An Endless Night With Him

#### An Endless Night With Him 161 Chapter 161: You're Doing This Out Of Gratitude

Struggling in Aaron's arms, Katrina freezes when she hears Aaron's words. What? That woman's target at the banquet last night was Melvin? This morning, Farrah called to tell her that Melvin was rushed to the hospital because his penis had been cut off. Does that mean that Melvin's penis was cut off by that woman? Katrina looks up at Aaron incredulously. "Did you have that woman cut off Melvin's penis?". in the face of Katrina's surprise and shock, Aaron touches her head. "It seems that you're not that stupid after all."

Katrina was wondering who had the courage to cut off Melvin's penis. Unexpectedly, the mastermind behind it turns out to be Aaron.

The young and beautiful girl looked very pure and harmless. If she didn't hear the truth from Aaron, she would never believe that that girl had done it.

Katrina can't help asking, "Aaron, why did you have her cut off Melvin's penis?"

It has only been a few days since Aaron arrived in Abbe. He probably hasn't dealt with Melvin before. How could he hate him so much that he would pay someone to cut off a man's most precious and dignified organ?

Katrina doesn't understand why Aaron did this. If the Quentin family finds out that he's the person behind it, he will be in great trouble.

Remembering the image of Katrina being drugged at the hotel that night, Aaron's face darkens, and anger flashed in his eyes. "I will punish anyone who bullies you!"

Aaron's voice is cold and deep as he speaks. He sounds absolutely murderous. Katrina is stunned to hear Aaron's response. Does he know that Melvin bullied her? He did it to avenge her?

Knowing that Melvin attempted to \*\*\*\* her, Aaron had someone cut off Melvin's penis...

The way that Aaron handles things is terrible. Even though he did it for her, it still makes Katrina shiver. "Aaron, how did you know that Melvin bullied me?"

Only Sophie, Samuel, Melvin, and Marcellus know whathappened to her. She never mentioned it to anyone else. Even her best friend Farrah is in the dark. How would Aaron know?

Wide-eyed and shocked, Katrina stares at Aaron, eager to hear his response. But instead of answering her, Aaron looks at her intently and says, "Think it over." Katrina goes back to what happened and thinks about it.

The memories from that night flash in her mind like a movie on loop, and when it reaches the moment she escapes Melvin's room and runs into a man, the scene suddenly stops.

"You were the one who saved me that night?" Katrina looks up at Aaron in disbelief, her voice full of shock. Aaron doesn't deny Katrina's bold guess and looks at her in silence.

The amount of information Katrina finds out today is so huge that she needs a moment to digest everything. Her heart pounds rapidly at the discovery.

"It's really you!" Katrina finally understands everything..?!

That night, when she escaped from Melvin's room, she ran into Aaron's arms. Aaron brought her to another room and took care of her.

No wonder she had a vague memory of someone holding her at night. No wonder the wound on her face had improved overnight.

It turns out that Aaron was the one who held her. He was the one who gave her medicine. That night, while she was having a nightmare about what she went through, he suddenly appeared in front of her. She thought it was just a ridiculous dream. But apparently, it was all true. Katrina doesn't expect things to unfold this way.

She originally thought that Aaron was shamelessly molesting and humiliating her despite getting a new lover. But on the contrary, he was so angry to find out that someone bullied her, that he asked a girl to seduce Melvin and cut off his

penis.

Katrina never expected this to happen, even in her wildest dreams. Shocked and confused, her mind is in a mess. She forgets to struggle for a moment, unable to speak. Aaron is not humiliating or torturing her on purpose. He actually cares about her. Did she misunderstand him? Did he judge him too harshly?

The sudden reversal of reality makes Katrina feel a bit guilty for the way she has been angrily screaming at Aaron. She never expected that he was doing all this for her.

It takes a long time for her to calm down. Katrina gently nudges Aaron. "Aaron, let me go. I'll behave." Hearing this, Aaron releases Katrina. Katrina picks up a glass on the table and drinks a big mouthful of water, not noticing that she picked up Aaron's glass. Aaron stands aside with folded arms, saying coldly, "Your brother and sister aren't innocent either!" Melvin dares to covet her and attempt to \*\*\*\* her. He is definitely damned. But Katrina's siblings deceived her into Melvin's bed. They are accomplices. Katrina knows what Aaron means. Finding out that Aaron asked someone to cut off Melvin's penis because he attempted to \*\*\*\* her is a big shock. Now, he is suddenly talking about Samuel and Sophie. He probably knows what they did to her. If Aaron wants to get even with Samuel and Sophie, they won't be able to bear it. Katrina grabs Aaron's clothes and looks at him nervously, "Don't get them into trouble!"

After all, Carl raised her for so many years. She absolutely can't allow Aaron to make trouble for Sophie and Samuel because of her. If he dares to attack them, she will be the first person to turn against him.

Seeing Katrina protecting Sophie and Samuel, Aaron snorts and looks at her. "They have bullied you so much, but you're still helping them?".

"Even if they bully me, the Anderson family still raised me. I can't bite the hand that feeds me." Aaron was making trouble for Samuel, and Sophie is like him making trouble for Carl. She can't let him do that.

Katrina's words make Aaron sneer with scorn, "You're doing this out of gratitude? Perhaps that old man Anderson is not a good person either!"

#### An Endless Night With Him 162 Chapter 162: Forgive My Improper Remarks

Previously warming towards Aaron after finding out the truth, Katrina suddenly flares up again at his rude words.

She was feeling a little guilty towards him just now, but it seems that she doesn't need to apologize for the misunderstanding after all.

He actually called Carl an old man! Even going far and saying that he isn't a good person! No matter what, Carl is an elder. Aaron should show some respect!

Katrina glares at Aaron furiously. "Aaron, it's fine if you don't respect me. But you have no right to slander Uncle Anderson like this!"

Carl is not only Katrina's nurturing benefactor but also the person she respects the most these past several years. Hearing Aaron's comment about Carl makes her angrier than hearing him comment about herself. Previously in a good mood, Katrina begins to get angry again because of Aaron's words.

Aaron doesn't want to upset Katrina or get into trouble while having dinner with her. He chooses to compromise. "Forgive my improper remarks. Sit down and have a meal with me."

At Aaron's courtesy, Katrina takes the glass of water and returns to her seat.

As she takes a sip of water, she notices that Aaron is staring at the cup in her hand. Looking down, she sees another cup in front of her. She accidentally took Aaron's cup for herself.

Realizing the problem, Katrina has nowhere to escape under Aaron's gaze. She returns the cup to him awkwardly. Gazing deeply at her, Aaron takes the cup and deliberately drinks from the spot she just drank from. The playful look in his eyes is too obvious.

Katrina is still not accustomed to such things. She quickly grabs her knife and fork to bury herself in the food on her plate.

But she finds that the steak on her plate has already been cut into small pieces. While she was furiously begging Aaron to let her go, he was considerately cutting the steak for her.

Aaron is a disgusting person.

He is arrogant and supercilious, indifferent, and merciless. He is extremely ruthless. He never considers her feelings and always forces her to do things against her will. He keeps having sex with her regardless of her protests.

Katrina obviously detests such a person. But now...

When she was in danger, Aaron was the first person to save her. When she was bullied by someone, he avenged her in secret. When he saw that she had accepted someone else's flowers, he gave her a bigger and prettier bouquet.

While she was quarreling with him, he was cutting the steak for her. Although Katrina is unwilling to admit it, Aaron's actions aren't so bad. Her preconceived ideas about him make her want to avoid him.

Because of this, she neglects his kindness for her. Aaron said that he only has one woman. Is he doing all this for her because he actually likes her? The idea disappears as soon as it appears in Katrina's mind.

Aaron is such an excellent and superior man. She doesn't dare believe that he actually likes her. She will only embarrass herself.

He is like a high mountain that no one can climb. She doesn't dare get too close, for fear that she will fall down and break into pieces one day.

Seeing Katrina staring blankly at the food, Aaron frowns. "What's wrong? Is it cold? I'll have the waiter to send a new

one."

As Aaron prepares to call the waiter, Katrina snaps out of her daze and stops him quickly, "No." Then she puts a piece of steak into her mouth. The dinner is eventful and exhausting. After dinner, Aaron drives Katrina home. Although he almost made her cry during dinner, he is very glad that he took her out.

Fortunately, he was able to clear up the misunderstanding before it got worse. If he had approached her a few days later, she would have assumed that he had married someone else and has started a family with another woman.

By then, she would avoid him more seriously.

On the way back, Aaron watches the road carefully without saying a word, while Katrina sits next to him, lost in her thoughts.

The car slowly stops. Katrina looks up and finds that they have reached her apartment. She never told him where she lives. How does he know where to stop? After the initial surprise, Katrina quickly calms down. Aaron knows about her workplace and her family. It's not surprising that he knows where she lives.

Katrina unbuckles the seat belt and turns to Aaron. "Aaron, thank you for bringing me back and for retaliating against Melvin for me. But I still want to make things clear with you. Although we have a past, we are now in Abbe City. I am not your girlfriend, your possession, or your pet. Please respect me."

Aaron frowns at Katrina's words. Since they met, he decided that Katrina was his woman.

But now, she is saying that she is neither his girlfriend, his possession, nor his pet. She is anxious to cut ties between them.

Who is he to her? Aaron looks at her calmly. "Katrina, are you blaming me for not pursuing you?"

According to William, a person having complete control of the other is not a relationship. Unless it's mutual, the relationship is a merely selfish pursuit. Only after getting Katrina's consent will their relationship be real.

But from the moment they met until now, Katrina has never officially responded to his affections. She has never explicitly promised to be his woman.

Only after he gets her acceptance can they be together. Katrina blushes at Aaron's words. "No!"

She just wants him to keep a proper distance away from her. How could he twist her words and imply that she can't wait to be his girlfriend?

What a shameless and contradicting man!

Aaron grabs Katrina's hand and kisses her knuckles. "For you, I relocated my company to Abbe City. Think over my affections for you."

The sensation on her fingers is like a jolt of electricity. Katrina quickly snatches her hand back at the touch.

# An Endless Night With Him 163 Chapter 163: He Always Takes Her By Surprise

A sudden kiss... It is really difficult for Katrina to protect herself against Aaron's advances. He always takes her by surprise. She hurriedly pushes the door open to get out of the car... Suddenly, Aaron reminds, "The flowers." Looking at the huge bouquet in the back seat gives Katrina a little headache. "I'm too tired to carry them."

She intended to leave the flowers in the car and make Aaron take them back. He can do what he likes with them. She doesn't want them anyway.

Unexpectedly, Aaron gets out of the car. "I can bring it upstairs for you." Katrina definitely knows Aaron's character. She is no match for his shamelessness. If she lets him go upstairs, she will be alone with him in her small apartment. She can't imagine what he will do to her. If something happens, she can't run away

Katrina is not foolish enough to let him go upstairs. After weighing her options several times, she finally turns around and drags the bouquet from the back seat of the car, hugging it tightly and heading home.

As Aaron watches Katrina's retreating figure, his phone rings. When Aaron takes out the phone and answers the call, William's shouts can be heard at the other end of the line.

"Aaron, are you still pursuing your girl? Don't you want to cure your disease? If something happens to you, don't tell anyone that I'm your private doctor! You'll ruin my reputation!"

Hearing William's roar, Aaron frowns slightly and moves the phone away from his ear.

Yes, William had warned him that his brain nerves have eroded due to prolonged insomnia, and he needs surgery to cure it.

Until he undergoes the operation, to keep the disease from recurring, he needs regular acupuncture treatment.

But since he came to Abbe City, he has been busy with work and social engagements and thinking about how to deal with Katrina. Despite William's repeated urging, he keeps delaying his treatment.

Now that his company is somehow stable and he has finally talked to Katrina, it is time to think about his health. Aaron's face is expressionless as he says, "There's still some work left in Hadley City. I'll be back tomorrow morning." Hearing an affirmative answer from Aaron, William slowly calms down. He mutters a few words and hangs up.

William has never encountered a person like Aaron. To pursue a girl, he will work himself to the bone and completely ignore his health.

As a doctor, it's very tiring for him to urge Aaron to take care of himself constantly. It takes Katrina a long time to drag the big bouquet of flowers home.

Placing the bouquet on the table, she bends over and gasps for breath. Then she goes to the window, opens the curtains, and looks down.

Meanwhile, Aaron is hanging up the phone. His eyes sweep over Katrina's apartment.

Katrina doesn't know if Aaron sees her. But when he looks up, she suddenly becomes nervous, and she hides behind the curtains for fear of being discovered.

Fortunately, Aaron doesn't stay much longer. He drives away and disappears from view. Aaron's sudden appearance makes Katrina fall into chaos and trouble all at once. Earlier today, Marcellus confessed his love to her. She still doesn't know how to respond to him. To make things more complicated, Aaron suddenly appears. Katrina is so frustrated, and she feels like she is about to explode. From Aaron's words, it seems that he won't give her up so easily. Does that mean she will see him more often? She only wants to live a peaceful life. Why is this happening to her? "This is terrible!" Lying on the bed, Katrina kneads her hair restlessly. She is visibly upset. On the one hand, she is fond of Marcellus's tenderness and thoughtfulness. She even feels inclined to say yes to him. But Aaron's appearance is, no doubt, a reminder of what happened in Hadley City.

Although she was unwilling at that time, she still slept with another man.

All she wants to do is to forget the unbearable past. She doesn't expect that Aaron will refuse to give up and come to Abbe City to find her.

Marcellus, on the one hand, and Aaron on the other... Being involved with two men makes Katrina hate herself. What can she do now? Between Marcellus and Aaron, she's definitely more inclined towards Marcellus.

Marcellus has a gentle personality. For so many years, he always has by her side, taking care of her in every aspect. But because of Sophie, she did everything to avoid him.

# And Aaron?

Domineering and indifferent, he always ignores her wishes and forces her to do things she doesn't want to do. She is anxious to remove him from her life.

But if she says yes to Marcellus, Sophie won't let her go easily. And Aaron probably won't let her go either.

To be with her, he moved his entire company to Abbe City. If she gets together with Marcellus, Aaron will not only retaliate against her but also against Marcellus.

Sophie is enough to give her a headache. Now, a more dangerous factor enters the situation, Aaron. Because of these external factors, Katrina and Marcellus are bound to be apart.

Katrina appreciates Marcellus's kindness to her. But she can't get him into trouble. Before Katrina kneads her hair into a bird's nest, she gets a call from Farrah. Katrina takes a deep breath to calm down before she answers the phone. "Hello, Farrah."

Hearing Katrina's slightly hoarse voice, Farrah begins to worry. "What's wrong, Katrina? Your voice seems off. Are you okay?"

"I must be a little tired from work today." Well, her weary heart is definitely exhausted:

"All right! Have a good rest tonight!" Farrah pauses for a moment before lowering her voice. "By the way, Katrina, I called to tell you that Mr. Quentin's penis has been stitched up in surgery. But the medical expert in the hospital says that it won't have the sexual function anymore. Mr. Quentin decided to go abroad to receive more advanced treatment..."

Hearing Farrah gossip on the phone reminds Katrina of what Aaron told her during dinner. The reason Melvin ended up like this is her. Aaron took vengeance against him for her.

For Farrah, the news of a young famous bachelor's penis being cut off is worth gossiping about. She would probably never imagine that her best friend is the reason that the man ended up like this.

## An Endless Night With Him 164 Chapter 164: What A Sudden Misfortune

The thought of Aaron fills Katrina with unspeakable emotion.

After chatting with Farrah for a while, Katrina hangs up the phone. She gets out of bed and takes her pajamas to the bathroom to take a bath.

In the President's office of the Anderson Real Estate Enterprise the next morning, Carl suddenly feels a sharp pain in his chest when he stands up to get a file. He starts coughing uncontrollably as if his heart is being torn apart.

He clutches his chest with a frown as he slowly sits back down in his chair.

Recently, he's been getting chest pains from time to time. He has a feeling that there may be something wrong with his body.

Finally, when the pain subsides a bit, Carl picks up the phone on the desk and calls his secretary. "I'm going out. Arrange a car to pick me up downstairs."

After hanging up the phone, Carl gets up and puts on his coat. He holds back the pain in his chest as he goes downstairs.

As soon as he reaches the entrance of the company, the driver immediately opens the door of the car and greets him politely, "Mr. Anderson."

Carl gets inside and tells the driver to go to the hospital.

An hour later, Carl is sitting in the doctor's office with a lab result in his hands. "You're in the advanced stage of lung cancer. The proliferation of the cancer cells is very serious, and the situation is not optimistic," the chief physician says with a solemn face.

Carl is stunned to hear the news. Advanced stage of lung cancer? The doctor's diagnosis is like the death penalty to him. After a few minutes of silence, Carl asks hoarsely, "Doctor, how long do I have?"

No one knows what kind of psychological struggle Carl went through in the last few minutes. No one knows how agonizing these moments have been for him.

The doctor sighs, "Maybe three months, maybe three years. No one can say for sure. Either way, it's best to get treatment as soon as possible."

"I see." Carl pauses for a moment before standing up from his chair. "Thank you, Doctor." With that, he turns around and leaves the doctor's office with the lab result.

From exiting the doctor's office to leaving the hospital, the short twenty minutes feels like a long torment that lasts two centuries.

As the President of the Anderson Real Estate Enterprise, Carl is still in his prime. He may be old, but he is still strong. But right now, he seems much older. The wrinkles on his face become more and more evident.

A helpless smile suddenly appears on Carl's face. He whispers to himself, "Karma is inescapable." The driver waiting outside sees Carl coming out of the hospital, and hurriedly opens the door for him. "Mr. Anderson."

The driver's tone becomes cautious when he notices that Carl seems to be in a bad mood. "Mr. Anderson, are you all right?"

Carl shakes his head gently. "I'm all right." After he gets into the car, he says, "Back to the company."

The driver breathes a sigh of relief upon hearing Carl's words. If he wants to go back to the company, there is probably nothing wrong with him.

Once he is back in the office, Carl sits on his chair and feels his palms sweat. The doctor's diagnosis rings in his mind over and over again. "Advanced stage of lung cancer." "The proliferation of cancer cells is very serious." "Your situation is not optimistic." "Maybe three months, maybe three years." Every word is like a curse, another nail in his coffin. Like a sickle in the hands of Death, each word slices through him

with all its might.

Carl is only in his fifties, struggling to keep his business alive. How could this happen?

Cancer? What a sudden misfortune! Since the company is still in its developing stage, it will take a few years to flourish.

At present, Samuel has not yet been trained. He has zero ambition, and he continually indulges in debauchery all day long. How could he trust the company to Samuel?

Carl struggled for so many years to build the company from nothing. How could he let it go at this crucial time to receive treatment? No way! Absolutely not! He has to teach Samuel personally so he can take his place.

Not only can he not be hospitalized at this time, but he also has to conceal the news. If his family finds out that he has cancer, they will collapse.

He has to hold on. Now that he thinks about it... Death is nothing to be afraid of. Sooner or later, the day will come.

Besides, he has already lived for another ten years. If someone hadn't saved him on that fateful day, he would have died much earlier. And the Anderson Real Estate Enterprise wouldn't even exist.

Although Carl is not afraid of Death, he has to take care of the division of his property before he dies. If he suddenly dies without preparing anything beforehand, his whole family will be in a mess.

And Katrina.... After all these years, how could he feel nothing?

If he dies, there will be no place for Katrina in the Anderson family. His family would probably cut all ties with her and leave her with nothing.

After going through his property, Carl eventually drafts a will,

The will states that in the event of his Death, 30 percent of his wealth will go to his wife Winnie, 30 percent to his son Samuel, 30 percent to his daughter Sophie, and 10 percent to Katrina.

On the day Carl finishes the will, he goes to a lawyer to have it notarized. In the afternoon, Winnie goes to the company with Sophie, carrying a thermos bucket in her hand.

"Your father has been coughing a lot recently. I prepared some sweet snow pear soup for him. He should feel better after drinking it."

"Mom, dad is so lucky to have a wife like you!" They chat as they enter the elevator, making their way to the President's office on the top floor.

As soon as they get to the door of the office, the secretary approaches them courteously and says, "Madam, Miss, Mr. Anderson, and his son are both at a meeting in the conference room right now. Please make yourself comfortable and wait inside for a while."

Winnie nods and walks into the office with Sophie. After sitting on the sofa for a while, Sophie begins to get bored.

Looking at the office filled with dull company documents, she sighs. "Sitting in an office all day is boring. No wonder Samuel doesn't want to work in the company.".

Winnie shoots her a serious look. "Do you think it's easy for us to live our present life? Your father and brother work hard and are busy with social engagements every day to make a living."

"Thank them for working so hard! I'll observe what Dad does every day and learn from him," Sophie says as she sits in Carl's chair.

With nothing to do, she opens a few files to read but is unable to understand anything. Before she closes everything, she suddenly sees a document on property distribution.

Sophie's eyes widened in shock.

#### An Endless Night With Him 165 Chapter 165: Katrina's Share

"Mom! Come and have a look quickly! What is this?" Sophie's sharp voice surprises Winnie.

"What have you been yelling in your father's office?" Winnie chides her daughter. She gets up from the sofa and walks to the office desk. "What is it? Let me see."

When Winnie walks over and reads the document, her gracious face suddenly becomes serious. Upon reading that ten percent of the Anderson property will go to Katrina, her face darkens even more.

"What is this? Your father wrote a will in advance?"

For a family with abundant assets, a will and testament are beyond contention. In case of a sudden emergency, or in the event the heirs fight with each other over the division of the property, a person's will is the law.

But what's even more shocking than seeing Carl's final will is the fact that it includes Katrina's name.

Sophie cries out, "God! Is dad crazy? Is he actually giving Katrina 10 percent of his fortune? She's a stranger! Dad already kindly adopted her and supported her schooling. For his kindness, she shouldn't ask for anything else! Is he actually giving our property to her? Something's wrong!"

Sophie despises Katrina so much that she can't stand the thought of a fraction of her family's fortune going to her. Ten percent! As her father's only daughter, she only has 30 percent. But a stranger like Katrina gets 10 percent? Ten percent is not a small number for an average person.

Compared to Sophie's cries of displeasure, Winnie is composed. But irrepressible anger is visible on her well-maintained face.

"Your father is crazy! How did that woman bewitch him!" Carl always protects Katrina every chance he gets. As his wife, Winnie tolerates the whole situation. But now, how could she tolerate a stranger getting a share of their family's property? Sophie yells angrily, "Mom! Is Katrina dad's illegitimate daughter? Why else would he treat her so kindly?"

In light of recent events, she has to revisit the possibility again. Why else would her father give Katrina so much money?

Their family doesn't owe Katrina anything! On the contrary, Katrina owes them! In Sophie's words, Winnie growls, "Sophie! Stop talking nonsense!" If Katrina is Carl's illegitimate daughter, it means that Carl had an affair with another woman more than two decades

But during those years, Carl was just starting up his business, and his company was not developing well. He was so with work that he couldn't possibly have the time and energy to find another woman.

A few years later, the company went bankrupt in the wake of a financial crisis. As the saying goes, place somebody in a tight spot, and he will survive.

It was only after this bankruptcy that Carl recovered his losses and was able to gradually build his business until it developed into a big scale.

Katrina is unlikely to be Carl's daughter, no matter her blood type or appearance.

As a wife, she was seeing Carl's unusual devotion to an adopted child made Winnie suspicious. She had a private investigator look into it in secret. The result was conclusive. Katrina Miller and Carl Anderson are not related in any way.

Feeling Winnie's displeasure, Sophie realizes that she put her foot in her mouth. But she is also inwardly relieved to get confirmation of the truth.

Luckily, Katrina is not her father's illegitimate daughter.

Sophie will be in trouble if she really has such a bothersome person as her sister. Her father could divide their family property equally with Katrina.

But since Katrina has no relations with the Anderson family, concessions about getting 10 percent of property are unlikely.

Meanwhile, Winnie is also furious.

"I don't know what's so good about this woman! Your father dotes on her and protects her since her childhood! Whenever she's in the presence of your father, she pretends to be very obedient!" Winnie complains angrily, venting out

her dissatisfaction.

At that moment, Sophie suddenly remembers something. "Mom, Samuel told me that Katrina came to the company to look for dad once. Is she secretly close to dad?"

Hearing this, Winnie frowns. "Katrina came to the company to see your father? What was her purpose?"

"I don't know," Sophie replies hesitantly. "She met up with a dad in his office, and nobody knew what they talked about. Mom, do you think Katrina cozies up to dad in secret to get our property?"

After all, Winnie is over fifty years old. Even with the best treatment, her flabby skin and old figure can't compare to a young girl in her twenties.

There is no shortage of women for rich men, and Winnie has always been wary of Carl having an affair. And now... Upon hearing Sophie's words, she feels like a nerve has been struck, and her whole person becomes alert.

That bitch! Katrina probably seduces Carl in secret to manipulate him into giving her a share of their family property! Although she is not Carl's illegitimate daughter, she could be his mistress! The more Winnie thinks about it, the more she finds it likely.

How else could she explain Carl favoring Katrina despite not being related to her? Why else would Carl give 10 percent of their family property to her?

The fact that Katrina once visited Carl's office also supports the theory. Even Winnie, his wife, seldom goes to the company. Why would Katrina visit Carl? What was her purpose? It's possible that she took the opportunity to do something unspeakable.

At the thought that the ungrateful woman whom their family raised dares to seduce her husband with her youth and beauty to gain their property, Winnie seethes in rage.

"That ungrateful bitch! Sophie, we're leaving!" Winnie snarls, walking out angrily.

She wants to confront Katrina and tear her apart. She wants to know how she could dare seduce someone else's husband.

Sophie successfully ignites Winnie's ire with a few half-true words. Watching Winnie leave, Sophie quickly closes the file on Carl's computer and follows her mother out. Actually, Sophie doesn't know if Katrina has such thoughts about her dad. All she knows is that she hates Katrina to the core. Uniting with her mother to make trouble for Katrina, gives Sophie a great sense of joy. That bitch won't get a dime from them!

## An Endless Night With Him 166 Chapter 166: Bubbling With Rage

Twenty minutes later, Winnie and Sophie rush to Katrina's workplace. This is the first time that they go to the police station to look for Katrina.

Aggressively walking in, Winnie stops a policeman by the entrance and asks, "Where is Katrina Miller? Call her out!" The man happens to be Katrina's partner, Colin.

Winnie looks malicious, with her delicate makeup and fancy dress. She looks like a wealthy middle-aged woman who's difficult to deal with. Stunned at her sudden demand, Colin hesitantly asks, "What do you want with Miss Miller?"

Winnie snaps back, "What do I want? I don't have to answer to the likes of you!"

Her rude response catches Colin off guard, but he still responds politely, "For personal matters, please contact Miss Miller privately."

Bubbling with rage, Winnie is eager to vent her anger out on Katrina. When Colin refuses to tell her Katrina's whereabouts, she pushes him aside and rushes forward furiously, intent on finding Katrina herself.

Colin frowns at Winnie's actions. She looks like she is about to cause some trouble. Before he could take out his phone and send a warning message to Katrina, the girl herself suddenly exits the office and bumps into Winnie.

It is the end of the day shift, and Katrina is ready to leave with her bag. But she doesn't expect to see Winnie and Sophie at her workplace. Her eyes widened in surprise,

"Aunt Green, why are you here?"

When Katrina sees Winnie and Sophie at the police station, she assumes that they are here for police matters. She doesn't expect them to come to the station to find her.

Seeing Katrina's innocent and confused face, Winnie becomes even more furious. She steps forward on her high heels and walks over to her, swinging her arm and slapping Katrina on the face. "Katrina! You bitch! You shameless tart!"

Katrina doesn't expect Winnie to slap her suddenly. Caught off guard by the strike, she cups her sore cheek, and her head tilted to one side.

Suddenly seeing Winnie and Sophie at the station was a surprise to Katrina. Now, Winnie hits her for no reason. Did they come to her workplace to attack her? Like mother, like daughter, Winnie and Sophie are outrageous beyond her expectations.

Last time, because Marcellus dropped Katrina off at the Anderson house in person, Sophie confronted her at the bus stop and slapped her.

This time, she gets slapped by Winnie?

Although Katrina has always known that Winnie doesn't like her, the older woman has never been violent towards her. The most she does is glare at her and talk to her coldly.

But now... What did she do wrong? What did she do to anger Winnie? Why did Winnie go all the way to her workplace to slap her in front of all her colleagues?

Katrina wonders if Winnie slapped her for Sophie's sake. She is always polite to Winnie. She hasn't done anything to provoke her.

No one expects Winnie to slap Katrina upon seeing her. Since it is the end of the shift, there are a lot of people by the entrance, and everyone around them is shocked.

At the sudden attack, Katrina is full of grievance and anger. But she suppresses her rage out of respect for Winnie being an elder and Carl's wife. She looks straight at the older woman, exerting a great deal of tolerance.

"Aunt Green, I don't know what you're talking about!" A tart? What on earth does Winnie mean? Did Winnie come here to seek justice for Sophie?

She hasn't accepted Marcellus yet. If normal social interaction equates to being a tart, then Sophie is an even bigger tart than her.

As a young rich girl, Sophie regularly goes clubbing at bars. More than a dozen men have dined with her and sent flowers to her.

Seeing the determination in Katrina's eyes, Winnie becomes even angrier and moves to pull her hair. "You don't know? After what you've done, you're still playing the fool and denying it?"

Fortunately, Colin is standing behind Winnie and promptly holds her back. "Madam, if you have something to say, please say your piece. But you can't assault a police officer!"

This woman actually dares to hit a person in the police station! She actually dares to attack a police officer out in public!

At any rate, the police are dignified. Katrina's colleagues would never let a person use the police station as a place for bluster.

After being intercepted by Katrina's colleagues, Winnie can't touch Katrina again. But it doesn't stop her from shouting at Katrina.

"Katrina Miller! How could such a shameless and immoral woman like you exist! After we adopted and raised you, you dare to seduce your Uncle Anderson! You bitch! You don't deserve to be a cop! Such a shameless woman should be sentenced to death!"

In a fit of rage, Winnie screams obscenities at Katrina. At the outburst, Katrina's colleagues look at each other in shock. Does Katrina have an inappropriate relationship with her adoptive father?

As police officers, they have encountered a variety of cases. One of these includes a similar situation where a well-off couple adopts a struggling female student, only to end up with the student seducing the husband and the couple divorcing.

But they can't believe that Katrina would be involved in such a scandal.

• The violent woman must be over 50 years old. Even her daughter is older than Katrina. Would Katrina seduce a man old enough to be her father just for money?

But for money, many young girls can be really shameless in this regard. Winnie's words are like a bombshell.

Everyone is incredulous. Although they can't believe that Katrina would do such a thing, they are skeptical. They want to see what Katrina has to say.

Winnie's accusation leaves Katrina's mind blank. She didn't come for Sophie, but for herself. She thinks that Katrina is seducing her husband.

## Is she actually serious?

At that moment, Katrina fumes in anger. Not only because Winnie slanders her name in front of all her colleagues, but also because the accusation is a great insult to Carl.

Glaring at Winnie furiously, Katrina says, "Aunt Green, I am very grateful for Uncle Anderson adopting me when I needed help the most. I respect him as a father. Please don't insult Uncle Anderson and me with such accusations without any facts or evidence!"

#### An Endless Night With Him 167 Chapter 167: Blatant Accusation

Winnie flares up at Katrina's response.

"Insult who? You?" she scoffs. "Stop playing the fool! You keep pretending to be kind and soft-spoken, but I never expected you to be so unscrupulous!"

"If you didn't seduce your Uncle Anderson, why would he include you in his will and leave you ten percent of our property? Ten percent! That's enough for you to live comfortably for the rest of your life!" she exclaims.

"If you didn't seduce your Uncle Anderson, why would you go to his office in secret?" she demands. "As an orphan, you must be proud to get ten percent of our property, aren't you? If I hadn't found out earlier, you would have succeeded in bewitching your husband! If I hadn't found out earlier, you could have taken away everything we have!"

No concessions can be made on Carl's will regarding the division of property At that moment, Winnie works herself up to a fevered state.

After all, she has lived with Carl for so many years. She has been by his side through every step in building his company. There is no way she will let a strange woman get a piece of their property so easily.

Winnie's previously gracious face becomes vicious. Hearing Winnie's words, Katrina's colleagues begin to be persuaded.

The Anderson family adopting Katrina is indeed charity. Katrina has graduated from college and now has the ability to live independently. The Anderson family has done more than enough for her. There is no need for them to do it anymore.

But for Carl to give her, a complete stranger, ten percent of his wealth? It definitely seems suspicious.

What exactly is Katrina's relationship with Carl Anderson? Why would he generously give her a portion of his family's vast wealth?

People start to doubt the truth.. Katrina is also shocked at the sudden revelation.

Is Carl giving her ten percent of his property? This is the first time she hears about it. How could she explain something she has no idea about?

"Aunt Green, I don't know anything about the division of the Anderson property. Even if what you say is true, you can rest assured that I will not take anything from you. I will go to Uncle Anderson and make things clear with him. I swear that if I get any money from you, I will be run over by a car!"

Katrina takes a deep breath and continues calmly. "I never go to Uncle Anderson's office in secret. While I was on duty one time, I stumbled upon Eva while she was on her way to deliver documents to Uncle Anderson. But she was suffering a cramp in her leg, so I made her go home and sent the documents in her place. My colleagues can testify to me."

She fixes Winnie a stern look.

"I never had private exchanges and interactions with Uncle Anderson. I respect you as an elder and as my adoptive parent, but your unfounded accusations have seriously affected my reputation! If you think I have an inappropriate relationship with Uncle Anderson, please show me proof, instead of running your mouth like this. You can't just insult my innocence, yell at me, and attack me randomly!"

Although Katrina isn't shouting, her voice is firm with conviction.

Katrina's response calms down her colleagues' suspicions. They go over the events and contemplate the truth of the matter.

When Winnie came in like a whirlwind, it looked as if she had caught someone committing adultery in the act. Then she slapped Katrina on the spot, telling her off for seducing her husband.

But what are the facts? What evidence does she have? Nothing. Ten percent of the property? There's no confirmation about that.

As for Katrina visiting Carl's office, Katrina had indeed gotten out of the car to help the maid of Anderson Family, who was suffering cramps in the middle of the road.

They saw the scene themselves. At any rate, they can't casually doubt their colleague's innocence until the matter is investigated thoroughly. Everyone takes Katrina's side.

One of the policemen says, "Madam, as soon as you entered the door, you slapped Miss Miller without cause. You could be charged with causing a public disturbance and malicious injury. Worse, you could be charged for assaulting a

police officer!"

Another officer adds, "Stop slandering Miss Miller unless you have enough evidence. Your actions today are enough for Miss Miller to bring the case to the court."

Filled with anger, Winnie wants to question Katrina further, but she is refuted by the threat in the policemen's words.

Katrina's response is clear from beginning to end. She explains her visit to Carl's office and denies having a personal relationship with Carl Anderson.

Furthermore, she says that she won't accept any money from the Anderson family.

Winnie confronted her aggressively because she was afraid that Katrina was coveting her family's property. Now that Katrina has said otherwise, what can Winnie do?

When she saw Carl's will, she jumped to the conclusion that Katrina has been seducing Carl without any real evidence.

She is currently surrounded by policemen who are prepared to detain her if she causes any further disturbance. Defeated, Winnie can only grit her teeth and say, "Katrina, you'd better remember what you said today!" If Katrina dares to accept a penny from the Anderson family, she will be hit by a car! At that moment, Katrina feels extremely downhearted.. She likes her work, her colleagues, and everything about her job.

But Winnie and Sophie rushed in regardless of everything, slapped her in front of all her colleagues, and questioned her integrity and relationship with Carl.

Her self-esteem shatters in an instant She feels disgraceful. Despite the burning pain on her face, the pain in her heart hurts more. Even though Katrina has explained herself, she doesn't know if her colleagues will look at her differently because of this.

As the saying goes, the tongue is boneless, but it can break bones. Irresponsible rumors like this could cause misunderstandings and be blown out of proportion.

As Katrina wallows in bitterness and disappointment, a big warm hand wraps around her shoulder and pulls her tightly against someone.

She looks up and sees Marcellus standing next to her.

"Mrs. Green, Katrina is my girlfriend! I know best what kind of person she is! In the future, please be responsible for your own words and actions. Otherwise, I will take this to court to defend her innocence!"

Marcellus's handsome young face is serious and cold. Although his tone is polite, there is a hint of anger in his voice.

## An Endless Night With Him 168 Chapter 168: Delusion

As a lawyer, Marcellus is the best at fighting all kinds of lawsuits. His words weigh heavy like a hammer. There is a severe threat in his tone. The moment Marcellus appears, surprise flashes on Winnie and Sophie's previously arrogant faces. Winnie is incredulous. "Marcellus... How could you talk to me like that?": Samuel and Marcellus were classmates in middle school, And Sophie has always been interested in Marcellus.

As a result, Winnie is quite familiar with Marcellus. She treats him warmly every time he comes to their home. Courteous and mild-mannered, Marcellus has always been treated politely by the Andersons.

Marcellus is born to a noble family, with power not only in business but also in politics. His family is more exalted than the Anderson family.

When Winnie found out that Sophie likes Marcellus, she naturally supported her, hoping that Sophie could climb the ranks and snag a rich husband.

If Sophie can end up with such an excellent man, not only can Winnie rest assured of her daughter's happiness, but the Anderson family can also solidify their position in Abbe City through the power and influence of the Brook family. It would kill two birds with one stone.

But as time passed by, Marcellus and Samuel grew farther and farther apart. He visits their homeless and less. Even so, when Marcellus sees Winnie, he always behaves graciously and politely, treating her as an elder.

But now...

How could this man, who has always been so excellent and respectful in her eyes, look at her so coldly, going as far as to threaten her?

At this moment, Winnie can't help but gape in shock What has Katrina done to make an outstanding man like Marcellus so fiercely loyal to her? Marcellus being protective of Katrina and acting indifferent towards her, is like a thorn in Winnie's heart.

But no one is as shocked and hurt as Sophie when she hears Marcellus's words. She chokes, "Marcellus, are you really together?"

Marcellus just said that Katrina is his girlfriend. 1 Are they finally together?

Seeing the man she has loved for so many years holding another woman protectively and saying that she is his girlfriend is a huge blow to Sophie.

Marcellus respects Winnie as an elder and more or less, treats her courteously. But as for Sophie... Ever since she conspired against Katrina, he has cut ties with her completely. He is entirely indifferent to her.

Marcellus ignores Sophie and looks at Winnie, holding back his anger. "Mrs. Green," he says, "my attitude towards you depends on your attitude towards my girlfriend. Since you are disrespectful to her, how do you expect me to speak to

you?"

Although Marcellus's voice is low, Winnie can hear the steel in his tone. He is uncompromising in front of her. "You..." Winnie is frustrated by Marcellus's attitude, but she finally accepts defeat.

After all, Marcellus is different from Katrina. He has a strong family background, and she doesn't dare offend him so easily.

In the beginning, Winnie and Sophie were domineering. But now, they cower helplessly in the wake of Marcellus's appearance. He forces them to settle down, brooking no further argument.

In the end, Winnie pulls Sophie's arm. "Sophie, let's go!" Because of Marcellus, she will let Katrina go this time.

But she can't help despairing how such an excellent man as Marcellus could ignore Sophie for a worthless little bitch like Katrina.

As Winnie pulls Sophie's out of the room, Sophie stares at Marcellus in disbelief. "Marcellus, Marcellus..." Sophie can't bear to give up so easily. She doesn't want to give up the man she loves, Katrina. She thought that Marcellus only said that he was cutting ties with her because he was in a bad mood. She thought that

he would choose to forgive her when he wasn't angry anymore.

But ever since that day, Marcellus no longer treats her warmly and cruelly turns a blind eye to her. Not only won't he look at her, but he announces that he is now another woman's boyfriend.

How could Sophie give up now?

She wants to get down on her knees and beg him to stop ignoring her. She wants to beg him to give her another chance.

But no matter how many times Sophie calls his name, no matter how much her voice trembles, Marcellus doesn't even glance at her. He puts his arm around Katrina's shoulder, and walks straight out, striding past them.

After the whole drama, everyone else in the police station goes back to their own business and whispers among themselves.

"Katrina, seducing her adoptive father? What a ridiculous idea! With a boyfriend like Marcellus Brook, it would be better to marry him. The Brook family is powerful, and Attorney Brook is young and handsome. If Katrina becomes his wife, why would she seduce a man in his fifties?"

"That old woman probably has delusions of her husband leaving her for a young mistress. She probably sees every young pretty girl as her rival. If a girl as good as Katrina is a mistress, then I'm afraid there are no fine girls in the world anymore."

Winnie's expression twists when she hears the whispers around her.

The sudden appearance of Marcellus only adds to the impression that Winnie and Sophie came to find fault over nothing.

Winnie angrily drags Sophie out. After she calms down to think about it, she finds her actions today a little impulsive.

Indeed, when she saw that her husband left ten percent of the property to Katrina, an adopted daughter with no ties to him, and heard that Katrina once went to Carl's office, she immediately saw red and jumped to conclusions.

But does she actually have any evidence of Katrīna and Carl having a secret relationship? Not at all. It's all just a conjecture.

Winnie picks up her phone and calls Samuel "Samuel, didn't you see Katrina go to your father's office last time? Why did she come to your father? How long did she stay inside?"

On the other end of the line, Samuel is puzzled by his mother's sudden inquiries. He answers truthfully, "It looked like she came to deliver some documents to him. She came out after a few minutes. What's the matter, Mom?"

## An Endless Night With Him 169 Chapter 169: Let Me Be Your Boyfriend

Samuel's reply matches Katrina's explanation perfectly. That means that Katrina's visit that day was just a fluke. She was only there to deliver some documents to Carl. Winnie continues to ask her son, "How many times has Katrina come to see your dad?"

Noticing the seriousness in his mother's tone, Samuel recalls carefully, "It seems that was the only time. What the hell is going on, mom?"

Hearing Samuel's answer, Winnie finally gives up on the idea. "Nothing. Bye," she replies before hanging up.

Winnie usually spends her time at home, Katrina rarely visits, and on the rare occasion she does, she is always with the whole family. There was no instance where Katrina had been alone with Carl.

Samuel is at the company for work every day. Since Katrina only went to see Carl once, there's probably nothing strange between them.

But why would Carl give Katrina 10 percent of his property? The thought doesn't put Winnie's worries at ease. On the other end of the line, Samuel looks puzzled when the line goes dead. "What is up with my parents today? Are they playing a joke on me?"

First, his father spent the whole day training him. It was as if Carl was going to make him take over the company the next day. Then, his mother calls to ask him strange questions only to hang up immediately without explaining why.

Samuel feels really exhausted. Meanwhile, Katrina is sitting in Marcellus's limousine while Marcellus buys medicine for her in a nearby pharmacy. Katrina doesn't remember how she left the police station. She sits in the car in a daze.

Marcellus's sudden appearance during the incident probably gave her some strength. Even though she lost the ability to think at that time, she accepted his support and followed him afterward out of trust.

Katrina's phone suddenly rings. Picking up the phone, she sees that Colin is calling. As soon as Katrina answers the phone, she hears Colin's worried voice. "Katrina, are you okay?" "I'm fine," Katrina whispers.

Colin seems to come back to life after the disaster, breathing out a long sigh of relief. "Damn that fierce lady! She grasped my arm the moment she came in, demanding for you in a horrifying way. She rushed in before I could warn you. I wanted to tell you to hide."

He adds, "Fortunately, I quickly called Marcellus. How is Marcellus? He was particularly handsome just now. It looked like a hero rescuing a princess. Doesn't it feel particularly romantic? If you two get married, don't forget to invite me to your wedding!"

Colin suddenly realizes how inappropriate his words are given what just happened. After all, Katrina was humiliated in public a few moments ago. She must be feeling quite sad right now.

Clearing his throat, Colin lowers his voice and says, "Katrina, don't worry. Everyone at the bureau is on your side. No one believes you could do any of those things she accused you of. Don't burden yourself. No matter what happens, we're here for you."

At Colin's words, the corners of Katrina's mouth lift into a reluctant smile. "Thank you, Colin." No wonder Marcellus popped up at the crucial moment to save her. Colin had secretly called him for help.

Katrina remembers that Winnie had tried to pull her hair after she slapped her. Colin was the one who held her back and stopped her. Her colleagues had also defended her by warning Winnie off, preventing the woman from causing more trouble.

She is immensely grateful to her colleagues for choosing to trust and protect her.

"Katrina, talk to your Marcellus. If you need time off, just let me know. I can help you with your work," Colin says before hanging up.

returns from the pharmacy. He hands Katrina an ice pack to reduce the swelling on her face. Seeing the concern in Marcellus's eyes, Katrina covers her face with the ice pack and says sincerely, "Marcellus, thank you."

He came over to rescue her when she was most helpless. He firmly protected her and pulled her out of the mess like a valiant hero.

At Katrina's words, Marcellus stares at her with tender, loving eyes.

"Katrina, I just want to thank you. You trusted me and didn't refute me when I said I was your boyfriend."

When Katrina's colleague called him and told him that she was in trouble, he rushed over immediately. Seeing her being bullied by Winnie and Sophie made him so angry that he presented himself as her boyfriend even though Katrina hadn't answered him yet. Fortunately, Katrina didn't contradict him. She let him wrap his arm around her shoulder until they left the station. It was the first time that he felt so close to her. He wants to be with her and become her boyfriend so much that he felt fulfilled when she accepted him. Katrina can't help but be surprised at Marcellus's words. Boyfriend? Right. When Marcellus showed up, he claimed to be her boyfriend.

Katrina was so rattled by Winnie's accusation that it didn't register until now. Hearing Marcellus talk about it now, she – suddenly feels embarrassed and doesn't dare to look him in the eyes.

Avoiding his gaze, she says, "I know you were only trying to help me." He only said he was her boyfriend to shock Winnie and Sophie, didn't he?

Although Katrina knows how Marcellus feels about her, she is still unsure of what to do. Since he confessed to her, she still hasn't figured out how to answer him.

But Marcellus doesn't seem inclined to back down this time. His dark eyes are locked on Katrina as he reaches for her small soft hands.

Marcellus is holding on tightly, looking determined. There is a hint of desperation in his voice as he says, "Katrina, let me be your boyfriend!"

There is a sense of urgency and intense desire in his eyes. His handsome brows involuntarily coil up for a moment. He stares intently at her, afraid to miss any reaction.

Marcellus's heart breaks more every time he sees that she is being bullied. The more his heartaches, the more he wants to stand by her and protect her.

And the only person who can stay by Katrina's side is her boyfriend. At first, he wanted to give her a few days to answer, patiently waiting for her reply. But now, he finds that he can't wait any longer. Marcellus is desperate for her answer. He desperately wants his claim of being her boyfriend to be a reality.

#### An Endless Night With Him 170 Chapter 170: The First woman To Infuriate Him

Marcellus's palms are dry and warm as he clutches Katrina's small soft hands desperately. This is the first time that he grabs her hand so actively and eagerly. His eyes are full of sincerity as he gazes at her.

Katrina unconsciously tries to draw back her hands, but he holds onto them tightly. He doesn't back down this time, not giving her a chance to escape. His eyes are also boring into hers intensely.

This time, Katrina can't turn him down again.

Despite her terrible past, despite the fact that she has lost her innocence in a way, she doesn't know how to explain to Marcellus...

But Sophie still stands between them. Carl's kindness in raising her makes her feel a little guilty at the thought of accepting Marcellus.

On top of it all, she doesn't think Aaron will let her off so easily.

But Marcellus's eyes are too earnest, and she can feel the sincerity in his words. She never wants to see him disappointed again.

Marcellus has done so much for her. Didn't she once decide to try to accept him? Why should she let herself be swayed by messy external factors? Katrina finally nods and agrees with great determination. "Okay." She doesn't know if it's an impulsive decision or a moment of insanity. In a word, this is the simplest choice of her heart. Katrina's answer makes Marcellus mad with joy. It seems too good to believe that she really belongs to him now.

Marcellus grabs Katrina's shoulder excitedly but carefully, asking again, "Katrina, do you really want to be my girlfriend?"

Instead of avoiding his eyes, Katrina seems to be more certain about her choice this time, looking directly at him and nodding with certainty. "Yes.".

Hearing her answer Marcellus's handsome and elegant face is instantly filled with surprise and excitement. He seems to be happier than he was at any other moment in his life, even when he graduated top honors at the university.

He gathers Katrina in his arms and hugs her tightly.

Marcellus has loved Katrina for so many years, quietly pursuing her despite her constant refusal. Now, she finally agrees to be his girlfriend. How could he not be overjoyed?.

"Katrina, today is the happiest day of my life!" he exclaims. "You can rest assured that in the future, I will always be good for you. I will always be by your side!"

Full of excitement, Marcellus is eager to express his determination and devotion to her.

Held tightly in his Marcellus's arms, Katrina subconsciously tries to push him away. But when she touches his chest, she can feel his heartbeat pounding furiously.

Katrina has known Marcellus for so many years. Although Marcellus has always liked her, he has always been a man of extraordinary integrity.

The most intimate thing he has done to Katrina is to touch her head. This is the first time that he holds her hand and embraces her. It's natural for her to feel a little uncomfortable. But since she has promised to be his girlfriend, she should try to be responsive to his affections now.

And Katrina has figured things out with regards to Aaron. If she has to choose between Marcellus and Aaron to be her boyfriend, her first choice will be Marcellus.

Maybe if she has a boyfriend, she can get rid of Aaron completely. Now that she has a boyfriend, she has to be determined to make a clean break from Aaron.

Marcellus finally lets Katrina go after realizing that he's hugging her extremely tight. Aware of his impropriety, he says apologetically, "Sorry, Katrina, I got too excited."

Katrina beams. "It's fine."

After becoming Katrina's boyfriend, Marcellus is not as elegant and smooth as usual, instead of growing rather stiff. "Katrina, what do you want to eat? I'll buy you dinner."

He wants to do this properly. He wants to take her out to dinner, watch a movie together, and go on a romantic date with her as other couples do.

However, Katrina looks at him with some embarrassment. "I am a little tired today. Can I go home early?" Marcellus feels a little too eager.

After all, it has only been a while since Winnie and Sophie bullied Katrina. Winnie had slapped Katrina in her own workplace, in front of all her colleagues. She must feel a little depressed.

Marcellus reaches out his hand and touches her cheek with a pained look in his eyes.

Although the mark on Katrina's face looks much better after the ice compress, the memory of Katrina being beaten makes Marcellus heartbroken and irritated.

Marcellus changes his mind and speaks softly, "I'll take you home." While Marcellus drives Katrina home, her phone rings all of a sudden. Katrina takes out her phone and sees an unknown number. Who could it be? Answering the phone doubtfully, Katrina hears a familiar voice on the other end. "Are you off work?" Hearing the familiar voice almost causes Katrina to stop breathing. Her eyes flash with panic.

## Aaron?

What is he calling her for? When it comes to Aaron, Katrina is a bit of a coward, probably because of the shadow he left in her heart. Katrina tries to calm down. "What do you want?" There is a deliberate effort in her tone to maintain some distance between them.

Aaron's deep voice says in a strong tone, "To check in on you! I am working in Hadley these days. Wait for me and don't hook up with other men, do you hear me?"

Katrina is momentarily speechless at Aaron's words. Who does he think he is? Are you checking in on her? Are they close?

Katrina just agreed to be Marcellus's girlfriend. With Aaron calling to say such things, Katrina is afraid that Marcellus will misunderstand her.

"If you have nothing to say, I'm hanging up now." Katrina quickly ends the conversation and hangs up. Far away in Hadley, Aaron grits his teeth when he hears the busy tone on the phone. This damn woman! She actually dares to hang up on him!

When Aaron calls again, Katrina refuses to answer the phone. He can't be more annoyed at the treatment. Unspeakable rage grows with every ring left unanswered.

The audacity of this woman not to answer her phone! "Damn it!" Aaron throws the phone away in anger. Holding a needle in his hand, William laughs at him. "You still haven't won her over after going all the way to Abbe?" William knows whom Aaron called without even guessing. Katrina is the first woman who has dared to hang up on Aaron. She is the first woman to infuriate Aaron like this.