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CHAPTER 281 SPOILING HIS GIRLFRIEND

Hathaway was indirectly announcing that she was willing to make Leon happy.

Wasn't that what happened in love? No matter who took the initiative to coax, as long as the person was willing to do so and they were both happy.

After discussing love, Nick asked Hathaway in a low voice, "How is he feeling? I mean about Aunt Adeline."

Hathaway looked into the direction, "He's fine. He should have been mentally prepared just because what happened yesterday was so sudden for him."

Nick nodded, "Didn't you suggest going out for a trip? Most of the time it's better to deal with this kind of sadness by going out for a trip."

Hathaway sighed, "I suggested it, but he said he wouldn't go out."

Nick gave her a look and smiled, "With you by his side, it is enough for him to get out of his grief."

Hathaway rolled her eyes at him, "Am I so charming?"

Nick replied, "I don't know if you have any other charm and only know that you have the charm to heal Leon."

Hathaway laughed.

Leon simply made three dishes and one soup for lunch. Nick finished his meal and left, while Leon and Hathaway took a nap.

They were in the master bedroom together, but as soon as they lay down, Leon smothered Hathaway with kisses. After the kiss, they were on fire with lust, so Hathaway got up and silently went to the guest bedroom. They couldn't go on like this.

Leon didn't stop her because he was tormented by his desire.

They each took a quiet nap. When they got up in the afternoon, they had nothing to do, and after thinking for a while, Hathaway asked Leon, "Are you sure you don't want to go out for a walk?"

Leon nodded and heard Hathaway say, "Well, I'm going out for a walk."

Leon frowned and asked, "Where are you going?"

"The decoration market. I've rent the studio with Jessica. We planned to start the decoration design when I came back from Ashley's crew." Hathaway explained to Leon, "But I didn't expect to come back early. Since that's the case, I might as well start work earlier."

As Leon was in a bad mood, Hathaway wanted to stay with him these days and go out for a break with him, but he didn't want to go out. It wouldn't be a good idea for them to stay here like this all day, so Hathaway decided to do her thing.

Leon got up along with her, "I'll go with you."

Hathaway said helplessly, "If you have time to spend with me, you might as well go back to the company and deal with your work."

He was a busy man. Yesterday Warren said that he helped Leon put off work to calm him down. Now that he was in a good mood, he should go to work. What was the point of helping her with her decoration?

Leon insisted, "I'm not in the mood to deal with my work, but I'm interested in yours."

Although Leon told himself to let it go, he would suddenly think of Adeline's death and be sad when the air was suddenly quiet or he was upset.

If he went to help Hathaway with her wor, he would ask himself to do everything for her with all his heart, so that he wouldn't have time to think about anything else.

Hathaway didn't know how to answer Leon. How could a person be willing to work for someone else instead of doing his job?

Since he insisted on going along, she had to agree with him, and then they changed their clothes together. Before going out, Hathaway called Jessica and asked her to meet at a coffee shop next to the decoration market. Jessica was a little surprised that she would come out and asked her in a whisper on the other end, "Leon 's mother has passed away, don't you need to be with him?"

Jessica heard about Adeline's death from Albert. A few years ago her father also died of illness, so she knew the pain of losing a blood relative and understood that Leon needed rest and Hathaway's company now.

When her father passed away, if Albert hadn't been by her side to comfort and coax her, she didn't know if she would have been able to get out of it.

Hathaway took Leon's arm beside her and easily answered Jessica, "Take him out for a break in another way."

"Well..." Jessica responded, "I'll change my clothes and go out immediately. See you later."

She said she would see them later, but it became a meeting of four people because Albert also came out with Jessica. After seeing Leon, Albert comforted him, "My condolences."

Leon nodded. Outsiders couldn't say anything other than these words "my condolences" in such a matter.

After Hathaway met with Jessica, they talked about the concept and style of studio decoration design for a while and then shopped around the decoration market according to their envisioned style. A short while later, Jessica shouted that her feet hurt, and Albert glared at her sullenly, "I didn't hear you shout that your feet hurt when you were shopping in the mall."

Jessica pouted, "Is shopping on a par with decoration?"

Shopping at the mall was both painful and enjoyable, while at the decoration market she only got more and more bored.

She was not a meticulous and manipulative person. It gave her a headache to look at all kinds of decoration materials or compare them.

So she started to shamelessly try to push everything to Albert. This kind of manual work should always be done by men, shouldn't it?

Before Albert and Hathaway could say something, Leon looked at Hathaway and said, "You two go back to the coffee shop and wait, and we'll do the rest for you."

Hearing Jessica cry out that her feet hurt, Leon suddenly realized that Hathaway was now on her period and not fit to shop around like this, so he volunteered to take on Hathaway and Jessica's work.

When Hathaway opened her mouth to say something, Leon added, "You're not feeling well, so don't run around."

However, Albert protested in discontent, "Mr.Davis, don't make a mistake. They want to start a business, not the two of us."

Although Albert had acquiesced to Jessica's business venture, he was a bit reluctant inside and was planning to use the decoration to torment Jessica so that she would back off. As a result, Leon volunteered to take on Hathaway and Jessica's work, and all his plans fell through.

And most importantly, when Leon said this, it sounded as if he did not care for his woman.

How could he not love Jessica? Because he loved her so much, he could not bear to let her go out into society on her own and wanted her to retreat and return to his shelter. His woman could have anything

she wanted, so why did she have to come out to suffer all that and be despised by others?

CHAPTER 282 HE'S QUITE CARING.

Hathaway didn't have the same idea of not wanting to bother to think about the decoration as Jessica did. Perhaps because of her personality, she was quite willing to do everything by herself. After all, it was her studio. Not to mention brick by brick, but it was a pleasure to decorate every inch with her hands, wasn't it?

However, when she saw that Leon insisted on helping her and thought that her back and legs would be sore if she walked a lot during her period, she agreed, "Okay."

As a result, Hathaway and Jessica went back to the café to enjoy their coffee in the air conditioning, while Leon and Albert went to do the shopping according to the plan the two women had discussed earlier.

After sitting down in the café, Hathaway teased Jessica, "How can you start a business like that? I think Albert will lure you home to have a baby in a few days."

Albert was trying to frustrate Jessica but was later stopped by Leon.

Jessica took a sip of her coffee and shook her head firmly, "Don't worry about it. I have principles. Since I agreed to partner with you, I will do it properly for a long time."

Then she slouched in her seat and said, "It's all Albert's fault. He pampers me so much that I don't want to do the hard work."

"Last time we were at Jasmine's studio and heard Jasmine talk about her decoration process, I was very excited. But today, when we do it in person, I realized it wasn't as easy as Jasmine said, so I played a trick and pushed everything to Albert." Jessica said truthfully and didn't hide her heart from Hathaway. Hearing her words, Hathaway didn't even know what to say.

Every one was a different individual after all. They were not Jasmine and had not experienced the hardships that she had, so they could not suffer the same hardships as Jasmine.

Especially Jessica, although she had suffered a lot before she met Albert, she had not suffered a little in the past few years since she had been with Albert, so she was inevitably spoiled.

As for Hathaway, she was able to bear the hardships, but because of Leon's involvement, she was forced to become idle.

Hathaway also thought that since Leon wanted to help her, she should let him be busy so that he could forget the sadness of losing his mother and get out of it more quickly.

In the decoration market, Albert teased Leon nonchalantly, "I didn't expect you to be quite caring."

Leon ignored Albert's teasing and said, "Because it's her, I care. As for others, I don't have the leisure to care."

Albert gave an exclamation of surprise.

He had known Leon for quite a long time. Frankly speaking, Leon became famous in the business circle of South City at a young age. Because he had a father like Merlin who had no interest in running the company, Hale took him around and started to personally instruct and train him almost from a very young age. When Leon was thirteen or fourteen years old, he had begun to use his spare time to deal with the business of the Davis Group, while Merlin just carried out some decisions for him as an adult.

In this regard, Albert and Leon had the same experience. Leon took over the company at a young age because Merlin was not interested in running the company, but he was forced to take over the company because his father was greedy for enjoyment and only cared about improving himself for his goddess. They were both famous as teenagers and considered to have known each other for a long time.

However, Leon's reputation in South City had always been much colder and more ruthless than him.

When he thought of the way Leon had just treated Hathaway, he felt that he should take a picture of him and send it out to show everyone how President Davis, the coldest man in South City, cared about a woman.

Leon's love for Hathaway turned his ruthlessness into softness, right?

Hathaway and Jessica waited in the cafe for less than half an hour before Leon and Albert came back. They were very capable and quickly found a construction team to do the decoration, while Hathaway and Jessica would only need to be responsible for the soft furnishings.

It was getting late, so the four of them decided to have dinner together. Near the end of the dinner, Hathaway received a call from Paul, who asked her on the other end, "Come back tonight if you have time. President Taylor is waiting at home and wants to meet you."

"President Taylor?" At first, Qiao couldn't understand who Paul was referring to, but then she smiled, "Fine, tell him I'll be back within half an hour."

When Paul mentioned "President Taylor", he was referring to Andrew.

Their family had now completely severed ties with Andrew's family, so Paul no longer called him Andrew as he did before, but called him President Taylor distantly.

Hathaway caught the meaning of Paul's words that Andrew had been waiting for her at the Taylor's, or to be precise, he lingered there and insisted on seeing her. In that case, she would see him. Anyway, she

had told Andrew last time that they would be enemies the next time they met. Since Andrew was not afraid of her treating him as an enemy, what did she have to fear?

After Hathaway hung up the phone, Leon asked her, "Does Andrew want to see you?"

As soon as Leon heard "President Taylor", he instantly knew who wanted to see Hathaway and smiled coldly, "I think he wants to plead with you for Abby's sake."

After Abby was released from the psychiatric hospital by Andrew, Leon immediately took Abby to court for intentional assault. She hurt his fiancée—Hathaway at that time and causing her to lose their child.

The final verdict of the case would be handed down in a few days, and Abby would end up in jail for at least three years so that she happened to be sent to join her mother, Barbara. What kind of family environment had created such a malicious mother and daughter. If possible, Leon wanted them to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

"Is he trying to plead with me?" Hathaway was about to explode with anger after listening to Leon's analysis of Andrew's state of mind.

How could Andrew have the nerve to ask her for mercy after what Abby had done that was against reason and nature?

If she let Abby go, who would spare her unborn innocent child? What mistake did her child make? Her child could have been born safely in this world and even made up for Adeline's regret of having a grandson or granddaughter, but it was brutally killed by Abby just when Hathaway could feel the existence of her child.

Every time Hathaway thought of the scene of being pushed down the stairs by Abby, she wanted to tear her apart.

CHAPTER 283 IT'S ALL FOR HER GOOD.

"Well, if he pleads with me about this, he'll just have to fend for himself." Hathaway suppressed her anger and said through clenched teeth.

Hathaway had never felt that she hatred Andrew's family so much before, but after seeing their viciousness time and time again, Hathaway had nothing but hatred and disgust for them.

Albert was also annoyed and turned to propose to Leon, "Why don't we join hands to destroy the Taylor Group?"

Leon looked at Hathaway with a frown and shook his head, "Don't rush it."

The reason why Leon did not readily accept Albert's proposal was mainly for Hathaway's sake.

The current Taylor Group should belong to Paul's family. Paul had managed the Taylor Group for most of his life by suppressing Tom's open and veiled struggles, and later Kenny had managed it by suppressing Andrew for a long time after taking over. Although the Taylor Group was not the leading company in the business circle in South City, it was considered a big one.

If they rashly destroyed the Taylor Group, it would be the same as destroying Paul and Kenny's hard work for so many years. Leon was afraid that Hathaway would be upset.

Leon added, "Given Andrew's character, even if he is in charge of the Taylor Group now, it won't last long."

In the past, Andrew had acted in a restrained manner because he was concerned about Hathaway, or he wanted to be a gentle and elegant man to get Hathaway. However, after his ugly confrontation with Hathaway, he knew that he had no hope of getting Hathaway, so he completely tore off his previous pretense of being gentle and elegant and acted cunningly and viciously in the business circle.

In business, whether it was a small company or a company with a market value of several billion, the most important thing was honesty. Without it, how could a company have long term development in the future?

Albert said in a mocking tone, "Andrew always plotted others and made profits for himself at all costs. It's not a big deal to do this once or twice, but who will continue to work with him if he does this for a long time? Is a businessman a fool?"

After listening to Albert's words, Hathaway was angry and hateful towards Andrew.

She had gone to Hong Kong after breaking up with Leon, and Paul had also explained that they should not have any thoughts about the Taylor Group, so Hathaway had not paid any attention to the Taylor Group and Andrew's movements and had no idea that Andrew was running the Taylor Group with such character and manner.

Andrew was not running the Taylor Group but ruining it!

"He's a scum!" Hathaway scolded Andrew fiercely.

Leon looked at her and said in a warm voice, "Don't worry. Andrew must be gotten rid of, but the Taylor Group will be kept as much as possible."

Leon knew Hathaway best and knew that Hathaway would be sad if the Taylor Group was ruined.

Not to mention that the Taylors had helpers like Nick and Albert, even if it was him alone, he would be able to help her keep the Taylor Group.

Although Paul and Kenny showed that they no longer cared about the end of the Taylor Group and being

taken away by Andrew, they were not willing to let it go. With the power of their father and son, they couldn't fight Andrew now, so they gave up without ambition.

As long as they brought it up, Leon, Albert, or Nick, any one of them could easily take back the Taylor Group for them.

However, Paul and Kenny would be able to mention it to them.

Leon could understand their father and son's state of mind. After all, neither he nor Nick was a legitimate couple with Hathaway and Ashley, so they had no reason to help them.

Hathaway was in no mood to eat and turned to Leon and the others, "I'll go back first. You guys go on eating."

Leon held her hand and said hastily, "I'll go with you."

"But..." Hathaway wanted to say that Paul had acquiesced to their relationship but might not be willing to see him, and Leon was not in the right mood to talk to Paul about their relationship right now. Moreover, it was not appropriate for Leon to talk to Paul about their relationship with his current mood.

If the day came to meet, Hathaway wanted Leon to pay them a formal visit after he got out of the sadness of Adeline's death.

Leon insisted, "I'll wait for you outside."

Leon knew that with Hathaway's character, she would not lose out in front of Andrew, but he wanted to accompany her.

She would have more confidence with him around, right?

Hathaway knew that Leon was worried about her, so she acquiesced to his request.

Leon drove Hathaway back to the Taylor's and saw Andrew's car parked there. Hathaway gritted her teeth in anger, got out of the car, and walked quickly into the house.

Leon didn't worry about Hathaway and sat leisurely in the car waiting.

His girl was always like this. She was more gentle and considerate than anyone else when it was time to be gentle, but when it was time to be spirited and fierce, she wouldn't mess up.

As soon as Hathaway entered, she saw Andrew sitting on the sofa in the living room, and Paul, who did not want to talk to Andrew with a cold face.

Hathaway kicked off her shoes and walked over with a sarcastic smile, "President Taylor, I heard that

you came here today to plead for mercy, right?"

Andrew froze because he didn't expect Hathaway to reveal his mind directly in a mean tone without even a false greeting.

Besides, Hathaway didn't even intend to sit down, just stood in front of him with her arms clasped, and looked down at him. Her aggressive and oppressive feeling made Andrew uncomfortable, so he stood up and said guiltily, "Hathaway..."

As soon as Andrew spoke, Hathaway interrupted him, "Sorry, President Taylor, please call me Miss Taylor. We don't know each other well, and I feel disgusted to hear you call me Hathaway."

Hearing Hathaway's word "disgusting", Andrew purse his lips in silence and turned gloomy.

Andrew didn't expect Hathaway to treat him in such a manner. He thought that the worst thing Hathaway could do was to mock him with a cold face, but instead, she had been the first to open hostilities without any mercy and remorse.

He remembered Hathaway's words that they would be enemies the next they met, and now she was living up to it.

Then as Andrew thought that they had once been the warm and harmonious cousins, and she had once portrayed her hidden affection for him in her diary, he couldn't help but clench his hands at his side.

In the face of Hathaway's attitude, Andrew couldn't say what he had prepared to say.

Before coming here, he had held on to a glimmer of hope. Now that he saw Hathaway's attitude, he felt that Hathaway would not be soft-hearted and should want Abby to spend the rest of her life in prison.

Seeing Andrew's silence, Hathaway laughed mockingly, "President Taylor, I don't know how you have the nerve to come to us and beg for mercy?"

"If I spare her, who will let my innocent child go?" Hathaway questioned him in such a sad and shrill tone that Andrew pursed his lips once and the slight chance was completely doused.

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CHAPTER 284 ANDREW IS MAD WITH JEALOUSY.

Hathaway's indifferent attitude cut off all hope in Andrew's heart.

With a gloomy expression, he looked at Hathaway and said, "Since that's your attitude, I have nothing more to say."

Hathaway replied to him sharply, "I won't see you off."

Andrew pursed his lips and left without looking back.

From the beginning to the end, Hathaway barely gave Andrew a chance to speak, not to mention allowing him to say the words of pleading, just to show Andrew how disgusted she was with his family. Hathaway didn't want to hear him say those shameless words, otherwise, she was afraid that she would be disgusted by him.

After Andrew left, Hathaway walked up to Paul and asked with concern, "Dad, are you okay? He didn't say anything to anger you, did he?"

Paul looked unhappy and replied, "He didn't need to say anything because his appearance is enough to piss me off."

Although Paul's words were exaggerated, this was quite proof of his disgust for Andrew.

Throughout his life, Paul had maintained his relationship with Tom with the concept of brotherly harmony and had tolerated him, but what did he get in return for his tolerance? But what did he get in return for his forbearance? It brought Barbara to kill Ashley, Abby to push Hathaway down the stairs to lose her child, and Andrew to take away the Taylor Group.

Nowadays, Paul had a deep hatred for Tom and the children he had educated and also regretted that he did not have the heart to send Tom's family abroad. If he had sent them abroad, wouldn't there be all the trouble they had caused now?

When Andrew had just visited, Paul asked the nanny to turn him away, but he insisted on entering the house and made Paul furious.

Paul was mentally and physically weak, and it was so happened that Kenny and Ashley were not at home, so he finally had to call Hathaway to come back and deal with it. Paul was angry at the sight of Andrew, especially when he thought of what he had done since he had taken over the Taylor Group.

After all, it was his life's work. Paul wanted to persuade Andrew, but he was in no position to do so. The two conflicting emotions were so intertwined in Paul's heart that he almost fainted anger.

Hathaway saw that he was in a bad mood and quickly helped him, "Let me help you go to your room to rest."

Then she thoughtfully reassured Paul, "It's not worth our being angry about such a man, is it? You just saw that I didn't even let him take advantage of it a bit."

After helping Paul to sit down on the bed in his room, Hathaway looked at him and sighed, "Dad, I know that you care about the company, even though you don't say it out."

Paul was guessed by his daughter and looked away in embarrassment.

He did care about it. Originally, he had no objection to Andrew taking over the company because he thought Andrew would run it properly. Now he had heard a lot of things off and on and felt that Andrew was not running the Taylor Group but trying to ruin it!

Paul used to think that Andrew was capable and stable, so he was quite relieved to leave the Taylor Group to Andrew, but he didn't expect Andrew's real face to be like this. He was so ruthless and vicious, how could a businessman be like that?

Be kind to the people on the way up, and you would meet them again on your way down, right?

"Unjust is doomed to destruction. He will not end up well in the future if he does things like this. Don't worry, when my studio becomes bigger, I will get the company back for you." Hathaway smiled and boasted to Paul in a bad mood, which amused him. Her studio hadn't been set up yet, so how could she possibly take back the Taylor Group?

However, he felt a little more relaxed by Hathaway's warm words.

He reached out to pat Hathaway's hand and smiled, "Good, I am waiting for the day when you will take back the company and make me proud."

"Dad, don't think too much. Compared to Uncle Tom, you are very happy. You have a handsome and suave son like my brother and two beautiful daughters. Even two young talents in South City are both charmed by me and Ashley, so you should feel proud and elated for yourself."

"What does Uncle Tom have? His wife and daughter are in jail. As for his son, although he is holding a company, he will sooner or later become utterly isolated because of his bad virtue."

Hearing Hathaway's words of comfort, Paul was joyful. It was true. Two young talents in South City surrounded his two daughters all day, how prestigious it was!

He looked at Hathaway and sighed softly, "Thank you, Hathaway. Don't worry, I will be more open-minded from now on and try to live a good life. I still have to bring up my grandchildren and grandsons!"

Hathaway grew up with a sweet tongue and the ability to read people's mind, so she was very good at coaxing and comforting people. With such a shrewd and flexible daughter by their side, their family had a lot more fun over the years.

He should be content.

Then Paul said to Hathaway, "I'm fine. You can go, Leon must be waiting for you outside, right? He's not in a good mood lately, so you should spend more time with him."

Paul was sure that Leon would not let Hathaway come back alone, but he was too embarrassed to come in and had to wait outside.

Hathaway was grateful for Paul's tolerance, "Thank you, dad."

She thought that since she was back at this hour, she would ask Leon to go back alone later, while she would stay home with Paul.

Paul admonished, "You needn't worry about me. Think about what you'll tell your mum and dad when they return."

Paul was a gentle person, and since Hathaway had now chosen to get back together with Leon, he chose to respect her decision.

Paul also believed that Hathaway had good taste.

Andrew came out of the Taylor's with a gloomy face and looked up at Leon's car parked next to his car. In an instant, he understood everything that Hathaway was with Leon.

Since Hathaway and Leon had broken up, Andrew had been following their movements and knew very well that Hathaway and Leon had been in contact again during this period, but he wasn't sure if they were back together.

Now it seemed that they were together.

This drove Andrew crazy with jealousy. Coupled with Hathaway's indifference in the Taylor's just now, he had hit rock bottom emotionally.

At that time, he had put a lot of effort into getting them to break up at that time, but now they had easily made up. No wonder Andrew was annoyed.

Leon, who was sitting leisurely in the car, saw Andrew's anger and loss of control in the rearview mirror, slowly opened the car door and got out of the car. Then he stood there straight with his hands in his trouser pockets and greeted Andrew with a rare smile, "President Taylor, long time no see."

Hearing this, Andrew glared fiercely at Leon, and the smile on Leon's face was an eyesore to him.

CHAPTER 285 HATHAWAY AND LEON JOIN HANDS TO SHOW THEIR AFFECTION TO BELLA

Because they were both in the business circle, Andrew and Leon often saw each other on various occasions. However, when Andrew saw Leon, he was often indifferent. Now that Leon was smiling at him, he was showing off that he had gotten Hathaway back.

Andrew took a deep breath to suppress the urge to fight with Leon on the street once again.

Then he responded to Leon with a mocking smile, "In today's society, you can get divorced even after getting married, so what are you proud of?"

Andrew indirectly cursed that even if Leon and Hathaway got married in the future, they might not grow old together.

Leon didn't get annoyed and smiled more brightly, "My dictionary has no divorce."

Andrew continued to sneer, "Your glib talk sounds as sweet as a song."

Leon replied to him with the same nonchalance, "Yeah, someone does act that way."

"Someone claimed to love her, but revealed her life to the public when she was at her most vulnerable and left her to be scorned and humiliated by thousands of people."

"Someone claimed to love her, but turn around and plead for those who hurt her."

"Someone says love, but in reality, he is not worthy of talking about this word. His so-called love is just derived from his selfishness."

Leon sarcastically said word by word about the harm Andrew had done to Hathaway, which also caused Andrew's expression to stiffen in embarrassment for a while.

Hathaway happened to walk out at this time and heard Leon's sarcastic words about Andrew. Then she walked over and took Leon's arm affectionately, "Let's go. It's getting late and we should go back to rest."

Hathaway ignored Andrew, nor did she bother to do so.

Her closeness and sweetness to Leon was the best counterattack to Andrew.

Didn't Andrew hope that she and Leon wouldn't stay together for long? So she showed him how much they loved each other.

Leon stopped talking to Andrew, turned to embrace Hathaway in the car, and drove away.

Andrew stood in place with a long face.

Since they provoked him, he would fight back impolitely.

On the way back, Leon asked Hathaway with concern, "Did he make you angry?"

Hathaway shook her head, "No, I didn't even give him a chance to say those disgusting words, but my father was furious."

At this point, Hathaway gritted her teeth, "He made my dad angry. It is more disgusting."

Hathaway would rather she was angry with Andrew than Paul to get angry.

Many people thought that Hathaway's feelings for Paul would fade after she found her biological parents, but instead, it grew deeper and deeper.

Hathaway felt that she was not Paul's biological daughter, but he had loved her with all his heart for more than twenty years. How could she not be touched and continue to be filial and respectful to Paul?

Although she had her biological parents, Paul was still a loving father in her heart. She would only love him more than alienate him.

That was why Hathaway so furious when she saw Paul being angry with Andrew.

Leon soothed Hathaway warmly, "Many people in this world have no moral bottom line. We don't need to get angry when we meet such people because we can't change them."

For a person like Andrew, they couldn't communicate properly, so they didn't need to do so.

Hathaway understood this, but she just felt annoyed.

Why on earth should there be people like Andrew in the world? Was it a lack of family education or their character defects?

When they parked their car under Leon's building, someone came out to stop them, and it was Bella.

When Hathaway got out of the car and saw Bella's expectation, she laughed. Did these bad guys agree to show up together to find trouble with her and Leon?

Hathaway hadn't vented her anger from Andrew's previous disgust, so she turned her head to Leon beside her and whispered, "Keep silent later, and I'll deal with her myself."

When Leon looked down and saw her irritated look, he couldn't help but smile and gently held her hand in acquiescence to her actions.

He enjoyed the feeling of her fighting for him, and his heart was melting.

As soon as Bella saw Leon walking over, she ignored Leon and Hathaway's clasped hands and asked Leon with concern, "Leon, I just heard about Aunt's death today, are you okay?"

With that, Bella shed tears of grief, "I'm worried about you and also sad about aunt's death..."

Seeing this, Hathaway interrupted Bella's acting with a sneer and said in a sarcastic and mean tone, "Miss Wilson, do you think I am dead? When does my boyfriend need your concern?"

Hathaway didn't bother wasting her breath with Bella and directly declared her identity.

Bella had been trying to ignore Hathaway, but now that Hathaway said the words "her boyfriend", Bella had to look at Hathaway and muttered in shock, "What?"

Hathaway stared at Bella with her bright eyes and declared word for word, "I said it's enough for my boyfriend to have my love, affection, and care alone. He doesn't need other women to care."

After she finished speaking, Leon added gently, "I don't want it either."

Bella instantly paled and stared at them incredulously with tearful eyes.

Why? Why were they together again?

They had broken up and couldn't get back together!

At the moment, Bella cried out in her heart, but she held it back outwardly and spoke pitifully, "Leon, how can you fall into a relationship with this woman just after Aunt Adeline had passed away?"

Hathaway sneered at her remarks. Bella was at her wits' end, so was she trying to bash them through morality?

"Miss Wilson, you seem to be mistaken. We had been in love long before Aunt Adeline's death and received her blessing." Hathaway felt pity for Bella. She looked for trouble again and again for a man who didn't belong to her.

"In her suicide note, my mother said that she wanted us to live a good life and Hathaway to give me more children." Leon continued to add after Hathaway's words.

Every time he added something, it was the most fatal blow to Bella.

Bella was so shocked that she swayed a few times and could barely stand. Maybe she did not expect that Adeline would give such a blessing to Hathaway and Leon in the end.

Hathaway chuckled, "Miss Wilson, so please don't appear in front of Leon again.

"Well, I have a girlfriend now and need to avoid suspicion," Leon added and wrapped his arm around Hathaway's waist, looking as if he was a good and obedient man.

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CHAPTER 286 LEON REMEMBERS ALL THE DETAILS WHEN THEY ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP.

Shocked by Leon's warm and tender look, Bella stared at his face and couldn't believe that Leon she knew would be able to do such a thing and show such an expression.

Leon had always been cold and kindles in front of her, and even during the period when they had occasional contact, he never had such warm moments.

But now...

He looked at Hathaway with a gentle gaze, took the initiative to put his arms around Hathaway intimately, and embarrassed her by speaking something for Hathaway.

Hathaway and Leon had no time to appreciate Bella's wonderful expression and turned to leave together.

After standing there for a moment in a daze, Bella walked sadly to her car, sat down in it, and reached out to cover her face to cry.

How could this happen?

Why did Leon fall in love with Hathaway? What exactly did he love about her?

Bella felt that she was perfect, whether it was her figure, appearance, or family background. Why did Leon refuse to give her a second glance?

Now that Adeline had passed away and Jason had no time to care about her because of his ex-girlfriend recently, she was a complete failure.

Bella hated Josie very much. If she hadn't shown up, Jason would have spent all his energy on helping her snatch Leon instead of on Josie!

Bella didn't know how long she cried in the car. After wiping her tears, she looked up in the direction of Leon's apartment and gripped the steering wheel in her hands.

Since Hathaway had stolen her beloved man and made her unhappy, she would not let Hathaway have a comfortable life.

Hadn't Ashley entered the entertainment Circle? She would torment Ashley.

Weren't Hathaway and Ashley close sisters? So if she found trouble with Ashley to make Hathaway unhappy, she would take revenge for herself.

Bella was a famous dancer in South City with a good physique and outstanding temperament, so she was often hired by some crews to give physique performance classes to the actors. To be honest, Bella once had the idea of entering the entertainment circle. She was excellent in every way and a great dancer, so she would probably make a name. Many of her classmates and siblings from the same dance academy had joined the entertainment circle and were doing quite well.

But because Jason was a government official, her parents persuaded her to give up the idea for Jason's future image and reputation. Moreover, she took a fancy to Leon at that time and imagined that she would stay home to assist her husband and teach children after marrying him, so she focused on dancing.

It was better not to let her meet Ashley in any crew in the future. If she did, she wouldn't be lenient.

Leon entered the house with Hathaway, then circled her from behind, and asked softly with a smile, "Have you let your anger out?"

Hathaway snorted, "They'd better not mess with me again!"

Whether it was Andrew or Bella, they should stay away from her, or they would dirty her eyes.

Leon continued to embrace her and smile, looking in a good mood.

Hathaway turned to stare at him and said sullenly, "After driving Bella away, I'm not sure if other women will appear. President Davis, you are so handsome, unrestrained, and wealthy. I feel like I will often drive away women who pester you."

As a woman, Hathaway was well aware of Leon's charm. He was highly coveted by the rich young ladies in South City, not to mention those girls who were greedy for power and money. Many times those girls didn't want status but just money.

Hathaway could imagine what she would have to face in the future because of Leon's charm.

The rich young ladies like Bella who wanted to save face were not strong fighters, while those women who were greedy for money were scary ones. It was a piece of cake for them to throw themselves at rich men.

Faced with Hathaway's accusation, Leon straightened his face, picked up her chin, and moved closer to her, "Don't you think I need to likewise repel the men around you? Isn't Andrew one of them tonight? And Henry?"

Speaking of which, he first chased away Henry who was pestering her.

Hathaway, "..."

He was quite quick to respond.

Then Hathaway smiled naughtily at him, "Okay, we're even."

Frankly speaking, they were both charming. He had many women around to pester him, and she had many men around her as well.

Leon cupped her chin in his hand and suddenly changed to stroking her cheek. When his warm fingertips were pressed against her cheek, Hathaway's heart trembled, "Do you remember 'the rule of being Mrs. Davis' I listed for you before? It will remain in effect from now on."

Hathaway laughed out loud, "It's not fair. If you say so, should I make a code for you too?"

Leon glanced at her coldly, "I've said it before. I don't need one because I have strong self-control."

Hathaway blinked, "Did you say that before? Why don't I remember?"

When Leon mentioned it, she remembered the boring and overbearing "rule of being Mrs. Davis" that Leon had once listed for her. It was listed all over a sheet of paper, but she wasn't impressed by Leon's words that he had good self-control and didn't need one rule. She also wanted to say that she didn't remember much about "the rule of being Mrs. Davis"...

Seeing her reaction, Leon was a bit annoyed, "Hathaway, do you not remember what happened when we were together before?"

Hathaway was puzzled by his sudden anger, "I can't remember exactly, but why should we remember what happened in the past? Shouldn't we look forward?"

After hearing her words, Leon gritted his teeth in anger, but he didn't know what to say.

Could he say that he remembered every detail of their past together? He remembered her deliberately provoking him when they first met. At that time, she wore a black dress with a black tattoo sticker on her white waist. He remembered her every smile and every piece of clothing she wore...

Leon admitted that part of the reason he remembered so clearly was due to his superb memory, but the most important reason was that he remembered with all his heart, yet she said she hardly remembered anything.

Leon ground his teeth, gave her a fierce glare, and then turned to walk away.

Hathaway stared at the man's upright back helplessly. Was he angry again?

Was it her fault for not remembering the details of their past together?

CHAPTER 287 REFLECT ON YOURSELF

When Hathaway walked slowly to the bedroom, Leon came out with a change of clothes and intended to go to the bathroom to take a shower.

"Hello..." Hathaway stood in front of him with a bright smile and tried to amuse him.

Leon responded with a cold face, "Don't smirk at me. You should reflect on yourself."

Then he went around her to the bathroom, while Hathaway leaned against the wall and sighed, was it that serious? He had just told her to reflect on herself.

After Leon went to take a shower, Hathaway did not reflect on herself but turned to the kitchen to pour him a cup of warm water and prepared the cold medicine he would take.

About ten minutes later, Leon finished his shower, opened the bathroom door, and then the girl's soft body jumped into his arms. At this moment, he only had a bath towel around his waist, and Hathaway wore less, so her movement just now made him hot.

Hathaway looked up in his arms and smiled sweetly, "Alright, don't be angry. I'll remember everything we've done together."

She didn't remember it before because she didn't think she would have a future with him. At that time, she just muddled along, so how could she remember everything when she was with him? Sometimes she even deliberately didn't remember it. She was afraid that they would break up one day after she remembered it, wouldn't that add to her sadness?

Seeing her smiling face, Leon knew that her words were perfunctory. However, before he could say something, she tightened her arms around his waist and moved closer to kiss his chin. When the girl's soft and fragrant lips swept across his chin, he froze in a flash and couldn't move.

He couldn't even move a bit, otherwise, his reaction would be revealed.

Hathaway continued to kiss him lightly on the chin, while Leon laughed and held her down to stop her from her action, protesting, "You always use this trick to coax me after you make me angry every time, can you be more conscientious?"

Hathaway smiled ambiguously, "Don't you like it?"

This left Leon speechless. She was so clever to ask him this question to change the topic.

He couldn't deny it because he liked it very much after all.

In this way, he was baffled by her without warning. Then Leon lowered his head to suck on Hathaway's lips, "I like it, but I prefer you to change your tricks."

Hathaway pressed her lips against his and murmured, "I'm on my period these days. After that, I'll coax you in a different way later."

As soon as Hathaway finishing her words, her breath was swallowed up by Leon's fierce kiss.

She shouldn't have teased him in this way. After hearing her words, Leon could not wait to swallow her up. Her lips were tingling and numb from his kiss, and his new stubble was stinging the delicate skin of her chin. It wasn't until Hathaway's phone rang with a video call that they slowly separated.

Hathaway picked up her phone and looked at it. In an instant, she got depressed and then showed Leon her phone, "What should I do? My dad wants to video me. But now that I'm here with you, I'll be exposed if I turn on the video..."

Leon's apartment was decorated in a different style from Taylor's. Once she opened the video, Carl and Cynthia would see that she was not at home.

The video call was from Carl. During the days when Carl and Cynthia went out on holiday, she had occasional video calls with them. Tonight Carl called again.

Leon was also a bit distressed, glanced at her, and said, "Didn't you say that you wanted to confess our relationship? Why don't you just pick up the phone? I'll face it with you."

Hathaway shook her head, "No, it's not the right time. I don't want to ruin their good mood on holiday."

It was mainly Carl's mood. Cynthia must have the same attitude as Paul, as long as she liked Leon.

But Carl was different. He had a lot of dissatisfaction with Leon, and because of his dislike for Merlin, he had no favorable impression of Leon, so it was not an easy task to persuade Carl.

If Carl found out that she was with Leon and at his house, he would be furious and take a plane back to beat Leon up, not to mention being in the mood to continue his holiday.

But this was an important holiday for Carl and Cynthia.

This was their first trip since they had known each other for so many years and also considered as their honeymoon trip, so Hathaway hoped that they could enjoy their holiday happily.

Leon didn't say anything else and understood Hathaway's decision.

All of a sudden, Hathaway came up with an idea, pressed the "off" button, and then switched to calling by voice chat. Carl picked it up and said discontentedly on the other end of the phone, "Why not have a video chat? Your mother said she missed you and wanted to see you."

Hathaway laughed, "Dad, I've just gotten into the bathtub, so it's not convenient to have a video chat."

But in reality, Hathaway was on her period and was unable to take a bath.

Carl, "..."

"Okay. In that case, let's talk by voice." Since she had said so, Carl couldn't ask for a video.

Hearing this, Hathaway breathed a sigh of relief, went to the sofa to nestle in, and then found a comfortable position to talk to her parents as if she was chatting with them while taking a bath.

Cynthia's voice broke forth on the phone, "Hathaway, how have you been these days?"

Hathaway took a look at Leon who followed her over and tried to embrace her to sit with him and pointed in the direction of the dining table. Leon turned to see the cold medicine she had prepared on the dining table and walked over to take it in distress.

Only then did Hathaway concentrate on answering Cynthia, "Very good. I'm eating well and sleeping soundly."

"How was your holiday with my dad?" At this point, Hathaway suddenly said in a solemn tone, "A famous writer said that couples must travel together once before getting married, and if they continue to be together after the trip, they can think about marriage. According to incomplete statistics, seventy percent of couples break up after returning from a trip—"

After Hathaway finished her words, Carl protested immediately, "What do you mean by that? Are you reminding your mother that we'll break up if we don't get along? Are you our daughter?"

Hathaway explained helplessly, "I haven't finished yet, okay? The remaining thirty percent of couples won't break up after coming back but love each other more instead. You guys belong to the latter. Besides, even if you find out on this trip that you are not suitable, you can't break up, can you? You have gotten a marriage license."

After hearing this, Carl was in a better mood, "It sounds OK."

Cynthia replied with a smile, "We're having a good time. Don't worry. Your dad is good and taking care of me."

Cynthia had also heard about a certain writer's view on love that Hathaway had just expressed. When they were out on holiday, she had thought that she and Carl would be at odds with each other, yet she found them strangely compatible.

CHAPTER 288 I HAVE ONLY LOVED A GIRL WHO WAS AT HER BEST AGE.

Cynthia felt satisfied with everything else except that she could hardly stand Carl showing intimacy to her whenever and wherever he wanted.

She also had the feeling that they loved each other more as Hathaway said.

However, Cynthia was too embarrassed to talk to Hathaway about it. Now that Carl was with her, so she didn't say anything more.

Cynthia's simple words of praise were enough to make Carl ecstatic. He completely forgot that he was on a voice call with his daughter, put his arm around Cynthia, and asked, "Do you think I'm good? Am I really good?"

This was the first time Cynthia had complimented him since they had reunited and been together for so long. Although she just said that he was good, he was satisfied.

Cynthia reminded him in an annoyed whisper, "We're on a voice call with Hathaway."

"Don't care about that." Carl ignored it and continued to press her for an answer, "I'm just asking you if I am really good."

Cynthia didn't bother to talk to him and didn't want to be pestered by him in front of her daughter, so she turned to Hathaway on the phone and said, "I wanted to see you on the phone, but now that you're taking a bath, let's hang up. We'll be back in a few days anyway."

Cynthia missed Hathaway very much, and every mother must feel the same way. After a few days of separation, they would miss their children. Although Hathaway was now an adult, Cynthia was most concerned about her and wanted to see her on video from time to time.

Hathaway said guiltily, "Have a good time."

When Hathaway hung up the phone, Hathaway still could hear Carl asking Cynthia if he was good, and these words were also heard by Leon who came over later. He could imagine how cheeky Carl was in front of Cynthia and then thought back to the images of Hathaway taking the initiative to approach him. At the moment, he had to admit that Carl and Hathaway were worthy of being father and daughter.

They were both cheeky and good at pestering people, but their pestering didn't make others feel bored.

He walked over to sit down on the sofa and reached out to pull the girl who was leaning there with a woebegone expression into his arms, "What's wrong?"

Hathaway let him hold her, lay down in his arms, and sighed, "Do you think we should think of a way to make my dad accept you faster?"

She could imagine Carl's fury after he found out she was back together with Leon and how he would

resolutely dislike Leon.

So she was hesitating whether they should use a ploy to get Carl to accept Leon quickly, but Carl was her father, would it be a bit too much for her to set up her father for Leon?

Hearing this, Leon's eyes lit up, but he restrained himself when he looked at Hathaway, "I have a good ploy to make sure he agrees to us being together."

Hathaway was meditating with a worried look, and when he said he had a good ploy, she immediately looked at him with anticipation, "What is it?"

Leon said to her, "Pregnancy."

Hathaway, "..."

She stared at him with her lips pursed for a while and replied, "We've used the trick—shotgun marriage."

Although an unmarried pregnancy could make Carl a compromise, Hathaway did not want to use it.

The shadow of her last pregnancy was lingering in her heart, and she didn't want to get pregnant now. She had just set up a studio with Jessica and was thinking more about how to make a success in her career. Even if she got together with Leon, she didn't think about getting married and having children.

Her last pregnancy was an accident. After a lot of consideration, she decided to keep the baby and use it to force him to marry her, but now the situation was different. They didn't need a child to keep them together.

Leon didn't agree with her, "Last time you used it, but this time it's me. It means something different."

Last time Hathaway used this trick to force him to marry her, but this time he would use it to force her to marry. The situation completely reversed.

Hathaway, "..."

"Let's stop this topic." Hathaway coughed to change the subject. They hadn't even slept together since their reconciliation, but now they were talking about pregnancy, which was too awkward.

Leon didn't continue to push her. However, when it came to the pregnancy, Leon inevitably thought of his lost child and held Hathaway tightly, while Hathaway could feel why he was suddenly silent and became sad.

Because he was there to bear it with her, she felt less sad.

After all, it was a thing of the past, so she didn't have to keep holding on to it.

Besides, she believed that she was devoted to doing good and God would give her a lovely child. If she could, she would like to secretly make a wish to God to give her lovely son and daughter.

Although Hathaway and Leon were not married yet, she first wanted to give him two children at the thought of pregnancy, and it would be better to have more. Because Leon was too lonely in the first half of his life, she wished that they could have more children to give him more laughter, so that he would be surrounded by warm love, happiness, and joy in the second half of his life.

Leon hugged Hathaway for a while and suddenly asked her in a low voice, "Do you think I agreed to marry you last time because of the child?"

Hathaway released him and looked at him in surprise, "Isn't that so?"

Was it not because she was pregnant that she was able to force him to agree to marry her?

Leon frowned slightly, "Do you think I'm easily threatened? If I don't want to, what's the point of you getting pregnant?"

Hathaway blinked, thought carefully about his words, and then smiled, "Don't tell me you married me out of love."

Leon gazed into her eyes and whispered, "Can't I?"

"Of course, you can..." Hathaway leaned into his arms with hearty laughter and asked happily, "But you have to tell me when did you fall in love with me?"

When did he fall in love with her?

Leon had asked himself this question many times. When did he fall in love with her?

But he didn't know the answer because he was unknowingly attracted to her.

Leon did not want to say sweet words to coxa her, so he shook his head and gave her an honest answer helplessly, "I don't know..."

Leon thought that Hathaway would be dissatisfied with his answer, but she reached out to hook his neck and chuckled, "What a coincidence! I don't know when I started to like you either."

Leon laughed out loud under her gaze, "I think that a poem can describe our state of mind very well."

Hathaway looked up with great interest, and Leon murmured word by word, "I have walked lots of bridges, seen clouds many times, drunk kinds of wine, but I have only loved ... one girl who was at her

best age."

(To be continued)

CHAPTER 289 PHYSICAL WORK

Leon's voice sounded as deep as mellow wine, and he tugged at Hathaway's heartstrings with this beautiful love poem in the quiet night.

"I have only loved one girl who was at her best age..."

This line was so romantic. Hathaway believed that no girl could resist such love words, including herself.

Her heart was beating fast, and when his lips approached hers, she slowly closed her eyes and put her arm around his neck to kiss him passionately.

If she weren't on her period now, they would be immersed in doing more intimate things.

The next morning, Leon went to the studio to supervise the decoration for half a day with Hathaway. When they decided what to eat for lunch, Hathaway said to Leon, "How about we ask your father out for lunch?"

Leon frowned in surprise and asked her with rejection in his eyes, "Why?"

Over the years, Leon had never taken the initiative to ask Merlin and Adeline out for a meal, except for his weekly routine of going back to his unwarm home to dine with them and his first introduction of Hathaway to them.

Perhaps because his home gave him a cold feeling, so he was not close to Merlin and Adeline.

Subconsciously, he didn't want to get close to them either. Even if he did, they wouldn't get along as warmly and harmoniously as other people's parents. Besides, he knew that Merlin didn't want to interact with Adeline, so why should he add to their troubles?

In reality, he had been alienated from them since he was a kid.

Therefore, when Hathaway proposed to ask Merlin out for lunch, Leon was repulsed and didn't know how they would get along sitting together.

Seeing his rejection, Hathaway held his hand and said softly, "He's your father, don't you want to get along with him?"

To put it bluntly, Hathaway was trying to tell him that his mother had passed away, so he should cherish his time with his father.

In any case, they were father and son in this life. They had better get along happily, hadn't they?

Hathaway didn't want to see Leon's family ties so indifferent, as she knew that he longed for it. However, his pride and his long estrangement from Merlin and Adeline had kept him from taking that step. Since that was the case, she would help him out.

It was only because she loved and cared for him so much.

With his lips pursed, Leon looked at Hathaway for a while, then averted his eyes from her, and replied in a whisper, "Okay..."

Leon knew that Hathaway wanted him to cherish his father-son relationship with Merlin. After all, he had lost his mother.

Hathaway was relieved to see him agree and took her phone to look at it, "Ring your father up, and I'll check what good restaurants are around here."

Hearing this, Leon took a look at Hathaway and stood there for a second. Then he walked to the side with his phone and reluctantly called Merlin for lunch.

When Hathaway said she was searching for delicious food on her mobile phone, she was secretly taking a peek at Leon. She knew it was hard for him to take this step, but he had to take it, otherwise, his father-son relationship with Merlin would never break the ice.

Merlin answered Leon's phone in surprise, "What's the matter?"

Merlin was aware of his son's alienation and rejection of him. In the past, when he was in a marriage relationship with Adeline, he could take advantage of Leon's weekends to go back for dinner to see him. However, after his divorce from Adeline, he had not seen Leon, except for the day they met in the hospital because of Adeline's death.

Even if they met, they had nothing in common, let alone a good chat.

Because Merlin was not good at running a business, Leon was brought along by Hale from a very young age to teach and train, which led to their father-son relationship becoming even weaker. Later, after he retired and Leon took over the Davis Group, they grew more estranged from each other.

He was not good at running a business, while Leon was extremely good at it, so what could they talk about?

Merlin thought that his son would never contact him again after Adeline's death. Moreover, he knew that Leon didn't like him, so he was too embarrassed to take the initiative to get close to Leon.

At this time, Merlin was surprised to receive a call from Leon.

Leon said tonelessly on the phone, "Do you have time at noon? Come out and have lunch with me."

Merlin was stunned by his words and asked incredulously, "What?"

Hearing his response, Leon was a bit annoyed, but when he turned his head and found Hathaway looking at him with a sweet smile, he suppressed his negative emotions and repeated, "Come out and have lunch with me. I'll give you the location later."

"Okay!" Merlin agreed readily and then muttered, "Okay, I'll go..."

Leon didn't say anything else and hung up the phone.

Hathaway walked over and waved her cell phone at him, "This restaurant is nice and light in taste. It should be more suitable for people at your father's age."

Leon looked at her with a complicated expression and said, "Thank you..."

Hathaway laughed, "Why do you always thank me?"

Leon moved his lips, let out a sigh, and then reached out to gently stroke her hair, "Because I feel like you've been doing many things for me."

For example, she stayed with him through the grief of losing his mother and helped him ease the cold relationship with his father.

Hathaway said carelessly, "Because it's not time for you to do something for me."

With that, Hathaway pointed at the studio under decoration and added, "You'll have a lot of physical work to do then."

Leon fixed his eyes on her for a moment and suddenly smiled, "Well, I can only satisfy you in physical work."

At first, Hathaway thought that the physical work he was talking about was to help her. But when she looked at his wicked smile and reflected on what he had said, she glared at him and stopped talking.

Suddenly, she started the car and wondered to herself if all he could think about was sleeping together.

However, Leon just put on an innocent look, leaned over to wrap his hand around her waist, and whispered, "What? You're not even going to give me the chance to show it, are you?"

Hathaway gritted her teeth in anger and reached out to push him away. In the past few days, they had

been playing strongly ambiguous, so she felt hot and soft all over after he just touched her with his hand. Hathaway thought that they went on like this, and when they could do something intimate, would they... not be able to...

Of course, Hathaway didn't dare to let Leon know about her thoughts, otherwise, she would be punished by him later.

CHAPTER 290 IT IS ONLY BECAUSE SHE LOVES HIM.

When the three of them met in the restaurant box, Merlin was shocked to see Hathaway but then relieved.

He guessed it should be Hathaway's suggestion to have lunch together today. Without Hathaway, his son wouldn't have taken the initiative to ask him out for lunch.

As delicate and soft-hearted as her mother, she was considerate of other people's feelings.

Thinking of that gentlewoman, Merlin was dejected for a moment.

Although he was dejected, he no longer had any extravagant hopes for her now. She was such a wonderful and kind woman, so she should find a man as dominant as Carl to protect her from fear, suffering, displacement, and loneliness.

If there was an afterlife, Merlin hoped that the first person Cynthia met would not be him but Carl.

In that case, she would have been taken good care of by Carl from the very beginning without a homeless life for half of her life.

Because he had let go of his obsession with Cynthia, Merlin was much more relieved to face Hathaway. He no longer regarded her as Cynthia's daughter, but only as the girl his son liked and his future daughter-in-law.

Leon and Hathaway were not stupid and sensed Merlin's relief, so they felt relaxed.

If Merlin dwelt on this, the three of them would get along awkwardly, and even their two families would do the same in the future. But now that Merlin had let go of it, there was nothing to worry about.

A feud that had been entangled for more than half a lifetime ended with Adeline's death and Merlin's relief.

Only the people involved knew if it was worth it.

Generally speaking, the lunch atmosphere was relaxed. Hathaway was always good at enlivening the atmosphere and didn't let any embarrassing pauses occur throughout. This time Merlin got to know

Hathaway that she inherited everything from Carl except for her similar looks to Cynthia.

She was cheerful, talkative, spontaneous, uninhibited, and fun.

With Leon's personality, he needed such a girl to melt himself.

After all, their father-son relationship had been frozen for so many years that it would not be possible to break the ice with just one or two meals, but Merlin was grateful to Hathaway. Because of her, he felt that he could look forward to the time when he would spend gentle time with his son and be surrounded by his grandchildren.

When the three of them left the box after lunch, Merlin asked Leon to stay for a while. Hathaway knew that he had something to say to Leon, so she took the initiative to leave first and wait for Leon in the parking lot.

Merlin looked at his son, who seemed to be strange yet familiar in front of him, and whispered, "Don't let her down."

Merlin explained, "It has nothing to do with whose daughter she is, but because she's a good girl."

He hoped that his son would treat her well not because she was Cynthia's daughter but because her character was worthy of his son's attention.

Leon replied indifferently to Merlin, "From the moment I first took a fancy to her, I never wanted to disappoint her."

Because he originally had never had any expectations of love or marriage, he thought that he would end up alone, or even if he got married, he would live like his parents without any real happiness. However, with the appearance of Hathaway in his life, everything became different.

He began to look forward to the future and even felt that every tomorrow was worth waiting for.

Such a girl aroused him to look forward to the future, so he never thought of letting her go after taking a fancy to her.

"It's the best," Merlin muttered in a self-deprecating tone and turned to leave first.

It was best if Leon didn't let Hathaway go. Unlike him, he would never be able to get Cynthia back in this life after letting her go.

On the way back, Hathaway wisely didn't ask Leon what he and Merlin had talked about, but Leon volunteered, "Don't you want to know what my dad and I talked about?"

Hathaway smiled and asked, "What did you talk about?"

Hathaway would not ask Leon about everything because she believed that two people should have their privacy and didn't need to know everything about each other. If the other person was willing to tell you, he would tell you, but if not, you didn't need to ask.

Since Leon took the initiative to say it, she asked this question.

Leon told the truth, "My dad asked me not to disappoint you."

"It has nothing to do with whose daughter you are, but because you are a good girl." The reason why Leon told Hathaway this was to let her know that Merlin was extremely satisfied and approved of her. Although Merlin had approved of them being together before, he hadn't shown his strong approval.

Hathaway was quite surprised to hear Merlin defending herself and then asked Leon with a smug and mischievous smile, "Hey, aren't you jealous of your father defending me? You're his son."

"I'm not jealous." Leon replied quickly, held the steering wheel with one hand, and held her hand with the other, "I wish they are nice to you. Hathaway, I wish the whole world treat you well."

In that case, she wouldn't be hurt in the slightest.

After saying that, Leon tightened his grip on her hand. Hathaway could feel his deep affection from his subtle movements and teased him briskly, "Your words sound childish. How can the whole world like me? I'm not money."

With that, Hathaway sighed, "But what you said is sweet, and I like it."

He had said such unrealistic just because he cared for her a lot.

Because he cared, he didn't want her to be hurt in the slightest and to be treated well by the whole world.

She understood his feelings.

Leon didn't say anything else, held her hand tightly, and drove her home steadily.

In the afternoon, Warren called Leon and said that Leon needed to go to the company to deal with something, but Warren was not sure if he was in the mood to show up at the company. After hearing this, Leon glanced at Hathaway beside him and lightly responded, "I will go there later."

Leon hung up the phone and spoke to Hathaway, "Go to the company with me."

He wasn't in the mood to deal with company affairs now, but if Hathaway was by his side, he could barely go.

Hathaway was a bit surprised and asked, "Shall I go to your office with you? Is this appropriate?"

Although Hathaway had been to the Davis Group before, she had gone for work then. Would it be a bad influence for her to go there with him now as his girlfriend?