

Timeless 201

CHAPTER 201 LEON FALLS FROM GRACE.

After hanging up the phone, Bella was very frustrated. She had always pinned her hopes on Jason and Adeline to get Leon, but now Adeline obviously wanted to leave her alone. How could she not be frustrated?

She didn't know how to win Leon's affection, nor could she go as far as Hathaway to seduce him.

As for Adeline, she had been thinking a lot during this time.

Especially after she divorced Merlin, she became more dependent on Leon.

Hale was right. Leon was her biological son and the only one she would rely on in the future.

Leon's extreme behavior after breaking up with Hathaway made Adeline flustered. If he continued to be so paranoid, both he and the Davis Group would be ruined, so how could she indifferently watch all this happen?

Hence, when Bella called to say that Leon had gone to Hong Kong, Adeline was desperate and didn't want to meddle in anything.

Because it was obvious that Leon wouldn't listen to her.

As long as Leon could listen to her advice, their mother and son would not have a rigid relationship now.

In the evening, Jason was on time for the appointment. And at the same time, he was trying to speculate about Leon's invitation.

In the first half of the meal, they simply ate and casually chatted about some current political and economic topics. The atmosphere was harmonious.

When the meal was almost finished, Leon took a document next to him and handed it over to Jason. With a glance at him, Jason looked down and opened it.

After a few minutes, Jason suppressed his anger with a long face and give Leon a questioning look, "What do you mean?".

The document was collected by Warren, showing all the information about Jason's ex-girlfriend. From her graduation from university to the company she used to work for and her current situation, it was all listed clearly.

It was not a big deal for Leon to find out about his old love affair, but Jason was furious that he read along the items listed in the document until he saw that she had now set up her law firm with a friend.

Jason knew that Leon was testing his bottom line and weaknesses in this way, but he was still attracted by what his ex-girlfriend had done over the years. The feeling of being out of control made Jason particularly annoyed.

Leon didn't miss Jason's expression. Seeing this, he decided that he would take advantage of Jason's ex-girlfriend.

Of course, he couldn't show this on his face. He leaned back in his seat carelessly and answered Jason, "What can I do? I just pay you back in your own coin."

Leon laughed coldly, "You've ruined my relationship with my woman, so I did the same to you. That's all."

Leon said with such ease, while Jason almost slapped the document on the table and shouted at him, "Leon, are you crazy?".

"Are you against me for Hathaway?" Jason couldn't imagine Leon's behavior. Even if Leon and the Davis Group behind him were very rich and powerful in South City, but he was at least the vice mayor of the South City. Now that Leon dared to use such a sneaky tactic against him, wasn't he afraid that it would cause destruction to both sides after the open confrontation?

Jason shouted out, took a deep breath, and forced himself to calm down. He didn't want to get into too much trouble with Leon unless there was no other way, so he softened his tone and continued, "Is Bella not better than Hathaway? Even if you don't like Bella, there are still so many women in South City, aren't there? Do you have to spend all your time on Hathaway? Don't you know the feud between your two families?"

Leon pursed his lips and replied, "There are so many women in the world, but I only want her. "

Jason was furious and asked through gritted teeth, "Don't you care about the feud between your two families? Don't you care about the Davis Group's future? Don't you care about being against me?"

Leon chuckled and said indifferently, "I don't care."

If he wasn't happy in this life, what was the point of having fame and money?

He took the initiative and said lightly, "This is just a small appetize tonight. Mayor Wilson, if you are willing to stop, we can continue to have a cooperative relationship. Don't we have to be family to work closely together, right? Of course, if you continue to be stubborn, we only become enemies."

Leon said slowly, but every word carried a strong warning and threat to Jason. Hearing this, Jason clutched the document into a ball, then slammed it down on the floor, and turned to leave in a fury.

The dinner ended badly.

Jason was enraged by Leon and never expected Leon to declare war with him.

In Jason's opinion, Leon fell from grace!

Before this, Leon had always been the Prince Charming of the women in South City. His innate nobility and the self-discipline he had accumulated made everyone feel that the average woman in the world was simply not good enough for him. No one could imagine what it would be like for Leon to fall in love with someone.

To be exact, no one could imagine what Leon looked like when he was obsessed with someone. Because everyone took it for granted that Leon was not short of women, why would he be obsessed with a woman?

But Leon was now crazy about a woman. Just like many vulgar men, he tried every means to get the woman he wanted at all costs and without any regard for his shame

Even if that woman dumped him and they were separated by a gulf, he didn't care.

Didn't he fall from grace?

On the way home, Jason smoked several cigarettes but could not relieve his anxiety. Leon was using his ex-girlfriend against him and whether he should stop or not was always on his mind!

Jason knew very well that Leon wasn't an easy man to deal with. If he continued to help Bella and try to push her to Leon's side, he was afraid that Leon would take revenge on him with all his might, which would affect his political career...

On the other hand, Bella was his young sister, and as her brother, he naturally wanted her to be happy.

CHAPTER 202 HE TRIES EVERY MEANS TO GET HER ON A DATE.

Jason drove home and saw Bella waiting for him. With tearful eyes, she told him about Adeline's attitude today.

Bella wept her tears sadly, "Jason, you're my only helper. Don't leave me alone."

Jason took a look at his sister and remembered what Leon had done tonight, which filled him with anger. He didn't answer her and turned around to go upstairs.

Jason underestimated Leon, and even Adeline, who had a strong, rude, and almost paranoid character, could be swayed by him.

Was there anything good about Hathaway that could drive Leon to be against the whole world?

The day before Paul's 60th birthday, Hathaway went back to South City with Carl and Cynthia.

Carl and Cynthia were going to attend Paul's 60th birthday to show their gratitude and respect for him, who had given their daughter such a happy family, so they had to attend.

It was an important 60th birthday party, but because the Taylors were now in decline and Andrew was in control of the whole Taylor Group, there were no guests at the party. It was just the three siblings celebrating Paul's birthday.

The three of them had no intention of inviting guests, as Paul's health had just recovered and he was easily tired. But now, because of Hathaway, Carl and Cynthia were coming, as well as Albert with Jessica. And for the sake of Ashley, Nick would come over for Paul's birthday. Those people were not ordinary people, so Kenny and Ashley must treat them with the utmost cordiality

Kenny said he was going to pick up Hathaway from the airport, but when Albert picked up Carl and Cynthia, he also brought Hathaway back. Hathaway was still used to living in the Taylor's, so Albert sent her directly to the Taylor's.

On the way back to the Taylor's, Albert smiled and invited her, "I'll take you out to dinner tonight. Ever since you became my sister, we haven't had a chance to catch up or improve our brother-sister relationship."

Albert sincerely invited her. When Hathaway's birth was announced, she left with Cynthia and Carl, so that he didn't have time to see his sister as a brother

In the front passenger seat, Hathaway tilted her head and asked him with a smile, "What shall we talk about? Are we going to talk about how you almost chopped off my finger?"

Albert, "..."

Carl in the backseat spoke up, "If he had chopped off your hand, I would have chopped off his head right now."

Hathaway laughed out loud, and Albert protested to his father as he drove, "You are unfair. At least I have been by your side for more than 30 years. If I get no credit, I am rewarded by hard work. But now that you have a daughter, you treat me like this."

Carl snorted, "Do you have the nerve to say that you have been by my side for more than thirty years? I'm lucky you didn't piss me off."

When Carl stopped, Cynthia, who was sitting with him in the back seat, raised her hand to pinch his waist, reminding him that he should stop disliking his son and didn't neglect his son when he had a daughter. As Hathaway's mother, she didn't want Carl to play favorites. They were both his children,

weren't they?

When Albert saw Cynthia's movements in the rearview mirror, he couldn't help but smile and comfort her, "Aunt Cynthia, don't worry. I've been numbed by his dislike. It's nothing."

Such disgust or bickering was a daily way for their father and son to get along with each other. Albert loved and esteemed Carl, and Carl also doted on Albert.

Jessica made a call to Albert at this time. After a few words, Albert gave the phone to Hathaway, "Jessica misses you."

Hathaway took the phone and heard Jessica said excitedly on the other end, "Hathaway, you're finally back, I've missed you so much, did Albert tell you that we'll have dinner together tonight?"

Hathaway teasingly glanced at Albert and smiled back at Jessica, "So today's dinner is for you to talk about the old days with me, not because my brother misses me."

Hearing this, Albert, who was driving the car, felt tired.

Hathaway chatted with Jessica for a few minutes, hung up the phone, and then hear Albert instruct, "She just finished her exams and is about to go on summer vacation. You should hurry back to Hong Kong after celebrating Mr. Taylor's birthday."

Otherwise, he could be tossed to death by Jessica and Hathaway.

After summer vacation this year, Jessica would be a senior in college and had a year left to graduate.

Hathaway instantly understood the dislike Albert had for her and Jessica, so she deliberately bothered him and said enthusiastically, "Since Jessica is going on summer vacation, let her go with us to Hong Kong for a few days."

"No!" Without thinking about it, Albert seriously refused.

How could he let Jessica go to Hong Kong with Hathaway? If he didn't watch her, Jessica would play crazy, especially with Hathaway by her side.

Most importantly, he couldn't accept being separated from Jessica for so many days.

She always found all kinds of excuses not to come back from school, and only came back when he had to punish her. Now that he had a chance to leave her at home during the holidays, how could he allow Hathaway to take her to Hong Kong?

Hathaway snorted, "Don't be so bossy. By the way, it's not up to you, and I'll ask Jessica tonight."

Albert was almost mad with anger.

Why did he have such a quick-witted and irritating young sister? And then why did he choose an unruly college girl like his sister? He couldn't imagine how they would live if their future daughter inherited an unruly personality

As for Jessica, she called Leon after she finished the call with Hathaway, "We'll have dinner with Hathaway tonight, and I'll let you know the time and place later."

On the other end of the line, Leon thanked her, "Thank you."

Jessica said expectantly, "You have to do what you promised."

The man replied in a relaxed and happy voice, "Sure."

She liked a popular male star very much and would like to go to his concert, but Albert forbade it. Every time she mentioned the male star in front of Albert, he would be furious and bully her.

She didn't understand it. Was it wrong for her to be starstruck? Now a young girl like her had a god in her heart, yet Albert said her god had to be him only!

That day, Leon came to her and said that he could help her get tickets to the concert and arrange for her to take pictures with that male star, but he needed her help to ask Hathaway out, so Jessica agreed after consideration.

It was nothing else but because she thought a man who went to such lengths for a woman must like her.

CHAPTER 203 THE LIAR

Paul was very happy to see Hathaway. She put on a bright smile in front of him and went back to the unrestrained girl he loved most, which made him comfortable.

Hathaway had cut a short hair and just revealed her beautiful collarbone, which was popular and called as "Collarbone Length Haircut". The lazy and uncluttered line showed off her temperament, looking playful and smart.

The whole family happily ate lunch together. After the lunch break, Hathaway accompanied Ashley to the supermarket to buy the ingredients for Paul's birthday banquet tomorrow. The three siblings had a discussion and decided not to go to the hotel. The people at the party were all family members, so they would hold the party in the Taylor's.

The home was more comfortable than outside, and because of Hathaway, the Taylors and the Feyrers would be a family from now on.

On the way to the supermarket, Hathaway had a brief chat with Ashley. Ashley said that she just signed

a contract with Jasmine and they became an official partnership. If there was a suitable performance opportunity later, Jasmine would help her fight for it.

Hathaway nodded with a smile, "I believe in you. After all, as long as you want to do something since you were a child, you will succeed. Ashley, you are strong."

Ashley belonged to such a person who would try to do a good job and never give up easily.

For example, she was forced by Paul to study finance and economics and obviously didn't want to learn it, but she still became a student bully. Later she joined the Taylor Group as vice president and was still very successful.

So even though Ashley was now 27 years old and not at the best age for an actress, Hathaway still believe that one day she would be successful in show business with her personality, no matter how many years it took

Ashley sighed, "It's rare that you have confidence in me."

Then she laughed to herself, "I'm not thinking about being popular or hot. I just want to do what I like to do, and I can take any hardship and resist anything."

For Ashley, who had died once, there was nothing in the world that could knock her down.

Hathaway asked Ashley with puzzlement, "Doesn't Nick think highly of you?"

Ashley reached out to stroke the on her forehead and spoke in a chagrined tone, "Don't talk about him. I'm upset."

Then she confided in Hathaway about Nick's bad behaviors. Although Nick said he supported her and would not interfere with her, he always wanted to get married and deliberately didn't take any measure when making love. Once she confronted him, he said he was uncomfortable by it and men didn't like to use it.

Ashley knew exactly what he was thinking. He wanted her to get pregnant on purpose to force her to marry him.

As soon as she signed the contract with Jasmine, he wanted her to get pregnant. Was he supporting her and thinking highly of her? He was hindering her.

After hearing this, Hathaway couldn't hold back her laughter, "I didn't know Nick was so calculating."

"Right." Ashley nodded, acknowledging Nick's cunning, but Hathaway put in a good word for him, "But you should understand Nick. After all, he's not so young, and it's time for him to get married and start a family."

At the thought of Nick, Ashley thought he was too much, so she simply said, "If he wants to get married so badly, he can find another woman."

In the beginning, she confessed to Nick that she didn't want to get married for a short time, and he agreed to it, but now he had changed his mind...

So now they were in such a state that she didn't want to get married, but Nick wanted to.

Liar!

When they stopped at the supermarket parking lot, they ran into Charles. What bad luck!

During this time, Charles had been calling Ashley, but he couldn't get through it and also couldn't see her.

Ashley blocked Charles' number. Moreover, she didn't go to work, so she seldom went out unless she was otherwise. Charles couldn't always stay outside the Taylor's waiting for her to come out.

Charles didn't expect to run into Ashley on such an occasion today, with another woman by his side.

Just a few steps after Hathaway and Ashley got out of the car, they ran into Charles, who was coming to the parking lot after shopping, and his female companion. That woman was holding his arm affectionately.

Seeing this, Hathaway felt funny, while Ashley put on a calm face. As for Charles, he instinctively shook off his companion's hand at the sight of the two sisters and stepped forward to shout, "Ashley..."

Ashley ignored Charles and dragged Hathaway to leave, but Charles stopped them, "Ashley, I've been looking for you for a long time. Can we sit down somewhere and talk?"

Hathaway couldn't help sneering.

Charles looked at her and frowned slightly. To be honest, he had a headache for Hathaway, his ex-girlfriend's young sister.

Hathaway stood upright, and Charles, who was much taller than her, took a step back involuntarily.

With a contemptuous look, Hathaway pouted her lips at the woman behind Charles, who was furious at his behavior, and then said laughingly, "Charles, my sister is your ex-girlfriend, why are you still pestering her? Don't you ever feel any shame?"

Hathaway didn't intend to be so mean, but Charles had no bottom line. If he was alone and wanted to talk to Ashley today, it would be understandable. But with a female companion around him, he even

went straight forward and said this to Ashley. His behavior was not only a disgrace to his companion, but also Ashley.

Hathaway couldn't bear it.

She continued to satirize Charles, "I didn't think you were so relieved. Your ex-girlfriend just went to jail, but you have a new lover right away."

Charles felt a headache because Hathaway spoke without mercy and disgraced him every time.

When Hathaway scolded him, he bit his teeth and whispered, "She is not my new girlfriend. My mother just introduced her to me.

Before Hathaway could say something, Ashley grabbed her, stood up, and said to Charles indifferently, "I'm sorry. I have a boyfriend, so it's not convenient to meet with my ex or sit down to talk, or he'll be upset. Please don't pester me in the future."

Charles froze there and blurted out, "What? Do you have a boyfriend? Who is he?"

Charles couldn't imagine Ashley being so quick to commit to her next relationship. Immediately after breaking up with him, she was hospitalized in a car accident. Also, it was only been a short time since she was discharged from the hospital. Was she so quick to have a boyfriend with her personality?.

Charles shook his head in disbelief and said, "Ashley, you don't have to deliberately say you have a boyfriend just to push me away."

As soon as he finished speaking, he heard Ashley gave a name, "Nick Jackson."

CHAPTER 204 SHE IS MOVED.

"What?" Charles was startled as if he didn't understand why Ashley suddenly said a person's name.

Ashley smiled mockingly, "My boyfriend is Nick."

Before Charles made any other reaction, she grabbed Hathaway who was watching the show and strode away.

To be honest, Ashley had always been gentle and tolerant and never hated a person so much in all these years, but now she just felt that Charles made her sick.

Charles came back to his senses and clenched his hands beneath him. He naturally knew that when Ashley said that Nick was her boyfriend, it must mean that they were dating instead of playing with him.

Nick? Nick?

Charles knew exactly who Nick was. Because he knew that, he was angry and shocked. The fact was that Nick was superior to him in every respect!

Nick's appearance crushed his confidence in trying to regain Ashley into powder. Nick was so much better than him, both in terms of looks, family background, and his own abilities. He couldn't compete with him at all.

However, didn't Nick mind Ashley's previous engagement? Or didn't he mind that Ashley shared a bed with other men?

Charles didn't know that the first and only man Ashley had shared a bed with was Nick, so a smug smile crossed his face when he thought of this. If Nick knew that Ashley had shared a bed with other men, he probably wouldn't want her, would he?

Thinking of this, he took out his cell phone to ask one of his friends to help him check Nick's phone number because he thought that it was necessary to tell Nick about Ashley's past.

When Ashley and Hathaway entered the elevator in the mall, Hathaway took one look at Ashley's calm expression and couldn't help but titter, "Ashley, I thought you wouldn't reveal Nick's identity just now."

Hathaway didn't expect Ashley to openly reveal Nick's identity. All this time they have been in a secretive love mode because Ashley didn't want to reveal it.

Thinking of Charles, Ashley felt disgusted, "If I don't say it, Charles will think I'm lying and continue to pester me, so why don't I just tell him and let him give up?"

Hathaway smiled and continued, "Nick would probably be ecstatic if he knew that you told Charles about his identity."

To be honest, Hathaway wasn't sure how long Nick's feelings for Ashley would last at first. Perhaps it was just a macho man's desire to get what he couldn't get. But after hearing Nick want to marry and have children with Ashley, she was sure that Nick was serious about Ashley.

If Nick didn't truly love Ashley, with his wealth and ability, why did he have to marry Ashley for the rest of his life? He could be with her for a while just for fun.

When a man was willing to marry a woman and started a family with her, it meant that he was sincere to this woman.

Thinking of this, Hathaway suddenly thought of herself and Leon.

At first, Leon was also determined to marry her, despite everyone's objections and the fact that she had lost their child...

So, was he also sincere to her?

Hathaway felt a little sad and forced herself not to think about it anymore. If she continued to think about it, she would only feel more and more sorry for Leon.

Ashley looked at Hathaway and told her, "So you'd better not tell him that I said."

If Nick knew about it, he would be happy and then do something to her. She couldn't bear it.

Ashley thought it was nothing to tell Charles because he shouldn't go to challenge Nick.

However, Ashley overestimated Charles' temperament. Not long after she and Hathaway entered the supermarket, Nick gave her a call and gnashed his teeth, "Ashley, are you blind to have been engaged to such a man? Do you know what your ex-fiancé told me?"

Ashley's heart thudded. She did not expect Charles to go to Nick so soon.

While Ashley was silent, Nick continued, "Charles called and told me that you slept with other men before you got engaged to him, and there were all sorts of hints that you had slept with him too."

"Shameless!" When Ashley heard of Charles' shameless conduct, she trembled with anger.

When had she ever slept with Charles? Because of her reluctance, she did not even want to let him hold her hand when she was with him.

Nick knew that nothing happened between her and Charles. He believed her.

What made Nick angry was why she agreed to be engaged to Charles at that time. Thinking of Charles, he felt disgusting. As a man, he called the current boyfriend of his ex-girlfriend after the breakup and told him how awful she was. Was he a man? Just at the thought that Ashley's name was once associated with Charles, Nick wanted to teach him a good lesson.

"I never thought he would be such a bad person..." Ashley felt that Charles was quite enlightening. After breaking up with him, she never spoke ill of him, but Charles and his mother slandered her openly and secretly.

Nick snorted coldly, "For the sake of your admitting our relationship with him, I forgive you..."

Ashley, "..."

Did she need his forgiveness? It was not that she wanted to be engaged to Charles, but she just obeyed his father's arrangement.

Nick added, "It doesn't matter if you don't disclose our relationship with anyone else, but it's enough to

work off our anger when you admit it to Charles."

His identity and status were far superior to Charles', and Ashley opened their relationship with Charles today, so he should be probably extremely annoyed. If not, he wouldn't have been so nasty as to say this to him.

Ashley thought Nick was childish and asked him, "What did you say to him?"

Nick laughed, "I said I'm the only man you've ever had, including the past, the present, and the future."

Ashley laughed too, "That's quite a meaningful answer you gave."

Nick's words were enough for Charles to think for a while. What was the meaning of "he was her man in the past"?

Nick's words also severely humiliated Charles. He deliberately insinuated to Nick that she had physical contact with him, but Nick only used one sentence "her only man" to turn all his dirty work into a joke, which protected her better.

Ashley was moved that he had defended her pride and innocence with such decent words.

CHAPTER 205 A CHANCE ENCOUNTER

"Thank you, Nick," she whispered gratefully on the other end of the line.

Ashley never thought she would fall in love again after an unpleasant past.

As the song goes,

"I am so proud to let u know that.

You make all my dreams fulfill.

You are the one who makes me see the whole new break of dawn."

Nick responded softly, "It is insincere of you to thank me verbally. You know what I want."

After finishing the sentence, Nick had to deal with something, so he ended the call with Ashley.

He wanted an ordinary life with her, a warm family, and a deep love for each other.

It all depended on her will.

Later, when Hathaway heard about Charles' impudent behavior, she was angry and wanted to beat him up.

Seeing this, Ashley instructed her carefully, "Don't mention it in front of Dad at home, not a word about Charles' shamelessness. Otherwise, he will feel guilty and blame himself again."

Paul was hospitalized for a stroke some time ago, which was partly due to his heavy and depressed mood. After Ashley and her siblings suffered so many injuries, he blamed himself and longed to end his life. Thinking of this, Ashley didn't want Paul to know that the fiancé he had chosen for her was such a nasty man.

Hathaway understood Ashley's concern, nodded, and sighed, "True love stands out in difficult times. Nick has been through so much with you, so he will be a worthy companion for your life."

This time Ashley didn't reject it, but nodded gently, "Okay..."

In the evening, when Hathaway went to meet Albert and Jessica for dinner, Jessica hugged her at the sight of her and said excitedly, "Hathaway, I miss you so much. After getting to know you, I realized that those people I used to befriend weren't called friends."

Hathaway said with a bright smile, "This is a bit inappropriate."

Jessica released her and sincerely praised her, "You deserve it. There are many beautiful women but few with interesting souls. You're the one with both a pretty face and an interesting soul."

Jessica's praise gave Hathaway goosebumps, but she had to admit that she loved to hear that.

Jessica was a straightforward girl who spoke her mind. Compared to those hypocritical women like Bella and Abby, she was likable.

Albert raised his eyebrows and took a look at Jessica, "When I asked you to praise me, you couldn't say a word. Why are you boasting so much about Hathaway now?"

Jessica cleverly found fault with Albert's words and shouted at Hathaway, "Hey, Hathaway, he was just talking about you!"

Albert, "..."

Hathaway cooperated with Jessica and raised her eyebrows back at Albert, "Is that so?"

Albert felt troubled and wanted to walk away.

Jessica made fun of Albert unreservedly, while Hathaway smiled happily at this.

Compared to Kenny, Hathaway felt that Albert could take jokes better, mainly because he was surrounded by Jessica, who was a naughty girl. Jessica wasn't even lenient in trapping Albert, so why

should she show him any mercy as his young sister?

As they were chatting and laughing, there was a knock on the private room door, and then Leon pushed his way in with an indifferent look.

Albert and Hathaway were surprised to see him, while Jessica looked down at her mobile phone with a guilty conscience.

Leon explained casually to Albert, "I was having dinner with a client here tonight and heard that you were here, so I came over to greet you."

Albert raised his eyebrows and smiled, "What a coincidence!"

Then Leon turned to look at Hathaway and asked, "When did you come back?"

His tone and expression looked as if she was just an ordinary friend he hadn't seen for a long time, so Hathaway responded with a polite smile, "Today morning."

Leon's gaze fell on her new hairstyle for a pause, but he said nothing.

He turned to Warren behind him and ordered, "You'll be in charge of the client tonight. I have something to talk to Mr. Feyrer."

Warren nodded and left. After that, Albert put on a foxy smile and said to Leon, "Isn't that a bit inappropriate? Are you not going to accompany your client? Who has the honor of letting you leave the client behind?"

Hearing this, Hathaway gave a dirty look at Albert. Could he not deliberately make the subject about her?

Leon ignored Albert's teasing and walked straight over to sit next to Hathaway.

Hathaway, "..."

Albert, "..."

Jessica, "..."

Since Leon came in, Jessica started to play her cell phone with her head down and thought to herself, 'Leon, can you make the chance encounter more realistic? Otherwise, Albert will see the flaw, and then I'll be in trouble after going back tonight.'

However, no matter whether Leon acted realistically or not, she had already exposed herself, because Albert did not believe that Leon had a chance encounter with them. From the moment Leon came in,

Albert knew who leaked the news that they were having dinner here tonight. He didn't tell Leon about it, nor did Hathaway. Besides, Jessica looked guilty at this time, so Albert sneered secretly and gave her a ferocious stare.

While Jessica played psychological warfare with Albert, Leon found a topic to talk to Hathaway.

After sitting next to Hathaway and lighting a cigarette, Leon squinted and asked Hathaway casually, "When did you get your hair cut? You had long hair the last time I went to Hong Kong, didn't you?"

Hathaway did not expect that Leon would suddenly appear here tonight, and she had no intention of meeting him this time. But now he popped up, sat beside her, and chatted with her at ease...

To be frank, Hathaway rejected it.

She was also embarrassed and uncomfortable.

However, Leon didn't let out any ambiguity, so she couldn't walk away and had to respond with a smile, "I just had my hair cut. It's hot, and short hair helps keep me cool."

Leon drew on his cigarette and praised her in a low voice, "It's quite pretty."

Hathaway laughed awkwardly, "Thank you..."

Leon guided the conversation and played ambiguous in a nonchalant way.

Seeing that Leon sat there and planned to have dinner with them, Albert had to acquiesce and called the waiter in to order.

When it was Leon's turn, he ordered several spicy dishes in one go, which caused Albert to protest in discontent, "Why did you order so many spicy dishes?"

Jessica loved spicy food, but she was uncomfortable eating too much. Hence, Albert didn't allow her to eat. As a result, Leon even ordered so much.

Leon looked up at Hathaway beside him and said, "She loves spicy food, doesn't she?"

CHAPTER 206 LEON'S PURSUI

Hearing herself suddenly mentioned, Hathaway looked up at Leon in surprise, but her heart skipped a beat because of the deep emotion in his eyes.

She busily looked away and explained, "I liked spicy food when I was pregnant—"

After blurting out this sentence, Hathaway abruptly shut up, and Leon paused to flip through the menu with his slender fingers.

Hathaway wanted to keep such an estrangement from Leon, but the word "pregnancy" brought their thoughts back to the past.

The memory of losing the child was not so good that now Hathaway and Leon were in pain.

Albert cast a cold gaze at them who were both in silence, while Jessica dared not breathe a word.

At this time, Jessica felt that she was going to be in trouble. She didn't expect the atmosphere to be so depressing. If Hathaway was upset by Leon, Albert would punish her.

Therefore, she regretted working with Leon.

In the end, Leon broke the silence. He withdrew his gaze from Hathaway's face and said lightly, "Since you don't like spicy food now, I'll eat it."

Hathaway bit her lips and looked at him.

Didn't he have a stomachache last time? Did it make sense for him to eat spicy food now? Wasn't he afraid that he would get another stomach ache?

However, she didn't want to say anything to make him feel that she cared about him. Since she was determined not to get involved with him anymore, she shouldn't care about him and give him the wrong impression.

It was ironic that she had taken every opportunity to provoke him to approach him before, but now she shunned him.

Their relationship was a true interpretation of "have fate without destiny".

Hathaway thought with self-mockery and then turned to talk to Jessica. Without hearing her stop him from eating spicy food, Leon became very irritated for a moment and ordered several more spicy dishes in one breath.

Hathaway felt that he was crazy.

Fortunately, after ordering, Albert decided to keep only two of the restaurant's famous spicy dishes and delete all the others. Jessica stared at him with her cheeks puffed up in anger, and Albert gave her a chilly look, "Do you have the nerve to stare at me?"

Jessica instantly understood that she had been seen through by him and suddenly felt helpless.

She could imagine what punishment she would get tonight. What should she do? She didn't want to go home tonight, who could take her in for the night?

To ease Albert's anger, Jessica hurriedly bowed her head and sent a message to him with her cell phone, "Honey, come out. I have something to tell you."

She addressed him directly as "honey", not "Mr. Feyrer" or his name, Albert.

Albert gave her a cold glance and got up to leave with a straight face, followed by Jessica.

Only Hathaway and Leon were left in the private room. Hathaway couldn't stand him looking at her face with measuring and probing eyes and kept drinking water in embarrassment.

After she drank her second glass of water, Leon spoke mockingly, "Don't you want to see me?"

Hathaway quickly shook her head, "No. You are so handsome and charming, how can I not want to see you?"

Leon pursed his lips and then looked away with a gloomy face.

Leon didn't know why he was in a depressed mood. He liked that she was so relaxed with him, yet he wondered if this meant that she dropped her feelings for him.

Hathaway looked innocent and thought about what was wrong with him. As temperamental as before, he alternated between anger and coldness. But now, she had no reason to coax him.

In the end, Leon spoke again, "When will you return to Hong Kong?"

It could be told who was active or passive from the way they talked to each other in such a question-and-answer dialogue.

In the past, Hathaway took the initiative to attack and provoke, while Leon passively accepted it. Now their positions were reversed, and it was Leon who gave love and tried to win her heart back.

Hathaway told the truth, "I will leave after my father's birthday banquet."

Leon said in a light tone, "So soon?"

Hathaway smiled, "I'm an intern in Teacher Nelson's studio, so I don't have free time."

Hathaway joined Cynthia's studio after she recovered some time ago. Cynthia didn't deliberately announce Hathaway's identity and agreed with her to start as a basic designer. With the same treatment as other designers, if her design wasn't good, she would be rejected and must have to revise it accordingly.

Hearing this, Leon asked her another question, "Are you going back to South City?"

Hathaway shook her head and said, "I'm not sure. It all depends. Anyway, I'm studying in Teacher Nelson's studio for the time being."

Hathaway used to dream of working in Cynthia's studio, and her enthusiasm for this job was now far greater than anything in South City.

Leon continued to ask, "Don't you miss everything in South City when you go so far away?"

Hathaway answered with an indifferent look, "Hong Kong is much closer compared to my previous study in London. This is equivalent to me working away from home. I'll come back when I miss my dad, brother, and sister."

Hathaway was telling the truth. Hong Kong was much more convenient and much closer than her trip to the UK.

However, Leon stared at her and didn't say a word.

She said that she would miss Paul, Kenny, and Ashley, but didn't mention him.

Leon was self-deprecating, as he was not in a position to ask her to miss him as well now.

He couldn't ask her to miss him just because he missed her, could he?

Hathaway couldn't bear Leon's sight and being alone with him, so she got up and walked out on the pretext of going to the washroom.

What was going on with Albert and Jessica? Were they not going to come back after being out for so long?

With that in mind, Hathaway went out and saw Jessica standing on tiptoe to kiss Albert not far from the end of the corridor, which caused her to retreat with embarrassment.

Looking at her blushing face, Leon instantly think of what she had seen, but deliberately asked her, "Why are you back again?"

How could Jessica's little tricks escape Albert's eyes? At this moment, she was probably desperately trying to remedy it.

Leon suddenly thought of one scene. After Hathaway left midway through the meeting, she ran to his house to kiss him and beg him not to kick her out.

Thinking of this in such an atmosphere, Leon became hot and his eyes darkened as he looked at

Hathaway.

CHAPTER 207 LEON ASKED HATHAWAY TO SEND HIM HOME.

Hathaway didn't look at Leon, so she was unaware of the difference in Leon's eyes. She sat back in her seat with a smile and answered his question, "I suddenly don't want to go."

Leon picked up the cup in front of him and drank a few mouthfuls of water to suppress the heat in his heart.

As a normal man, it was normal for him to react this way to his favorite woman, but he couldn't do anything to her.

As for Jessica, when she walked out of the private room with Albert to a secluded place at the end of the corridor, she flew into his arms at once and clung to his waist, "Honey, I was wrong."

Albert smiled indifferently. "Yes? What did you do wrong?"

Jessica dug into his arms, "I shouldn't have deliberately told Leon that we were having dinner here tonight and allow him to meet Hathaway."

Jessica was flexible, deeply aware of her mistakes, and also made a full confession.

She knew better how to coax Albert.

As expected, her embrace helped to extinguish Albert's anger. Then Albert pulled her out of his arms and asked her, "What benefits has Leon given you?"

Jessica coughed softly and whispered with averted eyes, "He said he could help me get tickets to that actor's concert and arrange for us to meet up close..."

Although Jessica's voice was very low, Albert made it out and was about to explode. He gritted his teeth to glare at the fair and delicate girl in front of him for a while and turned to leave.

Jessica got anxious and hurriedly ran to pull him, "You always forbid me to see that actor. I just appreciate him as a fan and won't have anything with him."

She was now his wife, what else could she do?

Although Jessica was young, she had a conservative nature. Since she was married to Albert, she had never wanted to be associated with another man, even though sometimes she teased him.

Besides, there were so many star fans in the world. Some of them had families, who would think of having a relationship with those stars?

Albert stared at her and sneered, "You're the one who misbehaved, but you had the good sense to accuse me of not letting you see the concert."

Jessica, "..."

She was indignant at Albert's wording, "What do you mean by my misbehavior?"

Albert popularized it to her word by word, "To covet and admire another man is to be unfaithful. As a married woman, you can only have your man in your heart!"

After staring at him for a while with her cheeks bulging, Jessica looked up and talked back to him, "Your goddess is Miranda Kerr! You're married, but why am I not the only one in your heart?"

Albert, "..."

Miranda Kerr was not just his goddess, but many men's.

However, how did she know about this?

Albert reached out and dragged her to him, "Who told you that?"

Jessica snorted, "Dad."

Hearing this, Albert was annoyed. His father was dragging him down, why did he tell her this old story?

When Albert was young, or rather, most men would have been fascinated by a woman with a good figure and a pair of attractive long legs.

Jessica saw his silent expression and immediately gloated, "You have nothing to say, right? I'm not interfering with you, so you'll leave me alone in such matters later."

"No way!" Albert said back to her without hesitation and continued, "You are the only one in my heart, so you have to do the same with me."

When Jessica opened her mouth to say something, Albert suddenly altered his face, "Don't change the subject. Tonight is not over yet."

Jessica, "..."

Why wasn't it over yet? Didn't she change the subject to the fact that he had a goddess?

"Jessica, as my woman, you know the consequences of betraying me, don't you?" Albert narrowed his eyes and threatened Jessica, but she argued stubbornly, "I didn't betray you. I just betrayed

Hathaway..."

Then under Albert's warning eyes, she instantly wimped out, went forward to wrap her arms around his neck, and kissed him, "I was wrong..."

Jessica knew exactly who Albert was. He didn't allow any betrayal because it could be fatal to him. And he made this clear to her on the first day she was with him.

Of course, she was aware of his bottom line and would never touch it, even though she was young.

The reason why she cooperated with Leon was that she felt Leon's deep affection for Hathaway.

She also certainly knew that Albert trusted her. If she was so ignorant, he wouldn't like her to that extent. He was just making things difficult for her by saying so. In that case, she coaxed him as he wished.

Unsurprisingly, Albert enjoyed her coaxing and reacted instinctively by clasping her waist with his hands and pressing her into his arms. At this time, he wanted to take her home and do something with her, but thinking about Hathaway's relationship with Leon, he resisted the urge and returned to clean up the mess.

When they went back to the private room, the food was served and they started eating.

During the meal, Albert and Leon did not talk much, leaving Jessica to find topics to chat with Hathaway. These two girls should have a lot to talk about, but Hathaway did not want to talk too much because of Leon's presence. Hence, only Jessica kept talking.

Hathaway felt mixed emotions about the dinner.

After eating for a while, Albert teased Leon, "President Davis, don't you have to go serve your client?"

Leon smiled faintly, "No, it's enough to have Warren there."

Albert was amused by his words and thought that he was so... cheeky.

He had already known that he had come to see Hathaway on purpose, but Leon was still acting in front of him.

Hathaway didn't know that she had been betrayed by Jessica and thought that Leon was a chance encounter. After all, he was followed by Warren, looking like he was here to have dinner with his client, but Hathaway had doubts about this. Since there was a client, did it make sense for him as the boss not to entertain?

But Hathaway wouldn't ask any questions about this, and when the meal was almost done, she said

goodbye to the three of them, "I'm full and need to go now. Henry's plane is arriving soon and I have to pick him up at the airport."

Henry came to celebrate Paul's birthday, as her good friend and former partner, as well as Cynthia's godson.

He should have come with them on the same flight, but because Zoe needed his help with something, he took the evening flight.

CHAPTER 208 LEON PLAYS TRICKS IN SECRET.

Albert didn't know that Henry was coming and instinctively looked towards Leon beside him on hearing the news. After seeing Leon's gloomy face, he couldn't help but laugh and deliberately asked Hathaway, "Is he coming too?"

Albert knew of Henry's existence and his previous acquaintance with Hathaway. During Hathaway's stay in Hong Kong, Jessica often talked to her, so he was well aware of her condition.

Hathaway nodded, "Yes, he should have come with us, but he was delayed by something."

Albert gave a glance at Leon and then cheerfully supported Hathaway's departure, "Okay, you'd better hurry. He is a guest after all, and don't let him wait for you."

Hathaway nodded and wanted to leave with her bag, but suddenly Leon stood up and said lightly, "You won't miss the time. I'm drunk, send me home first."

Jessica felt that she couldn't look directly at Leon, who was cheeky. If Leon was secretly cheeky when he asked Hathaway out to dinner through her, he was playing a rogue openly now. She was embarrassed for Leon. Compared to her, Albert leaned back in his chair with his arms folded and unscrupulously admired Leon's cheekiness.

Hathaway was speechless at Leon's behavior, but she smiled and refused politely, "Isn't Warren here? He can drive you home."

Leon replied with ease, "He'll send off the client and has no time for me."

Hathaway continued with a smile, "You can take a taxi or call a chauffeur."

Anyway, Hathaway didn't want to take Leon home. Why would she send him home? She had nothing to do with him.

Leon was silent for a moment and then looked at Hathaway with dark eyes.

Jessica buried her face deeper under the table. She used to think that face-to-face quarrels hurt each other, or that it was torture when two people did all the bad things to each other. Now that she looked

at Leon and Hathaway in this state, she felt even more tortured.

It was the cruelest thing for two people to love each other but not to be together, but Leon and Hathaway not only had to endure the cruelty but also pretended as if nothing had happened.

Jessica was filled with pity for them and thought that she was happy compared to them. Without the hindrance from her and Albert's parents, Carl was also very good to her and had been helping her to bully Albert.

A while later, Leon said with a self-deprecating smile, "We almost got married. Aren't you even willing to send me home?"

Hathaway, "..."

She stared at him angrily and didn't know what to say.

It was obvious that he had to ask her to take him home.

Hathaway had no time to spend with him, and if they continued like this, Henry's flight should arrive. She couldn't let Henry wait for her at an unfamiliar airport in the middle of the night.

Thinking of this, Hathaway gritted her teeth, grabbed her key, and said to Leon, "Let's go."

Then she walked out of the room and followed by Leon, who was in a good mood for achieving his purpose.

Seeing this, Jessica breathed a sigh of relief. If they didn't leave, she would be tangled to death.

Albert also picked up his car key and turned to ask Jessica, "Have you had enough? Let's go back."

Jessica was full, but she didn't want to go back so early and instinctively felt a sense of danger, "Why go back so early? How about you take me to your bar?"

Although most of the entertainment venues in South City were Albert's, Jessica had never been there because Albert didn't allow it!

Hearing her words, Albert simply responded to her with a sneer and left with the key, while Jessica reluctantly went after him.

As Hathaway got into the car, Leon also sat on the front passenger seat of her car. She just inserted the key to start the car and heard Leon say, "It's not safe for you to go to the airport alone at night. I'll go with you to pick him up at the airport, and then you can drive me home."

Hathaway didn't want to say a word to Leon and stepped on the accelerator to drive away.

He could do whatever he wanted and even keep going like this.

So Leon followed Hathaway to the airport, and they were silent all the way.

When Henry saw Leon and Hathaway appear at the airport gate side by side, he was shocked and angry on the spot, and then asked Hathaway incredulously, "Why are you with him again?"

Hathaway couldn't explain to Henry in a few words why she was now with Leon, so she said to Henry in a bad mood, "Are you leaving or not?"

Henry gave Leon a fierce stare and followed Hathaway with his suitcase.

Leon was in a relaxed and happy mood and ignored Henry's dissatisfaction and protest.

After sitting in the front passenger seat, he said to Hathaway, "Take him to the hotel and then drive me home, otherwise, it's not on your way."

Henry gritted his teeth in anger, "Hathaway, it's my first visit to South City. Shouldn't you accompany me as a host first?"

Immediately he added, "I haven't had dinner yet. Airline meal is not enough for me."

The implication was that he wanted Hathaway to take him out to eat later instead of sending Leon home.

Hathaway was now annoyed and didn't want to talk to either of them, so she said to Henry in an indifferent tone, "I'll take you back to the hotel later and order you some food. You should have a good rest."

With that, she turned to look at Leon, "Then I'll send President Davis home. I have something to say."

Hathaway wanted to ask Leon what he wanted.

After finishing speaking, she drove them away. On the way, Henry tried to find an excuse to talk to Hathaway, but Leon in the front passenger seat looked back at him and warned, "We're on the highway and it's nighttime with poor lighting and poor visibility. Don't you know you have to make the driver concentrate on driving? Can you handle the responsibility in case of a traffic accident?"

His words rendered Henry speechless.

Leon didn't bother to pay attention to Henry, glanced at him coldly, and turned around.

Henry, who was in the back seat, silently scolded Leon for being childish.

Leon was so childish. He was afraid that he would be ostracized if he had a cheerful chat with Hathaway, wasn't he? He didn't want to see him being close to Hathaway, did he?

Was it fun for him to play tricks in secret like this?

CHAPTER 209 I'LL ASSIST YOU.

Hathaway sent Henry back to the hotel and ordered a bunch of late-night snacks for him on her mobile phone so that he could get enough to eat. Henry looked reluctant, but she had no time for him. At this moment, she just wanted to drive Leon home and asked him what he wanted.

Hathaway was holding back her anger, starting from last time Leon went to Hong Kong, inexplicably asked her out to dinner and let her deliver medicine to him, and then tonight showed up at her dinner with Albert and Jessica, until now he brazenly stayed in her car and childishly argued with Henry over jealousy...

Hathaway found her irritating to the extreme!

So she got back into the car and slammed the door shut with anger. Her strength was so strong that Leon in the front passenger seat couldn't help but take a look at her. Although Leon didn't talk much throughout the night, Hathaway could feel that he was in a cheerful mood.

Ignoring Leon, Hathaway started the car, stepped on the accelerator, and sped off towards his residence.

As they passed a section of the road, Leon gracefully adjusted his sitting posture and said, "Here's a friendly warning. The speed limit in this section is 80."

Hathaway took a look at the value on the dashboard that broke the speed limit and wanted to curse.

However, the man beside her spoke slowly, "Anger doesn't solve any problems. At any time and in any situation, keeping calm can put you in a good position to take the initiative."

Hathaway couldn't take it anymore and yelled at him, "Shut up!"

Was he a monk chanting sutras? He babbled in her ear. She was fed up with him. Didn't he have a little self-knowledge?

After yelling at him, Hathaway once again felt that Leon was in a better mood because ... he shamelessly reached out to turn on the music in her car, "It's too quiet. Let's put on some music."

She was in a bad mood, but he listened to music. Wasn't he deliberately trying to annoy her?

Hathaway pursed her lips and sulked. She had always felt that she was irritating. When did Leon become

like this?

Leon glanced at her angry face and laughed slightly.

He loved to see her angry with him and rich in emotions towards him and hated the way she kept a distant distance from him with a false smile.

He thought he would be able to wait until Adeline relented and agreed to him being with her before taking action, but the separation of more than a month made his days seem like years.

Besides, the separation also made him rethink his previous decision. His life only lasted for a few decades, so why would he waste time separating from his favorite woman?

He didn't want to waste a second but spent every moment with her.

Hathaway parked her car downstairs of Leon's residence, turned off the engine, and turned to look at Leon calmly. However, before she could say something, Leon smiled at her lightly, "See you tomorrow."

Leon spat out these words slowly, which completely aroused Hathaway's anger.

What did he mean by that? Tomorrow was Paul's birthday party, so she would be at home all day. How could he see her? Was he going to Paul's birthday party?

Hathaway found Leon unreasonable.

She kept the last shred of sanity and said fiercely, "Are you going to my father's birthday party tomorrow?"

"Can't I?" Leon answered her in a flat tone, "Mr. Taylor is my respected elder. Besides, we almost got married before, so he was one step away from becoming my father-in-law then. Is there anything wrong with me going to celebrate his birthday?"

Hathaway wanted to beat him up, especially when he was talking so confidently.

She stared at him for a while and smiled gleefully, "Well, if you're not afraid of being kicked out, go ahead."

Hathaway thought to herself that Carl would probably be the first one to flare up at the sight of him.

Leon spoke innocently, "I simply want to celebrate Mr. Taylor's birthday and haven't done anything to annoy them, so why are they going to throw me out of the door?"

Hathaway suddenly put on a bright and sly smile, "What if I tell my two fathers that you bullied me tonight? Mr. Feyrer will be the first one to kick you out!"

He simply went to celebrate Paul's birthday. Couldn't she speak ill of him? Anyway, he pestered her first, so she didn't have to worry about anything.

After Hathaway finished speaking, Leon squinted at her for a while and suddenly reached out to hug her, which made Hathaway shrink back in shock, "What are you doing?"

Leon still leaned over to her, "Aren't you going to accuse me of bullying you? Now I have to assist you actively because I can't let you talk without proof."

Hathaway, "..."

Just as she was exasperated, Leon forcefully reached out to clasp the back of her head and pushed it towards him. Then he covered his lips right over hers and kissed her hard.

Hathaway struggled a lot, but in return, it was a deeper kiss from him.

Because of this kiss, Hathaway's chiffon shirt was ruffled and the temperature inside the car was getting hotter and hotter.

Hathaway had the most intimate physical contact with Leon before, so she could feel that Leon's kiss was not pure but was mixed with a burning desire as if she would be eaten by him in the next second.

But she was unable to struggle free and had to take his kiss.

She thought he would stop it soon, but she didn't expect that he had no intention of doing so.

He changed from a strong kiss to a gentle one. Their breaths blended into one, and Hathaway's heart was trembling. She had him in her heart, so his kiss was now both sweetness and poison to her.

In the past, when she was with Leon, she was willing to do it every time, so she had never felt what it was like to be forced. At this point, she resisted but was unable to push Leon away, which made her feel terrified. For the first time, she knew that a man's strength was so strong and powerful.

In a panic, she opened her mouth to bite Leon and pushed him away when he frowned in pain.

"Leon, what do you want?" Hathaway was fed up and growled at Leon.

Leon raised his hand to stroke the lip she had bitten and smiled indulgently, "I want to get you back."

Being mad at him, Hathaway shook her short hair and said in a dismissive tone, "Believe it or not, I have a way to make you obsessed with me and will find a way to make you hate me!"

CHAPTER 210 DIDN'T YOU FEEL IT YOURSELF

Hathaway thought she would make Leon angry by saying this. After all, he used to be an angry man, but instead of being annoyed, Leon chuckled.

Then he said in a relaxed tone, "Fine, I'll wait to see how you make me hate you."

As long as she was willing to do something to make him hate her, they would have a chance to meet. He couldn't wait for her to do so.

He was so determined to get her back, how could he be swayed by her behavior?

Hathaway wanted to annoy Leon, but after hearing his words, she couldn't say anything.

She angrily pointed out the car window and rudely asked him to leave, "Get out of here!"

Leon raised his hand and straightened his clothes, with a deliberate tease in his eyes, "I'd rather sleep with you."

Hathaway, "..."

She tapped the steering wheel in front of her with her white hand, put on a smile, and teased Leon, "You are cheekier when you get older."

Leon smiled back at her, "Haven't you felt it yourself? I think I have good physical strength."

Hathaway couldn't help it and rolled her eyes at him.

When a man had no sense of shame, he could do anything.

Leon's current performance opened her eyes.

Leon appropriately stopped pestering her, turned around to open the door and get out of the car. Without looking at him, Hathaway stepped on the accelerator and drove away.

Leon walked upstairs with delight and felt that he could have a good night's sleep.

Soon after Hathaway left Leon's house, she received a call from Henry, and he asked probingly, "Where are you now?"

Hathaway answered him in a flat tone, "I'm on my way home. What's the matter?"

Henry's tone was more relaxed, "It's nothing. I just wanted to tell you that the midnight snack was delicious. By the way, I thought you wouldn't leave tonight."

Hathaway said gloomily, "Do you think I'm a person without principles and bottom line?"

"I know you have, but Leon has no bottom line," Henry explained to Hathaway and said indignantly, "What does he mean by pestering you like this? Didn't you say his mother was unwilling for you to be together?"

Hathaway was upset, "I don't know what's wrong with him, but I'm now against him."

Tonight she spoke tough words to make him hate her, so she was against him."

"Have an early rest. You've had a busy day today." After saying these to Leon, Hathaway hung up the phone and continued to drive home.

She arrived home and made a phone call to Cynthia to tell her that she had got Henry off to the hotel, but she heard the depression her voice on the other end of the line. Then she asked her with concern what had happened, and Cynthia said sourly, "We went out to dinner with your dad's friends tonight. Your dad got drunk, and I had a hard time getting him back. Now he's babbling nonsense—"

As soon as Cynthia stopped, Hathaway heard Carl shouting on the phone, "Evelyn!"

Cynthia had no choice but to tell her, "I'm going to check on him. Have an early rest. You should be busy tomorrow."

Hathaway nodded with a smile, "Okay."

Cynthia came back with Carl in the morning and stayed here. After their break, Carl asked his friends to dinner tonight. Cynthia didn't want to go because she didn't know them at all, but Carl insisted that she should go and said that the dinner was for her.

It was the pride he felt when he couldn't wait to introduce the woman he loved to his brothers and good friends. Despite their age, he still treated her with the same solemnity and sincerity that he had in his youth. Cynthia could not refuse such sincerity, so she went with him.

All the people at the table were Carl's brothers who had gone through fire and water with Carl when they were young. As soon as they saw Cynthia, they all greeted her with enthusiasm. Moreover, they were informal people, so they praise her a lot and played jokes on her and Carl with gusto. Sometimes their words were so ambiguous that Cynthia's face was burning all night.

However, Cynthia was pleased to see that Carl was the best in maintaining his figure and appearance among the group of elderly men. It was impossible to tell that he was 50 years old without mentioning his age.

During the dinner, a man came to greet her affectionately, as if he knew her well. Cynthia was so embarrassed because she didn't recognize him. At this time, Carl introduced them to each other with his arms around her waist, while Cynthia struggled to hold back her laughter.

After Carl said the man's name, Cynthia vaguely remembered that he was a lean and young teenager at Carl's side. As a follower, he often helped Carl to deliver things to her or pick her up. But now, when Cynthia saw that he became a middle-aged man with a big belly and a balding head, she instantly felt funny.

Time was flying, fattening up boys into middle-aged men and turning girls into women.

The only unchanged thing was his true love for her.

Although they were not young anymore, his love for her was still alive.

Because Carl was happy all night, he ended up drunk.

With the help of the middle-aged man, Cynthia finally got Carl back home. After the man left, Carl took her by the hand and began to chatter.

"You'd better change your name to Evelyn, I like it."

Cynthia patiently explained, "My name is Evelyn. I only use Cynthia when designing work. It's just a stage name."

It meant "cherish time".

Since she came to Hong Kong, she had been using this name to publish her designs. As time went by, people liked to call her Cynthia, and she also liked the name, so she continued to be called that.

If it weren't for her reunion with Carl, she would probably have been called Cynthia forever in her life.

Cynthia took a wet towel to wipe the drunken man's face and hands and then heard him say with a bright smile, "I'm satisfied to have you for one day in this life. Now that I can spend every day with you for the rest of my life, I think I'm the happiest person in the world."

Cynthia was moved to smile. Looking at Carl, she couldn't help but think of Hathaway.

She remembered Hathaway's bright smile just like Carl's now.

And her optimistic and happy attitude was inherited from Carl.