethan sighed and added, "I have to stay here for a little longer to recover. I won't be seeing you off tomorrow. I've already made arrangements for you to go to the island."

"Alright, thanks. Now sleep," Olivia said in a stiff and distant tone.

There were no farewells or sorrows. It was like two friends who met up and were going their separate ways.

Olivia slept very well that night with Connor in her arms. She had thought about it a few times. It would be great if they were just normal people. She could stay with her children if that were the case.

Olivia woke up from the dreamless sleep very quickly. She left early in the morning before the sun was even up.

The sun came out later during winter. There was a gap between the curtains, and Olivia could see that the sky was still dark.

Connor was sleeping very soundly in her arms. Even Ethan had a good night's sleep. The father and son leaned in close to Olivia on both sides. Neither of them wanted her to leave. Olivia got out of bed

gently, trying her best not to alert them. But she didn't know that both of them woke up the moment she
left their side.
Neither of them opened their eyes. They didn't say anything either.
Olivia freshened up briefly. Then, she lingered before Connor. The light in the room was dim. She could
barely make out his face and could only see the outlines of it.
A single drop of warm liquid fell on the back of Connor's hand. He knew it was Olivia's tears. Chapter 937
Olivia planted a kiss on Connor's forehead before she left. Ethan and Connor opened their eyes in
unison when they heard the door close.
There were tears in Connor's eyes. "Dad, we really can't get her to stay?"
"I'm sorry," Ethan said with a tender look in his eyes.
As soon as Olivia walked out of the building, she was faced with icy winds that felt like cold blades on
her face. It made her face sting a little.
As Ethan said, everything had been arranged.
"Mrs. Miller, the helicopter is ready for you. You can set off whenever you like."



Ethan sighed deeply. "I've already made that mistake once. I can't do it again. Your mother had a bright
future ahead of her.
"By forcing her to stay by my side, I took away her dream, happiness, and future. She was a caged
bird, but I eventually removed the cage and allowed her to soar freely."
"Aren't you afraid she might fall for someone else and start a new family with them? What would you do
then?"
Ethan had thought about that possibility. But he had pretended to be Logan and stayed with her for so
long. They even experienced life-and-death situations together.
He was with her during her weakest hours, but she still didn't fall for him. Ethan was sure Olivia
wouldn't fall in love with someone else.
"You and your siblings link me and your mother together. As long as you three are here, we'll see her
again, no matter where she goes."

Watching as Olivia disappeared into the snow, Connor thought about the years he spent without his

mother. The yearning that he had kept bottled up exploded.

"Dad, I want to say goodbye to her." It was just an excuse for him to talk to Olivia, look at her, and hear her voice one more time. Connor ran like the wind. He yelled as he ran, "Mom! Wait for me, Mom!" The howling winds drowned his voice out. The heavy snow blinded him, and he couldn't see where Olivia was. He ran a few more steps before falling onto the snow, which quickly covered him up. "Mom!" Olivia was about to step onto the helicopter when she suddenly heard a voice. She looked back but only saw the snowy ground. There was no one there. She figured she was hearing things because she was already missing Connor. She wiped her tears and got on the helicopter. Chapter 938 "Don't go, Mom! Wait for me!" It had been snowing the entire night, and the ground was covered in thick snow. Connor got out of the snow with great effort, but the helicopter door was already closed, and the rotors started spinning. Connor ran forward as fast as he could. Even though he made a promise to Olivia last night, he still lost control when it came time to part ways. He was running toward his mother instinctively.

He was just a kid who had been without his mother for a long part of his life. His face was filled with longing for Olivia.

"Mom, don't go. I finally got to see you. Please stay, Mom!"

Connor fell over again with tears streaming down his cheeks while he called out to Olivia.

The winds were too strong, and the rotors were loud. Olivia couldn't hear his voice at all.

"Mom, I miss you. I've been waiting for you for so long. Please stay with me. I'll be good. I'll listen to

whatever you say. I was lying. I don't want you to go. I want to see you every day.

"I don't want to train anymore. I don't want to be a young sir. I just want to be your son. Mom ... please

look at me one more time ..."

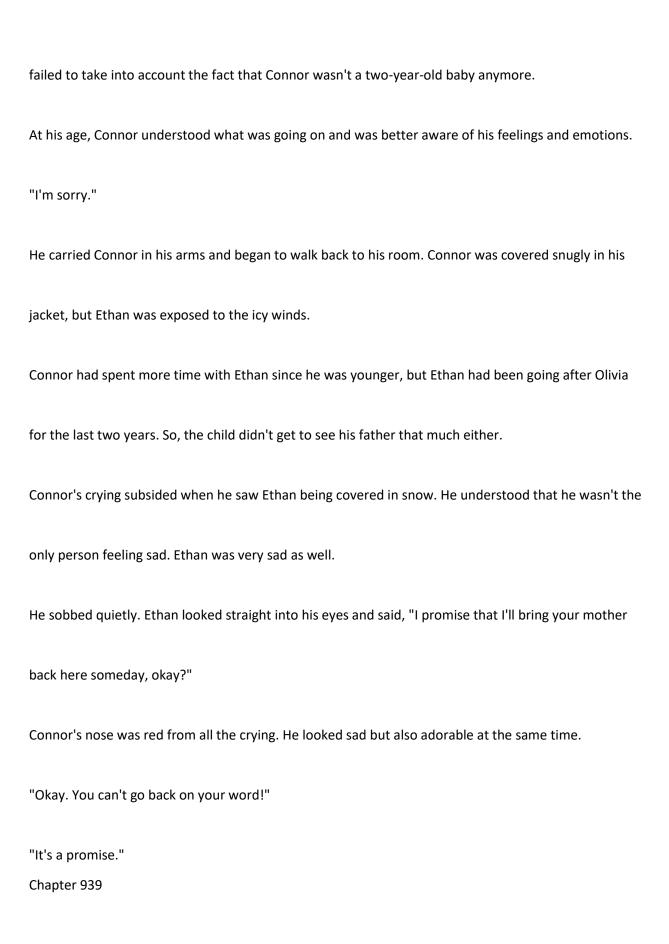
Connor slowly picked himself up, but he slumped to the ground again. He was bawling his eyes out.

His instructor had trained him for so long. He had always been strong. No matter how hard or tiring

training was, he was able to hold out.

This was the first time his instructor saw Connor lose control of his emotions. But to be fair, Connor was





Olivia saw Ethan carrying Connor in his arms while she was on the helicopter. She felt a pang in her heart. She was such a bad mother. They finally got to see each other again, but she left him again. She knew Connor must be devastated. She leaned on the window, and her tears never stopped flowing. Ultimately, she watched as the father and son walked away into the snow, and she lost sight of them. She didn't know when she would see her son again after that day. The helicopter flew toward the island. It took quite some time for Olivia to recover from the depression she felt from parting with her son.

She saw Everly, Alicia, and Zack playing around before the helicopter landed. Even though she couldn't hear their voices, she could feel that they were having a lot of fun.

Everly stopped the game when she heard the sound of the helicopter approaching. She brought the children over to welcome Olivia.

They hadn't seen each other for a week. Everly seemed to be in a better mood, probably because she had left Henry. Her complexion had visibly improved. She wasn't as pale as before.

"Liv!"



"Sure, I don't mind. I'm more than delighted to have another person care for them so much. Eve, I'm starving." "I knew you were coming today, so I've already asked the kitchen to prepare food for you. Ethan might be a scumbag, but he treats you well. This island has everything. "I thought the cherry blossom island he prepared for Marina was great. But that's nothing compared to this island. I think he was planning to spend the rest of his days with you on this island." Olivia was calm. "So, what food have they prepared?" Seeing that Olivia didn't want to talk about Ethan, Everly quickly changed the subject. "You'll know when you see it. Alright, children, follow your godmother." Everly acted like she was a kindergarten teacher. She was full of joy. There were plenty of cameras on the island. Henry would look at the footage several times each day. He was relieved to see her having a good time with the children. He said to Ethan, "Your suggestion is great. She seems to be in a much better state."

His words rendered Henry speechless. He glared at Ethan and retorted, "Are you talking about Olivia?"

"Women tend to do better when they leave the men who cause them pain."

Ethan wasn't offended by his remark. He smiled and said, "Olivia's life will get better. It's a pity that I only understand this now."

"Stop acting like you're a saint. If you really mean what you say, you should cut her loose, not keep her

right under your nose."

Chapter 940

Ethan looked at Henry, who was as stubborn as he used to be. He didn't make fun of his naïveté. He

was still new to being in love. He would only mature after going through some hardships.

These experiences weren't something Henry would just listen to if someone else told him. He had to

experience them himself.

Ethan didn't mock his arrogance because karma was fair to all. Henry would eventually experience

what he had coming.

Besides, Ethan already sensed that Henry treated Everly differently. She clearly wasn't just another

lover to him like he claimed.

It was fine. Love would eventually punish him for his lies.

As he was talking, Henry looked at the video footage again. In the video, Everly was sitting on the

beach and looking at the sea. She looked more emotionally stable than before.

It seemed like Ethan's suggestion was right. She needed her friend and those children to heal her.

"There's still a lot of trouble back at home. I'll let her stay on the island for three more months before

bringing her home."

Henry was angered by Everly's miscarriage. He had done some reckless things for her sake. His

arranged marriage partner was still in the ICU.

The woman came from an affluent family too. Her family thought Henry was making too big of a fuss for

a lover. He even lost his moral high ground.

The arranged marriage was called off, and the two families became enemies. Even Henry's grandfather

was alerted. He, too, felt like Henry was overdoing it. He wanted to take the chance to get rid of Everly.

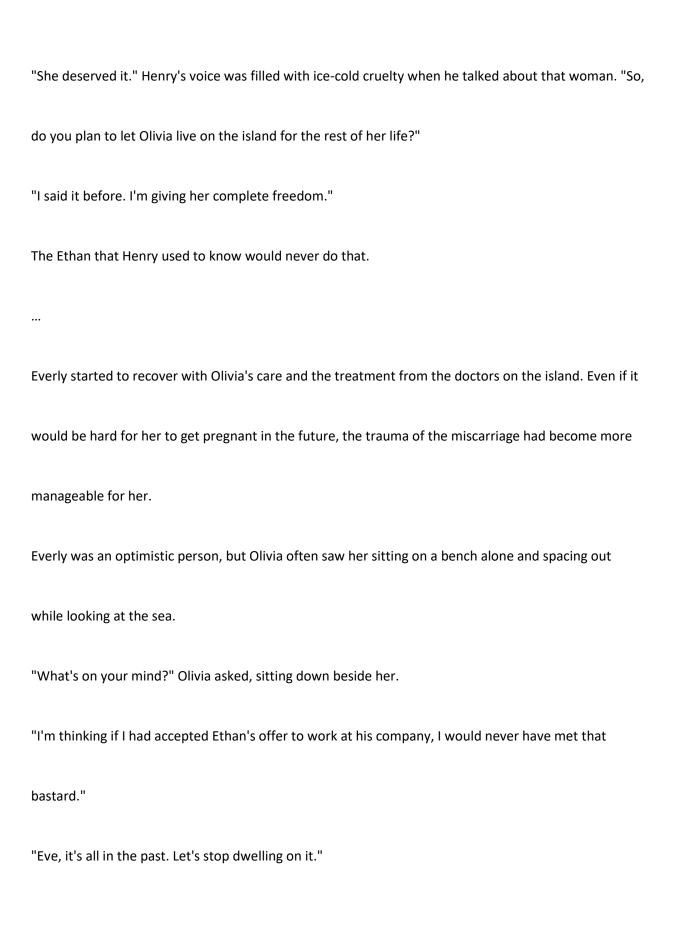
That was why Henry agreed to Ethan's proposal.

"Three months? Maybe you love her more than you realize," Ethan said with a smile.

Such a huge incident would take the Synder family way longer than three months to deal with. Even

three years probably wouldn't be enough.

"I heard that you were extremely cruel to that woman. She's a total cripple now."



Everly caressed her flat stomach and said, "I was even ready to be a single mother. Why was fate so cruel? Why was that option taken from me?" She wiped her tears and added, "It's fine as well. If the baby were born, my life would forever be intertwined with his. I don't want to have anything to do with him anymore." Olivia wrapped her arms around Everly gently. "Eve, we should look to the future. We'll find our own happiness." Everly scanned her surroundings. After she was sure no one else was around, she whispered, "When are we leaving?" Olivia put up five of her fingers. "Five more days?" "Yeah. My friend needs some more time to make preparations." Everly nodded. "Okay! I'll follow you to the ends of the Earth." She knew that Henry only sent her here to hide from trouble. She heard that the Synder family had already taken notice of her. They wanted to get rid of all the women Henry had before he got married.

That was why Henry agreed to send her to the island. He would bring her back after the incident blew

She wouldn't be able to escape then. This was her only chance.