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CHAPTER 341 I WAIT FOR YOU TO MARRY ME WILLINGLY.

Ashley's chest trembled, then she murmured softly, "I don't want to fight either..."

Her character is not the belligerent kind either, if it wasn't for Nick pressing her step by step she wouldn't have gotten annoyed.

She actually had a hard time after the argument, otherwise she wouldn't have rushed back.

Nick got up from her, cupped her face and said seriously, "Since we have reached a consensus, let's not fight in the future."

In fact, there is no such thing as two people who do not fight together, but the attitude of both parties after the fight is more important.

If you are serious and positive about finding a solution and reflecting on yourself, it is easy to make up, but if you are negative and irritable and think you are not at fault, then the end result is often that the more you fight, the worse it gets.

So Nick's serious and positive attitude in front of Ashley at this time was quite touching, and she shook her head gently and looked away, reflecting on herself, "I also have bad things to say about getting married-"

But before Ashley could finish her sentence, Nick lifted his hand and gently covered her mouth, and Nick whispered, "Don't mention this again, I will wait until the day you are willing."

Nick also reflected on himself, in fact, his attitude had always been aggressive after he got together with Ashley.

Although most of the time they got along peacefully with each other, the fact that he had said that he wanted to marry her and even slept with her directly from the very beginning when he made his identity public was a good indication of his attitude towards her, but to a certain extent it also added a lot of psychological pressure to her.

Even when she went out with him, he forced her to agree.

He even brought up the marriage issue whenever he could after the relationship, and now I think she kept it to herself because she had recuperated well enough.

If he had been pushed to do something that he had rejected all day, he would have exploded.

It was he who had been mistaken about what he was trying to do.

He had chosen her because he could be happy with her, and wanted to marry her because he was happy with her, not because he felt happy because he wanted to marry her.

And now that she is with him, his purpose has been achieved, so why does he have to insist on getting married.

The two of them should just enjoy the happiness they have now, shouldn't they?

Ashley didn't expect Nick's attitude to change so quickly, so she didn't know what to say for a while.

After her mind turned a thousand times she said softly, "I'm hungry..."

Originally she had prepared dinner for him to come back and eat with her, but it turned out that he was already late enough to come back, and after the two of them had tossed and turned, Ashley felt so hungry that her chest was on her back after the strong emotions had dissipated.

Ten minutes later, the two of them washed up and sat face to face at the dining table to eat.

Ashley took the initiative and said, "I don't have any new work for the time being after this drama, so I'll take some time to visit your mum and dad at home in the next few days."

Last time, Ji's mother had seen them together, so it wouldn't be right for her not to pay a formal visit.

I could see the joy in Nick's eyes, but he asked Ashley's opinion again, "Are you sure you want to go and visit? You don't have to go if you're not mentally prepared."

Ashley laughed softly and shook her head, "I'm not forcing myself, since we're already together, I really shouldn't keep it to myself, I was a bit selfish for not thinking before."

She had been thinking that she and Nick would break up at some point, so she didn't feel the need to meet his parents, but in reality her negative attitude was a disservice to Nick's heart.

Nick now smiled with real pleasure, "Okay, take a time when I'm not working the night shift and I'll take you back."

I said you were out of town filming and she regretted not being able to meet you in time, and was all sorts of concerned about whether you'd be uncomfortable filming out of town and whether you'd be bullied because you were new."

Ashley was really surprised, "Auntie mother she ... still care about this?"

Having had the various cold and mean attitudes of Charles's mother before and the way Adeline had once treated Hathaway, Ashley really didn't expect Nick's mother to be this warm.

Although she had felt some warmth that last morning, she hadn't expected Ji's mother to care for her in such a meticulous way.

Nick pinched his forehead with a bit of a headache, "Well, so enthusiastic that I can't resist."

The tone was full of helplessness towards his own mother.

Last night when he came home, his mother kept pressing him, from how he and Ashley met to how he and Ashley planned their future, and if it wasn't for the fact that he needed to bring a delicious meal to visit Leon he would have fled.

Looking at his headache, Ashley couldn't help but smile, complimenting Ji's mother in passing, "Your mother is so cute."

Ashley felt that although she had only had a somewhat awkward one-sided encounter with Ji's mother the last time, she felt that she was the most interesting of all the older middle-aged women she had come into contact with.

First of all, Mrs Taylor's character was as gentle as water, while Lin's mother and Adeline were both sarcastic and not at all related to the word "interesting", and Cynthia, who appeared later, was more or less the same as Mrs Taylor, being more gentle and dignified.

At this stage, Ashley thought that maybe Hathaway and Jessica would be interesting when they became mothers-in-law or mothers-in-law.

Nick didn't agree with Ashley at all, "You won't think she's cute when you get in touch with her more, you'll find her annoying."

But Ashley seriously argued for Ji's mother, "How is that possible, how can you say that about your own mother."

Ashley felt that if Ji's mother could have such a warm personality, she would certainly not be an annoying person, and certainly not someone who was not easy to get along with.

Nick, "..."

The reason he disliked his mother was to prepare Ashley for the situation so that she wouldn't really be annoyed by her later.

He glanced at Ashley with a desire to speak, but finally chose to remain silent.

He could only tell himself that as long as they got along well, they would be fine.

Ashley asked him again, "What do you think would be a good gift for your parents when I visit your

home?"

It was a matter of etiquette that she had to bring gifts for her first official visit.

So Nick also seriously helped her think, "For my dad, just some tea or something, he doesn't smoke or drink, so he can still drink some tea."

"Okay." Hathaway felt that it was very difficult to give gifts to such elders who didn't smoke or drink, so luckily they still drank tea.

CHAPTER 342 I'M SO LUCKY.

"As for my mother-" Nick coughed lightly and suggested somewhat helplessly as he thought of his own mother's hobby, "If you really want to give her something as a gift, why don't you just give her a lipstick?"

Ashley was surprised again, "Lipstick?"

In Ashley's impression, it was usually better to give a female elder a silk scarf that was more elegant, but this was the first time she had heard of lipstick.

Nick nodded, "My mother used to be a nurse because many times she needed to follow the operating table, so she was not allowed to wear makeup, now after she retired she started tossing it around, I feel like she wants to make up for all the makeup she didn't wear in previous decades, her biggest hobby now is tossing it around the house and buying all that makeup."

Ashley couldn't help but laugh, thinking carefully about the last time she saw Ji's mother in the morning, she did seem to be wearing delicate make-up.

She didn't think there was anything wrong with it, because she thought that her mother should always wear make-up, like a sophisticated noblewoman, just like Mrs. Taylor, who didn't wear heavy make-up but had to wear light make-up when she went on trips and so on, but she had overlooked her mother's status as a nurse, and she hadn't thought that she had started tossing around make-up only after she had retired in the last few years.

The reputation of Ji's father and mother had been known to Ashley before they got together with Nick. The couple had always worked on the front line of the hospital, never straying far from the smokeless battlefield of frontline healthcare because of their status.

Perhaps it is because they are so low-profile and dedicated that the reputation of Hengde Hospital has become better and better over the years, and the reputation and fame of the couple alone have invariably added a lot of invisible value to Hengde Hospital, and Nick is even better and more outstanding than his parents, which naturally makes the future of Hengde Hospital even brighter.

There used to be a popular advertising slogan, which was to speak for oneself.

The three of them, with their medical skills and reputation, are the best spokespersons for Hengde Hospital.

Nick explained at the side, "As the president's wife, when she was young, my mother also had some occasions to attend with my father, but at that time she always found a special make-up artist to take care of her, except for these occasions, she was always plain at home or in the hospital. She gave her heart to her patients."

The first time she put on a heavy smoky make-up, my father almost had a heart attack."

Ashley puffed out a laugh, a loud kind of laugh.

She could imagine what it was like, and she felt she could understand her father's feelings. His wife of decades had suddenly started to look beautiful in her middle age, so it would be strange if he didn't panic.

Ashley smiled as she spoke, "Okay, then I'll listen to you and send her lipstick, but I think since auntie's mother is such a makeup lover, it would be good for me to send her another set of makeup brushes."

A few days ago, she had just been given a set of high-value makeup brushes by Hathaway, and she hadn't even opened them yet, so they could be a gift for Ji's mother.

Then she added, "I'm not very good at make-up either, my make-up skills were taught by Hathaway, so it seems I can go and learn from my aunt."

Ashley was not the type of person to make a splash, so she was casual about her make-up and dressing, just keeping to the basics of etiquette and elegance. Unlike Hathaway, who was always researching makeup and dressing, Ashley still remembered how Hathaway used to teach her every time she came up with a new makeup look so that she could always look beautiful at the forefront of fashion.

In fact, although the two sisters had different temperaments, they were both beautiful, and a simple makeup application would have been enough to make them stand out from the crowd, but Hathaway was so fond of researching that she had often made Hathaway angry over such things. Whenever the three of them attended events and parties together, they would always make Hathaway look like a dull, ugly duckling.

When Nick heard that she wanted to learn make-up from her own mother, he instantly got a headache, "Don't take lessons, I'm afraid she'll bring you down."

He liked Ashley's fresh and elegant temperament, if his mother had made her obsessed with makeup and dressing up all day, he would have been depressed to death.

To be honest, his mother was also fresh when she was young, so how come she has suddenly changed her style in her old age.

Although painting delicate makeup makes you look much prettier and more spirited, you always feel uncomfortable.

Ashley laughs, "Why do you say this about your mother ah, I think she lives for herself like this is very good, before she for her beloved career not to toss these, now began to pursue neither too late nor nothing wrong."

Ashley thought about the state of Ji's mother the last time she saw her and added, "And I think she looks very nice and natural with her make-up on, it's not fancy at all."

Ashley thought that Ji's mother was just wearing light make-up and that it was natural and transparent to match her own temperament, so she didn't think anything of it.

However, she knew that Nick and her father had been accustomed to seeing her face for decades, which was why she was not used to her mother's makeup. However, Nick didn't expect Ashley to give her full support like this, so he looked at Ashley like that and was speechless.

Ashley was originally a little nervous about meeting Nick's parents, but after talking to Nick about his mother, she felt comfortable and unburdened.

She found Ji's mother very sweet and felt that Ji's family were easy to get along with.

This kind of family atmosphere is just like her own family, the three siblings have a good relationship with Paul and his wife, and they are also very warm and happy when they get along, if Nick's family also has this kind atmosphere, she admits that she is not so scared about marriage.

If she had to face such a horrible mother-in-law when she got engaged to Charles, Ashley felt that she might not be able to get married in her lifetime.

She could love the man very much, but she couldn't accept that her parents were mean to her either.

Such a relationship was difficult because, after all, a creature like her mother-in-law was the biological mother of the man she loved so much, and she couldn't let him fall out with his own mother for her sake.

CHAPTER 343 KEEPING YOU COMPANY

After Charles and his mother, Ashley didn't think she would ever meet any good man or good mother-in-law again, but now in Nick, everything she once thought was a luxury has come true, and Ashley is grateful while her heart grows fonder and fonder for Nick.

She is no longer averse to meeting Nick's parents, and I believe she will not mention marriage again during the holiday season.

The two of them continued to have a quiet dinner, Nick looked at Ashley several times with a sunken brow like this.

It was just a matter of waiting. He had waited before, and he could still continue to wait now.

After dinner, the two of them washed up and continued to cuddle together to ease their longing after days apart.

The two sisters each spent a wonderful night with the man they loved but were woken up again early the next morning.

Hathaway was in a daze in Leon's arms when she picked up her ringing mobile phone, and when she saw that the number on it was from Paul's nanny aunt, she lost all sleep.

She hurriedly sat up and picked up the phone, because Hathaway knew that the nanny would call her, so it had to be something at Paul's place.

I heard the nanny's voice with a crying tone on the other end, "Hathaway, hurry back and take a look, that second uncle of yours is at the door early in the morning, making a fuss over Mr. Taylor.

Hathaway was so angry that she gritted her teeth, squeezed her phone, and said, "I know, I'll go back immediately."

Tom had come to the door to find Paul to make trouble, it must be about Hathaway's being bought out.

Leon then also got up, his dark eyes full of concern, "What happened?"

Hathaway got up and went to the dressing room to put on her clothes as she turned back to him, "Tom went to my father to make trouble."

Hathaway didn't even bother to call Tom her second uncle now, he was not related to her in any way, and the family didn't deserve her respect, so she simply called him by his first name.

The fire in Hathaway's chest was about to explode now, and this fire caused her bright face to be all murderous.

And the reason why Hathaway was so angry that her body was trembling was first because her heart was aching for Paul and she was afraid that Paul's body would be damaged by her anger again, and secondly, she was also angry at Tom's shamelessness.

What kind of face did Tom have to go to Paul to make trouble?

After Andrew got his hands on Taylor's, the two families had already drawn a clear line, and Paul had taught the three siblings not to bother with Andrew anymore, and they had listened to Paul's teachings.

They didn't mess with Andrew or Tom in the slightest, instead Andrew insidiously and viciously framed her for setting up Leon, who was injured because of Shawn's madness, couldn't they have fought back?

And now that she and Leon had fought back, Andrew and Tom were jumping over the edge to find trouble with Paul.

Paul was someone she cared about and had just been seriously ill. If anything happened to Paul, Hathaway swore she would kill Tom regardless!

She was really going crazy.

Leon was the first to get up from the bed with her, "I'll go with you."

Hathaway's anger was so obvious, Leon naturally felt it, and he knew how important Paul was to Hathaway.

Although he now knew that Paul was only his adopted father, Hathaway's relationship with Paul was not the least bit rusty, and it was still a warm picture of a loving father and a filial daughter.

Although Hathaway was angry, she still retained a trace of sanity though, "You'd better not go, you have injuries on your body now, I'm afraid that your wounds will be hurt again when you have a conflict."

Hathaway was all ready to go and punch someone.

She didn't care if Tom was an elder or not, in her eyes Paul was simply not a person.

She had raised such a failed son and daughter and a wife, but she had the nerve to mess with Paul!

Hathaway felt that it was not too much to give him two slaps on the face!

So Hathaway didn't want Leon to go because she knew that if there was a real fight later on, Leon would be the first to protect her and she didn't want him to get hurt for her again.

She didn't want him to get hurt for her again. However, how could Leon not go? He came over and held her hand and went to the dressing room with her to change.

When she was changing, Hathaway opened her mouth to say something and was stopped by Leon, "Hathaway, you are my woman, my wife, how can I let you be alone?"

Then he raised his hand and caressed her cheek, "Don't carry everything by yourself in the future."

Hathaway looked at him with unblinking eyes, always feeling that there was something else in his words.

But she didn't have time to taste what he meant, so she smiled and held his hand, "I forgot if you didn't mention it, I've officially become Mrs. Lu since yesterday, since that's the case then you should accompany me."

Just now Leon did not say that she was his wife, Hathaway really did not realize that the relationship between the two of them had undergone a qualitative change.

Leon seemed to be dissatisfied with this attitude of hers and hummed beside her, "When I recover from my injuries, I will definitely let you feel what the life of a married woman is like."

Hathaway was speechless.

It was as if he was doing nothing now because he was injured, and last night he hadn't done the same - got what he wanted.

Of course, the force didn't dare get too crazy, but it was enough to give her a good taste of cavorting.

The two of them then went out the door, probably because they had just had a few casual conversations with Leon about the love between husband and wife, Hathaway's emotions, which had been so angry that she was trembling, calmed down a bit and she was able to concentrate on driving.

After arriving at the Taylor house and parking the car, Hathaway could hear the sound of arguing from inside, and hurriedly ran into the door just in time to hear Paul roar, "Get out of my house!"

Paul grabbed the teacup in front of him and smashed it on Tom's head. Obviously, Tom did not expect his brother, who was always gentle, to hit him with something, so he was not prepared to dodge it. The hot tea in front of Tom's face, though, was not as hot as it could have been.

The hot tea in front of Paul was not freshly brewed but still had a certain degree of heat, and after Tom was hit, he was both in pain and hot, so of course, he just covered his face and wailed, "It's hot!"

The image was really as messy as it could be.

CHAPTER 344 HOW CAN I FORGIVE HIM

Hathaway did not expect Paul, who had always been incredibly stoic towards Tom, to be so rude as to strike at Tom; moreover, Paul had always been a gentle character and growing up in front of Paul until such a large age, Hathaway had hardly ever seen Paul get angry.

Tom's provocations and picking fights were not a day or two old, to be exact after the two brothers had grown up with increasingly huge differences, Tom had not stopped targeting Tom in various ways.

But Paul had always acted like an older brother and not bothered with Tom and had been tolerating him for so many years, and Paul's tolerance was only because of his blood relationship with his mother.

Originally, Hathaway was afraid that Paul would be bullied by Tom's shamelessness and was thinking of rolling up his sleeves to beat someone up when he came, but he did not expect Paul to teach him a lesson himself.

Seeing Tom in such a sorry state, Hathaway couldn't help but laugh in relief.

Since Paul had the strength to hit Tom with that teacup, it meant that Paul was not seriously hurt.

Behind her, Leon followed her, and as she leaned against the man's firm and steady chest, Hathaway felt incredibly secure.

Tom, who had been ridiculed by Hathaway without mercy, pulled the tea and water stains off his face and pointed at Hathaway without ceremony, "Hathaway, you heartless bitch, if it wasn't for the Taylor family raising you, do you think you would be here today?"

Then she glared at Leon next to her and yelled, "Now you're joining forces with Leon to take over Taylor's, do you have no conscience!"

Hathaway let out a giggle, but that smile was incomparably harsh in Tom's eyes.

Hathaway lazily walked over and intimately raised her hand to hold Paul's arm, retorting unceremoniously to Tom, "That's not right, is it? My father raised me, not your Taylor family."

"My father raised me, so what's wrong with me taking back Taylor's now and returning it to my father?" Hathaway crooked her pretty face and disliked Tom heartlessly like that, which made Tom's brain hurt on the spot.

Hathaway turned to Paul and asked, "Dad, are you okay?"

Paul took a deep breath, "I'm fine."

Then he looked at Tom, "Get lost, from today onwards, I don't have a brother like you."

Tom touched his forehead where he had been hit, it wasn't bleeding but the pain was hot and seemed to have bulged.

The pain made him look more and more fierce and he snarled at Paul and Hathaway, "Big brother, how dare you break off brotherly relations with me for such a brat who is not related to you in any way?"

Paul lifted his hand and grabbed another teacup next to him, making a move to smash it against Tom, who instinctively held his head in fear.

But this time Paul didn't lose his temper like that again, instead he said, "Where were you when your wife almost killed Ashley? Where were you when Hathaway pushed Hathaway down the stairs? Where were you when Andrew found someone to humiliate her? I wouldn't be doing this to you today if you'd reprimanded your son and daughter if you'd even come and apologize to us!"

"But what have you done? Are you still at home snickering and applauding their actions? You're desperate for their plans to succeed my children are dead and wounded!" Paul was using all his strength to accuse Tom. With all that had happened in the past, Paul had never said such heavy words to Tom.

Or it could be said that he had never treated Tom so badly in all these years, no matter how big a mess Tom had caused him in the company.

But now that Tom's family had hurt his children over and over again, Paul could not tolerate it any longer, nor did he intend to, especially when they had shamelessly begged for forgiveness for the harm they had done over and over again.

How can one forgive such a deep and heavy injury?

When questioned by Paul, Tom didn't feel embarrassed at all, instead he shouted, "You said that Andrew had found someone to humiliate Hathaway, do you have any proof, you have no proof at all and you bought Taylor's in such a malicious manner, aren't you bullying others?"

Tom's eyes were red and his face was fierce and hateful, "You are so protective of Hathaway, I think you have an improper relationship with her, she has a notorious reputation earlier, I don't know how many men she has slept with, I am afraid you, the adoptive father, are also... ah... "

Before Paul could say anything else, he wailed, and Leon, who had been watching from the sidelines, kicked him hard.

Before he could recover, the teacup in Paul's hand came crashing down on him again, leaving him with a face full of tea stains and tea water.

"Get out of here! Get out!" Paul was really pissed off this time because Tom's words about his improper relationship with Hathaway were really disgusting.

If Andrew hadn't made Hathaway's birth public and been recognized back by Carl and Cynthia, in his eyes Hathaway would have been his own daughter.

From the moment he brought the newborn pink baby home, he had treated her as his own daughter. For so many years he had held her in his heart and watched her grow from a baby to a little girl, and then to her current status, giving her the greatest freedom and the best, always based on the love of a father for his daughter.

He had never had the nasty thoughts that Tom was talking about.

He did not know how Tom could say such nasty things or why Tom had such nasty thoughts.

Perhaps it was because Tom himself was nasty in his own mind, so he thought of others as nasty too.

Paul fell weakly into the sofa after yelling, Hathaway hurriedly helped him smooth his chest, worried until her eyes were red, "Dad, calm down, don't get angry with such people."

Hathaway was also disgusted by Tom's words and after calming Paul scurried to Tom, "You are nasty-minded yourself, do you think others are just as nasty as you?"

"In the few months that Barbara has been in prison, you haven't lost your affair at all, you've kept many women outside!" Hathaway looked down at Tom with contempt, gritting her teeth and scoffing, "Seeing as you won't be able to get anything out of the Taylor Group, I'll see if you'll end up on the streets with your virtue!"

Originally, Hathaway didn't care about Tom, but now that Tom was so disgusting, she wasn't afraid to give him the full scoop.

CHAPTER 345 FIGHT BACK

Hathaway wanted to give Tom a good scolding.

He was too nasty and disgusting. No wonder Leon kicked him regardless of his image.

When Hathaway said that he would be reduced to a beggar later, Tom got angry again and tried to get up from the ground to do something to her. Seeing this, Leon immediately stepped forward to kick Tom to the ground again, stood there coldly with one arm around Hathaway's waist, and said drily, "I'm giving you face by kicking you. If you continue to do bad things, I don't mind crippling you."

Leon didn't seem to roar angrily, but the chill in his every word penetrated Tom's bones so that he could not help but shiver. With a defiant expression, Tom glared at Leon and Hathaway and didn't dare to make any further moves.

Leon didn't bother to talk to Tom and took out his mobile phone to dial Warren's number, "Order them to speed up the acquisition of the Taylor Group. The sooner the better."

Upon hearing this, Tom on the ground instantly turned pale and glared fiercely at Leon, "You—"

Leon put away his mobile phone and looked at him coldly, "I originally wanted to leave you guys a few days, but you came here to make a scene today. Now I don't even want to give you another second."

The implication was that Tom's behavior had accelerated his acquisition of the Taylor Group, which

made Tom almost vomit blood.

At the door, Ashley hurried back and followed by Nick with a handsome appearance. This ideal couple hit Tom on the ground hard.

Tom knew for the first time that Ashley was with Nick. The two people rushed here together early in the morning, which showed that they were together last night. Wasn't that a confirmation of their relationship as a couple?

In the past, he tried his best to speak well of Charles before Paul to facilitate the marriage between Ashley and Charles. His purpose was simply to make Ashley have a bad marriage and live unhappily. Whether Charles loved her or not, Charles' mother would be enough for Ashley to suffer later.

Barbara and Abby wanted Ashley to live an unhappy life, so they sent her to Paul to facilitate Ashley's marriage with Charles.

However, Tom didn't expect that Ashley would be with Nick after she was admitted to hospital with serious injuries and cheated on by Charles. After all, Nick was far superior to Charles in terms of family background, character, and ability. Now that Ashley was with Nick and Leon was deeply attached to Hathaway, the two sisters were in a great position.

When Tom thought of his daughter languishing in prison, a malicious gleam flashed in his eyes.

"Dad, are you alright?" After entering the door, Ashley first ran to Paul on the sofa and asked him with concern, while Nick stood calmly beside Leon. The two men shielded Paul and the two women behind them like an impregnable fortress.

Nick gave a chuckle, took out his mobile phone to capture Tom, and said with a smile, "Mr. Taylor, your current posture is quite elegant. Let me take a few pictures for you."

Nick had always been a gentle and easy-going person in the eyes of outsiders, so Tom naturally had the same impression of him and didn't expect him to be vicious. If Nick were to reveal that he was sitting on the floor with tea stains on his face, he would lose his image and become a laughing stock.

Tom blinked his eyes and reached out to cover his chest to keep from passing out.

At this moment, Andrew rushed over "timely", but he didn't expect Tom to be in such a mess. In his impression, only Paul would be exasperated whenever Tom confronted Paul. The reason was that Paul was too upright, while Tom was shameless and had no bottom line. Besides, Paul was always tolerant of Tom.

It was Andrew's idea for Tom to come to Paul's place to make trouble.

Andrew thought that Tom would at least provoke Paul's anger no matter what end he achieved. Paul

was so important to Hathaway, so she wouldn't feel good if Paul was admitted to the hospital out of anger.

If Hathaway didn't feel good, Andrew would be joyful.

He couldn't get Hathaway, but he would never helplessly watch Hathaway and Leon live happily. If he could annoy Hathaway or Leon, he would feel better.

However, Tom was now bullied instead. Thinking of this, Andrew narrowed his eyes slightly.

He stepped forward to help Tom up and questioned Paul coldly, "Uncle Paul, what's going on?"

Andrew questioned Paul because he knew that Paul wasn't good at arguing and confronting other people in public. Moreover, he could only question Paul because Tom was here for Paul after all.

Hearing Andrew's question, Hathaway wanted to say something, but Paul raised his hand to stop her, and she turned to look at him with some worry. Paul gave her a reassuring look, leaned back on the sofa, and asked Andrew with a poker face, "What do you mean by asking that?"

Paul had been tolerant of Tom and his family for half his life, but did he eventually get anything in return?

No!

He got nothing good!

On the contrary, he received endless harm to his children.

So, he suddenly brightened up and decided not to tolerate Tom and the others anymore. If he tolerated them, they would hurt him and his children. If he didn't, the result would be the same. In that case, he might as well fight back to piss them off.

Tom had never cared about their brotherhood of one mother, so why did he have to maintain it foolishly?

A hint of imperceptible surprise flashed across Andrew's eyes when Paul confronted him in public.

However, he calmly replied to Paul, "How did my father get the wound on his head? And how did he fall to the ground?"

Paul sneered and said without a hint of an apology, "I hit him, what's wrong? Your father made impertinent remarks, so I taught him a lesson as his elder brother. What? Do you have a problem with that?"

Paul changed his usual gentle and easy-going image and then said in a relentless and aggressive tone, "Or do you want to send me to the police station on the ground that I intentionally hurt your father?"

After saying this, Paul stood up quickly, reached out to straighten his clothes, and continued to say to Andrew, "I am willing to go to the police station with you, but I'd like to know if you can get the police to take me away today, huh?"

CHAPTER 346 LEON IS A WELL-BEHAVED YOUNG MAN.

After Paul finished speaking, he stood there and waited for Andrew to take action.

Seeing this, Andrew secretly gritted his teeth.

Why did Paul become so difficult to deal with? Leon and Nick were both here. Even if he called the police, they would not dare to take Paul away at the sight of Nick and Leon.

Therefore, he couldn't call the police to arrest Paul. It would only be a disgrace to him.

Therefore, he could only support Tom and made a complaint against Paul, "Uncle Paul, even if my father has done something wrong, how can you do this to him? He is old and not in good health. What if something untoward happens to him because of your beating?"

Paul used the brazenness he learned from their father and son to choke Andrew speechless, "If anything untoward happens to him, I'll pay for his life."

His words drove Andrew crazy.

Paul continued, "Either call the police to arrest me and hold me responsible for beating him up, or get out of here with him. From now on, I'll cut off relations with Tom and you!"

When Paul said these words, he raised his voice a little, and his momentum became much more fierce.

Andrew couldn't call the police, so he only suppressed his anger and turned to leave with Tom in a mess.

As he turned around, Andrew's eyes fell on Hathaway and met the disgust and contempt in her eyes.

Andrew tightened his face and helped Tom to leave.

Since Paul had taught Andrew and Tom a lesson, the others didn't intervene anymore. After all, Paul's fightback was enough to relieve their anger.

After Andrew and Tom left, Paul raised his hand to knead his forehead and dropped into the sofa. Seeing this, Ashley and Hathaway were worried, while Nick hurriedly went over and bent down to examine Paul. Although he cooperated with Nick in the examination, he said, "I'm fine, I was just momentarily incensed."

Nick took Paul's pulse and said, "He's okay."

Only then did Ashley and Hathaway breathe a sigh of relief. They were worried that Paul would be angry with Tom, but today Paul's behavior challenged their perceptions.

Hathaway turned to look at Nick, "Nick, please check Leon's wound. I'm afraid it was torn when he just kicked Tom."

Nick smiled, "So it was the one who kicked Tom to the ground."

With these words, he got up and walked next to Leon, while Leon took the initiative to say, "My wound is not a problem. It wasn't torn just now."

He had just kicked Tom hard, but he used mostly upper body strength and didn't tear his shoulder. He would never do something stupid like hurting his enemy and damaging himself at the same time.

Hathaway was still worried. It wasn't until Leon gave her a reassuring look that she didn't continue to ask Nick to check his wound.

All of a sudden, Paul, who was sitting on the sofa, looked up at Leon and said, "Since you are here, let's have breakfast together."

Nick had been to Taylor's many times, and Paul was familiar with him, so Paul's invitation was mainly directed at Leon and was also a silent recognition for him.

After that, they sat down at the dining table, with Paul at the head and his two daughters and future son-in-law on either side.

Looking at the two ideal couples in front of him, Paul was suddenly in a good mood. There was nothing better than watching his son and daughter find their ideal life partners one by one.

Now only Kenny was left. If Kenny could successfully find Crystal and bring her back, he would have no regrets in his life.

During Kenny's absence, their father and son had communicated on the phone. Kenny was now working as a volunteer teacher in a mountainous area in Sichuan Province, but he hadn't found Crystal yet. He went to be a volunteer teacher because Crystal had once told him that she would go to a secluded and isolated mountainous area and teach the poor children there if she left the hustling and bustling city one day.

So Kenny became a volunteer teacher, but there were so many poor mountainous areas in China, so how could he easily find Crystal?

Besides, Crystal might not have gone to support education in a mountainous area.

During the meal, they talked about Kenny and thought Kenny should take over the Taylor Group after the acquisition. Both Hathaway and Ashley were doing what they loved and had gone through twists and turns to get to where they were now, so they couldn't give up again, and the burden had to fall on Kenny.

Hathaway said, "I called Kenny and he told me that he would be back when we were all done."

With that, she sighed, "But he's going to be trapped by the company once he returns. I don't know when he'll find Crystal."

Paul, who sat at the head of the table, expressed his views, "If they were predestined, they will meet again one day."

Hathaway thought of herself and Leon becoming a couple after going through a lot. Then she also thought of Cynthia and Carl who got together successfully after spanning most of their lives and half of China from Hong Kong to South City.

Yes, if they were predestined, they would meet again.

No matter how many years passed or how far away they were, they would meet again eventually.

At the dinner table, Paul asked Leon with concern, "How is your wound recovering?"

Leon smiled lightly and put on a perfect posture, not looking like the prestigious and superior president of the Davis Group but a well-behaved junior. He gently replied to Paul, "I'm recovering quite well. Hathaway has taken good care of me. It will heal after the scab grows away in a few days."

By saying this, he complimented Hathaway and reassured Paul about his injury at the same time.

Nick secretly rolled his eyes at Leon and thought that he was good at pretending. In all the years of knowing Leon, Nick hadn't seen him so bashful, and he had never even been so well-behaved in front of his biological parents.

Paul admonished, "Have Nick find some good medicine for you. Don't leave scars."

Leon nodded, "Yes."

Nick wanted to roll his eyes at him again. A few days ago, Leon said that he didn't need scar removal ointment and left this scar to hang on to Hathaway. Why didn't he say that in front of Paul now? If he had the guts to say that to Paul, Paul would probably have kicked him out on the spot.

Leon was a two-faced man.

Paul's eyes fell on the hands of Hathaway and Leon and pursed his lips without saying anything.

After getting the marriage certificate yesterday, Leon asked her to wear the wedding ring designed by her before. It was the one she had once lost and then he searched for it in the garden for a long time.

CHAPTER 347 PSYCHOLOGIS

Paul didn't know that Hathaway had secretly gotten a marriage license with Leon. Hathaway wouldn't tell Paul about it in advance just because he had no objection. That was unfair to Carl.

Marriage was an important event and not like her secret relationship with Leon before, so Hathaway would tell both Carl and Paul when she wanted to make it public.

Therefore, she felt guilty under Paul's gaze, hastily changed the topic, and complimented him with a smile, "Dad, your fightback against Andrew and Uncle Tom today has deflated our anger today."

Both Paul and his wife were gentle and kind-hearted in their dealings with others.

Over the years, they had often been disgusted by Tom and his wife, but they have always chosen to ignore it. Moreover, Kenny and Ashley were not strong enough, so only Hathaway fought with Barbara and Abby in a spirited manner at all times. She couldn't stand their bullying.

Hathaway thought that Paul would never do anything to Tom, but today she saw him smashing the teacup on Tom's head twice in succession and aggressively leaving Andrew speechless, which put her in a good mood.

Paul said in a self-deprecating tone, "You have all become so strong, so I can't continue to be bullied by them and hold you back."

For so many years, Paul had always treated Tom with the responsibility of being his big brother. The two brothers grew up with different personalities. Paul obeyed the rules and followed his parents' teachings in everything, while Tom was unambitious and constantly stirred up trouble. It would be fine if Tom could accept his life. But even if he had no ability, he still coveted the inheritance of the Taylor Group.

Their parents weren't stupid, so how could they hand over the Taylor Group to Tom? If that happened, the Taylor Group would probably go bankrupt in a few years because of Tom?

After taking over the Taylor Group, Paul offered Tom a position as vice president, which was the best he could do.

If Tom hadn't stirred up trouble and behaved well as a vice president, his shareholding in the Taylor Group would have generated enough income for him and his family to live a good and prosperous life.

But Tom was restless and had Barbara as his wife. In this way, Tom's family was now in such a state, and it would not be an exaggeration to describe it as a broken family.

Over the years, Paul had always sincerely wished that Tom could lead a good life, but now he understood the saying "A man's character is destiny." With such a vile and nasty character of Tom and his family, it was doomed that they wouldn't have a good ending.

On the side, Ashley said to Paul, "Dad, I can understand your feelings. In the past, we were too kind and naive. We thought that we would live safe and sound if we didn't bother with others, but in reality, it was an indulgence to those bad guys."

Ashley, who had been close to death once, vowed that she would never suffer in silence and be bullied again.

So she was now full of fighting spirit. Normally she didn't mess with others, but if someone provoked her, she would fight back hard.

She used to think that it was good to be gentle, but now she felt happy to fight back.

After breakfast, Hathaway was called into Paul's study, while Leon and Nick waited in the living room.

Leon frowned and said to Nick with a serious look, "Introduce me to the best psychiatrist in your hospital."

Nick was startled, "A psychiatrist? Do you want to see a psychiatrist? What's wrong with you?"

Seeing a psychiatrist was not trivial, so Nick instantly became serious.

Leon glanced in the direction of the study upstairs to make sure that Hathaway didn't come out and then whispered to Nick, "I'm not going to see a psychiatrist but to consult a few questions about Hathaway."

After that, Leon told Nick the whole story. Last night, he talked to Hathaway about whether they should have a child now and could feel the rejection in Hathaway's eyes. He thought Hathaway had the same slight shadow in her mind as he did because of the last loss of their child.

Later, he found that Hathaway's shadow wasn't slight but very heavy.

When they slept until midnight, Hathaway suddenly clutched the clothes on her chest in her dream and shouted wildly, "I don't want a baby! I don't want a baby!"

Leon was awakened by her and reached out to turn on the bedside lamp, only to see her face yellow and perspiring with panic.

He didn't dare to wake her up right away for fear that something bad might happen if she was frightened in her nightmare, so he just leaned over to hold her restless hands and soothed her softly, "Okay, you don't have a baby! You don't have a baby!"

Without opening her eyes, Hathaway followed the force of his grip on her, snuggle into his arms, and murmured in a daze, "Leon, I'm afraid."

"I'm afraid that something bad will happen if I get pregnant again. I am afraid that I will never be able to protect my child. I even feel that I am an unlucky person, so I am afraid that my child will suffer too many misfortunes because of me—" Hathaway murmured in his arms and began to lost control and tremble. Leon stretched out his strong arms to hold her with a distressed look.

"The bad things you're thinking about won't happen. You are so kind, so God will give you the best." He had no other choice but to hold her tightly in his arms and soothe her.

Last night Hathaway's nightmare made Leon deeply aware that she had a heavy psychological shadow, so he planned to find a psychologist for a consultation first.

Hathaway woke up this morning and didn't mention her dream, so Leon thought that she shouldn't remember it.

He wasn't going to tell her because that would only add to her psychological burden. He would go to a psychologist first to see if there was a suitable method to ease her mind.

After listening to Leon's story, Nick frowned slightly, "This kind of thing is a big blow to a girl. Mainly she lost her baby last time without precaution, so it's normal for her to have psychological setbacks."

Then he added, "I'll call to make an appointment for you."

After saying that, Nick got up to make a phone call. A short while later, he came back and relayed, "I've made an appointment for you. This is a leading doctor in our hospital and very knowledgeable about treating traumatic disorders. Next time I'll take you to get your wound changed and use the excuse that I have something to talk to you about."

"Okay." Leon nodded in response and relaxed a little.

Nick glanced at the ring on his fourth finger and asked jealously, "Have you gotten a marriage license?"

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CHAPTER 348 MISCALCULATION

Leon replied to Nick sourly, "Can such a thing be fake?"

Upon hearing this, Nick sighed, "I'm not myself anymore because of jealousy. I can't use my brain

anymore because of jealousy. You just pretend I didn't say anything."

In the study upstairs, Paul asked Hathaway about her relationship with Leon.

After taking another look at the ring on her fourth finger, Paul asked in a deep voice, "Now that you are sure to be together and have been through so many things, have you started planning a wedding yet?"

Hathaway replied with a guilty conscience, "We're in no hurry to get married. His mother passed away not long ago, did she? It's not suitable for a wedding ceremony now."

When Hathaway reminded him of this, Paul remembered Adeline's death.

Paul also knew that a family with a funeral could not hold a wedding in the short term, so he added, "Since you're not thinking about it at the moment, don't wear a wedding ring, or if you want to wear a ring, you can wear it on another finger."

Hathaway burst out laughing, "Dad, I wear it on my ring finger to tell other men I'm in a relationship, so they'll give up and stay away from me. Isn't that a good thing? I can be free from harassment."

To be honest, Hathaway was reluctant to wear the ring, but Leon insisted.

What she had said above was the reason why Leon insisted that she wore the ring, He wanted to cut off the other men's covet of her with a ring, and she easily guessed his intentions.

After hearing Hathaway's words, Paul was speechless for a moment.

He couldn't say to Hathaway that you should take off the ring to give other men more chances to pursue you, couldn't he?

To be honest, he was quite satisfied with Leon, who was one of the most talented young people in South City. Without his boasting, everyone knew this. However, because Adeline was mean to Hathaway before, Paul didn't want her to be with Leon and be bullied by Adeline.

Besides, Hathaway and Leon hadn't a good start, so Paul felt that they had no emotional foundation.

Now Adeline had passed away and showed kindness to Hathaway before she died. Moreover, Leon had blocked a knife for Hathaway so affectionately that Paul had no resentment towards him now.

Therefore, he just glared at Hathaway and said nothing more.

As Leon hadn't recovered from his injury, Hathaway left with him to continue her duty of looking after him.

Ashley stayed at home with Paul, and Nick had to leave alone.

Then Ashley told Paul that she planned to visit Nick's home some other day. When Paul heard Ashley say that Nick's mother was warm to her, he agreed to her visit, "Although you have not been together for long, your relationship is stable. Both of you have calm personalities, so it will be good for you to get married early if possible."

Ashley, "..."

"Dad, are you urging me to get married?" Ashley said glumly, "You should know that I won't be able to stay at home with you all day like now once I get married."

Paul laughed, "I have long seen through the truth that a grown girl can't be kept at home. I naturally can't bear to part with you, but you're not a young girl. You can get ready to have children sooner by marrying earlier."

Once again, Ashley was speechless.

What an old-fashioned man her father was! She wanted to say, "Does a woman marry someone just to give birth to children? She also wanted to tell him that her relationship with Nick was unstable. Didn't they just quarrel? Otherwise, she might have rushed back today.

But in the end, she didn't say these words to Paul and only meekly responded.

After returning home, Andrew gritted his teeth and glared at Tom, who was in a mess, "Why are you such a wimp? Aren't you good at pissing off Uncle Paul?"

Tom retorted in annoyance, "I had no idea that he would fight back so ferociously today!"

Andrew thought of Paul's last words against him. Paul was so strong that even he could not stand up to him, let alone Tom who had little ability to cope.

It was obvious that Andrew and Tom had miscalculated today. They didn't expect Paul to be so unkind to them and ended up being the ones who were pissed off and disgraced.

Just as Andrew was annoyed, he received a call from his assistant, "President Taylor, the companies we contacted earlier have all declined the offer to inject capital to help us fight against the hostile acquisition of the Davis Group..."

Hearing this, Andrew directly slammed his phone.

Because of the Davis Group's hostile acquisition, he had to take temporary measures. He wanted to contact some of the more competitive companies in South City to inject capital into the Taylor Group so that Leon would lose this acquisition, but he didn't expect that none of these companies would be willing to help.

Seeing Andrew smash his phone, Tom beside him was startled but then went forward to advise cautiously, "Andrew, why don't we let them acquire the Taylor Group? Anyway, we have enough wealth to live well for the rest of our lives, or won't it be better for you to start a new company with the money and stand on your own feet?"

Andrew glared viciously at Tom and growled unbearably, "Do you think that's enough? You're a spendthrift, leading a dissipated life, and even addicted to drugs. Even if I have money, will it be enough for you to squander?"

"Also, do you think Leon will allow me to live freely in South City after he acquires the Taylor Group? If I were to open a new company, I'm afraid that he will be the first one to screw me over!"

Tom shrunk his neck from Andrew's yell and then whispered, "How about we go abroad? He's not going abroad against us."

"You are so ignorant!" Andrew's mood was so bad that Tom's every word could ignite his anger.

He didn't want to escape abroad. If he went abroad with Tom, Leon and the others would not be able to do anything to him, but it meant that he was a complete failure. He would be a runaway loser, which was a disgrace for him as a man.

So he wouldn't go abroad.

He didn't want to leave and couldn't do that either. Even if the Taylor Group was successfully acquired by Leon, he would not let them live at ease.

After he pursed his lips and thought deeply for a while, Andrew stepped forward to pick up his phone and turned to warn Tom beside him, "You'd better cut down on drugs in the future, or I will leave you alone and not pay your debts.

"By the way, don't make trouble outside again. If Leon and the others get something on you, I will leave you alone. Now I just want to mind my own business!"

Hearing this, Tom mumbled nothing and turned to the bathroom upstairs to wash.

CHAPTER 349 DIAMOND RING

After Tom left, Andrew called his assistant again, "How is Lori doing?"

On the other end of the phone, Andrew's assistant replied in a contemptuous tone, "She is infatuated with that man and will probably talk about marriage to him in a few days."

"What an idiot!" Andrew scolded unceremoniously and then spoke through clenched teeth, "Hasn't she even found out by now that the man's identity is fake?"

"No." Andrew's assistant told the truth.

Andrew wanted to slam his phone again out of anger. Lori was so foolish that she had taken a handsome and rich man disguised by a gigolo for real.

Lori wasn't part of Andrew's plan. Even if she hadn't provoked Shawn and became a hostage, he would have found other ways to get Shawn to kidnap Leon, but she stood up to provoke, and then Shawn took advantage of the situation.

Naturally, Andrew started to take advantage of Lori. He had expected her to ruin Hathaway and Leon's good mood by pestering Leon, but to his surprise, they figured out Lori's temperament and dealt with her in this way.

He thought that Lori had seen through that man's fake identity and would come to South City to make a fuss with Leon, but now his assistant told her that Lori was infatuated with the gigolo and would probably talk about marriage to him. How could Andrew not be angry and resentful?

He was angry at Lori's stupid behavior and hated her for being dim-witted.

Otherwise, he waited to see Lori make a fuss after she found out that she had been cheated by Leon and the others.

However, it was not too late to provoke Lori to make a fuss now.

Since Lori couldn't see through that man's true identity, he would tell her kindly and then waited to see how Leon and the others would end up with this.

On their way home, Hathaway said to Leon, "I'm going to my studio later, do you want to go there with me or return home first?"

Now that Leon's wound was slowly recovering, Hathaway didn't think that she had to stay with him every day. In the past few days, Jessica had been busy with the studio alone, so she was a bit apologetic and planned to take a look there so that Jessica could have a rest.

Considering that Leon had been clingy to her for the past few days, Hathaway thought that he would go to the studio with her this time, but he thought about it and said, "I'm a bit tired, so I'll go straight home to rest. Go ahead with your stuff."

Hathaway was quite surprised, but she didn't say anything more.

After sending Leon home, Hathaway drove to her studio. As soon as Leon got home, he called Warren and instruct him to make an appointment with a famous jewelry designer. He wanted to ask the designer to design his wedding ring with Hathaway. Although they were wearing rings now, they were

given by Hathaway.

He thought that he should provide the wedding rings as a man. Or rather, even if he was willing to wear the wedding ring designed by Hathaway later, he must give Hathaway a decent wedding ring.

He didn't want Hathaway to suffer a little bad treatment, so he gave Warren an instruction that he would provide a diamond of about twelve carats and the designer would need to work out a suitable ring design based on this carat weight.

Hearing the carat weight, Warren opened his mouth wide in shock and made a sound after a while, "I know and will contact the designer right away."

After saying that, Warren secretly sighed, "Rich and willful."

Such a twelve-carat diamond ring would blindside everyone when it was finished.

Leon wanted to give Hathaway a twelve-carat diamond ring mainly because she had once told him banteringly that Carl had given her a ten-carat diamond ring. Originally, Carl wanted to give her a twelve-carat one since her birthday was in December, but Cynthia stopped him and said that he should leave this opportunity for Hathaway's future boyfriend.

At that time, Hathaway was complaining about Carl and took this as a joke, but she didn't know that Leon secretly remembered it.

The reason why he didn't go to the studio with Hathaway just now was that he wanted to come back to arrange this.

Their relationship would become public one day. He hoped that she would appear in front of everyone with the sparkling diamond ring he gave her, looking glamorous and happy.

As for Hathaway, she arrived at her studio and met Jessica first. They had a brief chat about the current decoration progress of the studio and then went to Jasmine's studio next door for coffee and a chat.

Jasmine came back with Ashley last night and worked at her studio today as usual.

Jasmine's studio was now all by herself except for Ashley, an unpopular contracted artist, without any assistants or helpers.

The previous company that Jasmine worked for had warned the people around her before deciding to kick her out. Whether they were assistants or in other positions, if they dared to leave with Jasmine, they would not be able to survive in the circle, so Jasmine didn't bring anyone out in order not to harm others.

Besides, there was not much work in this recently established studio, and Jasmine could manage it all by

himself, so she did not hire anyone for the time being.

Jasmine held several posts simultaneously, including publicity planner, assistant, graphic artist, and boss. If Hathaway and Jessica hadn't arrived, Jasmine's office would have been quiet, or rather, everything was orderly.

When a call came in, Jasmine would answer it. When it didn't, the office was filled with the sound of her typing on a computer keyboard and the subsequent rhythmic sound of the printer.

"We're not interrupting your work, are we?" Hathaway knocked on the door and went in, followed by Jessica.

Jasmine smiled and stood up to greet them, "I'm not working, so it's not an interruption."

After inviting them to sit down on the sofa, she went to make them coffee and brought it over. Then the three women sat leisurely in the sunny studio and chatted freely.

Jasmine mentioned their studio, "I've only been away for a few days, but you're halfway through the decoration of your studio."

Hathaway answered wittily, "We take advantage of our present energetic state to quickly decorate, or we'll be slack after a few days of enthusiasm."

Jessica echoed, "Yes. When we take advantage of our enthusiasm to finish the decoration and get everything done, we'll have no chance to backtrack and have to get on with it."

When the three women were chatting, someone suddenly knocked on the door and walked in.

After seeing the visitor, Hathaway exclaimed, "Barry?"

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CHAPTER 350 BARRY WANTS TO SIGH WITH JASMINE'S STUDIO AS A MODEL.

Yes, the visitor was Barry.

This was the first time that Hathaway had seen Barry since she left for Hong Kong and returned to South City. Before this, they had talked a few times via WeChat, and Hathaway learned that Barry had gone back to his family company, the Rose Plant, after leaving the Taylor Group. Of course, he didn't take it over but started from being the bottom-level manager and learned management experience little by little.

Hathaway once heard Barry mention that he used to work in his family's factory every winter and summer vacation in University, and his job was even at the lowest and toughest assembly line. No one knew that he was Rosetta's son. He only said he was Rosetta's relative and took advantage of his

vacation to experience life.

With the eight summer and winter vacations during his four years at university, he had experienced all the processes and workflows of the workshop assembly line in a low-key way and quietly mastered a lot of process knowledge, which laid a good foundation for him to take over the Rose Group in terms of process.

Now he had moved into management in a low-key manner and still started from the most obscure position.

Barry had no complaints about the step-by-step plans Rosetta had made for him. He was a calm man by nature and had never indulged in daily enjoyment without improving himself because he was the next successor of the Rose Group and his mother was a billionaire, unlike many silver-spoon kids who were idle and extravagant.

On the contrary, he had always been hardworking and motivated because he knew that his mother's achievements today were hard-earned. When he took over the Rose Group in the future, he wanted to keep what Rosetta had done all these years and not let the Rose Group go down in his hands, as it would trouble his conscience.

He was only twenty-two years old and had just graduated from university. As a young man, he should start from the bottom.

Because Barry had been staying at the Rose Plant in a small town on the outskirts of South City, Hathaway had never seen him face to face until now.

Barry was as handsome as ever.

"Barry, why are you here?" Jasmine was a little surprised to see Barry.

She hadn't seen Barry for a long time except that he came to help her when she initially decorated her studio. Then he had disappeared.

After completing the decoration, Jasmine called him and invited him to dinner to express her gratitude, but Barry replied that he had gone back to his hometown and would talk about it later.

When it came to decoration, Jasmine now realized that Barry was with her almost from start to finish at that time. Even there were many points that she would not have been able to handle alone.

Barry greeted them with a smile, then looked at Jasmine coyly, and said, "Jasmine, don't you have a studio now? I'm going to sign with you. I want to be a model, do you think I'm qualified?"

"Poof.." After Barry finished his words, Hathaway, who had just taken a sip of coffee, almost spit it out.

What big joke was Barry playing? As the next successor of the Rose Group, how could he come out to be a model to "show off his figure"?

After knowing his identity, Hathaway felt that it was a grievance to Barry to be her assistant. However, now that Barry wanted to sign a contract with Jasmine as a model, she was exactly shocked by him.

During coughing, Hathaway received Barry's secretly pleading look and understood everything instantly.

Jasmine didn't know Barry's identity. The best way for Barry to get in touch with Jasmine and stay with her was to sign a contract to work as a model in her studio.

In other words, Barry didn't want to be a model and just tried to get close to Jasmine.

Otherwise, if he wanted to be famous as a model, why did he come to Jasmine's unknown studio? With Barry's figure, temperament, and appearance, he would be selected when he went to any modeling agency to apply for a model.

Jasmine was also shocked by Barry's proposal, and a while later, she frowned lightly and remonstrated earnestly, "Barry, as your friend, let me remind you. The entertainment circle is too complicated, so you'd better not step into it. With your ability, you would be selected to apply for a job in a big company and then slowly get a promotion step by step."

Jasmine was in this circle, so she knew the hardships involved better than anyone else. For both public and private reasons, she didn't want Barry to step into this awful circle.

However, Barry shooked his head and said firmly, "Jasmine, I know you're for my good, but I want to be a model, even if it's a part-time job for now."

Frankly speaking, Barry's real thought was, "Because this circle is too complicated, so I want to stay with you in this way and get through the darkest and hardest time together. Only then will you feel unforgettable when you think of me in the future."

Barry knew very well what a difficult situation Jasmine was in now. If possible, he would like to spend a lot of money to build a decent studio for her, but he knew that Jasmine would not accept it if he did and even push him away, so he had to do it indirectly.

Barry thought he would be a good model. Firstly, his figure, temperament, and appearance met all the picky requirements of being a model. Secondly, he had been dragged by his classmates to join the campus modeling team during his university days, so he thought that he could bring some work to Jasmine if he signed with Jasmine's company.

To be honest, the reason why he knew Jasmine was that he had joined the modeling team at university.

Jasmine was his senior, but she had graduated at that time and was a newcomer to the entertainment

circle. One time, she went back to school and wanted to find some young male models to save the show because of her company's request. Then he was dragged by his classmates to go there and met Jasmine.

Although Barry put on a firm attitude, Jasmine felt unreliable and continued, "Do your parents agree with you entering this circle as a model? Do you want me to communicate with your parents first?"

Perhaps because Barry was her junior, Jasmine had always treated him like a kid, even though she was only four years older than him.

Hathaway stood up and spoke for Barry, "Jasmine, you don't need to meet his parents. As his former boss, I'm here to decide for him today. Just sign with my former assistant."

Hathaway persuaded Jasmine while looking Barry up and down, "Look, his figure and appearance are far superior to those famous male models. Even among actors, his appearance is good."

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