

Timeless 441

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Hathaway thought that Kenny would be anxious after not receiving news about Crystal for so many days, but now she looked at Kenny and found that he was as calm as if he wasn't the initiator of the search notice. If she looked at him more closely, she would find a silent paranoia in Kenny's eyes. No matter if Crystal came back or not, he would wait.

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Hathaway shook her head, "I still need to find more confidence and styling sense. If I design a few more sets for you and they are still a success, I will consider doing it for others."

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orders externally."

Because she was Cynthia's daughter, her starting point was too high.

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The reason why Hathaway gave Ashley such a styling was that Ashley wasn't young and could no longer go the cute, sweet, or innocent way like other young actresses. Of course, she couldn't go the sexy way, so she had to choose the light, mature, and neutral way, looking intellectual, gentle, and generous.

Ashley had a perfect figure because of her dance foundation, especially a pair of straight and long legs.

Hathaway chose slim black high-waisted pants for her, which could show her long legs well and attracted others' attention invisibly. Her simple and generous white shirt was made with bubble sleeve detailing at the cuffs, which made Ashley more enchanting.

Ashley had long hair, so Hathaway tied her ponytail, looking simple, generous, pretty, and intelligent.

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"What is it?" Ashley felt quite satisfied.

This outfit wasn't flashy but brought out her figure and long legs well, which was the result Ashley wanted.

Besides, considering Nick's feelings, Ashley didn't like to dress up in fancy or revealing clothes like other actresses to attract attention. The dress that Hathaway had given her for the last dinner party wasn't revealing but eye-catching. This time Ashley felt comfortable with this one. The long trousers and shirt were conservative but not mediocre.

Hathaway looked Ashley up and down and then said, "Jewelry. It is a lack of jewelry for decoration."

Speaking of jewelry, Ashley suddenly remembered something, turned to her dressing table, and took out a box. Then she opened it in front of Hathaway, and a set of emerald jewelry was inside.

There was an emerald green jade bracelet, tiny earrings, and an emerald green jade necklace.

At first glance, the jade was of the highest quality, crystal clear, and adorned with emerald green. It

exuded a quiet aura polished by the years from the inside out.

Hathaway felt that the bracelet suited Ashley's outfit, so she took it and put it on her wrist. When Ashley dropped her hand, the emerald green jade bracelet was just exposed under the white sleeves of her shirt, which elevated Ashley's temperament to a higher level. The quiet and calm temperament of a mature woman polished by the years was instantly revealed.

A bright smile finally appeared on Hathaway's face, "Great! Ashley, you can wear this bracelet. It suits your temperament."

After saying that, Hathaway asked curiously, "I never knew you had such a set of jewelry. It looks worth a lot of money."

Ashley took off the bracelet, put it away, and replied to Hathaway, "This is a gift from Nick's mother."

Since she first went to Nick's home for dinner in a pleasant atmosphere, Mrs. Jackson had asked Ashley to go there once more. As the saying went, "Strangers the first time, acquaintances the next". Now Ashley got along very well with Mrs. Jackson. Of course, they got along well was mainly because Mrs. Jackson was very active and enthusiastic.

At first, Ashley was puzzled and wondered how such an enthusiastic and active mother like Mrs. Jackson could have given birth to a cold son like Nick.

Later, Ashley realized that Nick only looked cold, but in reality, he was equally passionate about his favorite people or things like his mother.

For example, his love for the doctor's career and the pursuit of her.

When he took a fancy to her, he went straight into the action, treating her well and doting her in every way. In reality, his passion was the same as that of Mrs. Jackson.

In this way, when she was leaving after dinner last time, Mrs. Jackson insisted on giving her this set of jewelry and said that it was just a small gift.

At that time, she opened it and saw at a glance that it was worth a lot of money, so she hastily refused. She had only given Mrs. Jackson a set of makeup brushes and lipstick, but Mrs. Jackson had given her such expensive jewelry in return. How could she accept it?

Hathaway looked at the set of jewelry again and asked Ashley, "It's not like this jewelry is for the future daughter-in-law as often played out in TV shows, right?"

Ashley nodded, "That's what his mother said."

At that time, she refused to accept it, while Mrs. Jackson took her hand and explained solemnly that the

Jacksons passed it to their future daughter-in-law, and she had received it from Nick's grandmother. Now it should be passed down to Ashley, so she had to accept the set of jewelry in the end.

After she left with Nick, Nick said to her while driving, "Just take the things when my mother gives you in the future. She has a lot of such jewelry, so get a few more pieces from her later."

Ashley, "..."

Was Nick Mrs. Jackson's natural son? He helped her scavenge jewelry from his mother?

Hathaway laughed out loud, "Ashley, I think your future mother-in-law is so funny. Of course, she's a nice woman."

When she first learned of Nick's feelings for Ashley, Hathaway once disagreed.

Because of Charles' mother and her own experience with Adeline's meanness, Hathaway was afraid that Ashley would be picked on and disliked by Nick's mother. She knew Ashley's character very well that Ashley wouldn't fight back even when she was bullied, but she didn't expect that Ashley would meet a good mother-in-law after getting away from Charles.

Hathaway felt happy for Ashley from the bottom of her heart. Nick loved her so much and his parents treated her so well, so she was a winner in life.

Ashley smiled at her with a trace of bitterness, "Yeah, she's nice. I think I should marry Nick for the sake of my good future mother-in-law."

"Ashley, if Nick hears this, he will jump up and down in anger. He's been thinking about getting married for a long time, but you didn't agree. After meeting his mother, you want to marry him." Hathaway could imagine Nick's annoyed look.

Ashley chuckled, "His mother was a good person, so I know that he is worthy of my trust for the rest of my life."

You could tell the character of a child by looking at the parents, which was a true statement.

So Ashley was hesitant to marry Nick at first. After meeting his parents, she felt she could marry him without any worries.

In a few days, Ashley was going to shoot the costume drama she has just signed. This time her scenes were much more than the one she played in the last movie, so she might have to stay in the crew for at least a month. Ashley thought that she would mention their marriage to Nick after coming back from the crew, or would she propose to make up for the regret that Nick had been begging but fail to get?

CHAPTER 442 LEON GIVES TOM A HARD KICK.

The next day, Hathaway went to Tom's house with Leon. Tom was released after a few days in the police station last time. Then he was still asked for debts all day long, and his daily life wasn't peaceful.

Now Tom lived in a luxurious villa. To show his superiority over Paul, Tom bought this villa in a prime location and spent a lot of money to decorate it magnificently. It was said that the kitchen alone cost millions, not to mention the rest of the villa.

Hathaway stood in front of the gate and rang the doorbell. Looking at the grand villa, she thought that Andrew treated Tom with the utmost tolerance and kindness and even left a bank card for him to pay off his debts. In reality, Andrew didn't have to give him money because the villa was sold enough for Tom to pay off his gambling debts.

Most probably, the reason why Andrew left this villa to Tom was that he didn't want his father not to have a definite residence, or Barbara and Abby could still have a home when they were released from prison a few years later.

After Andrew gave this bank card to Tom, he started with nothing in Finland.

She hoped that Tom, Abby, and Barbara in prison would be able to turn over a new leaf and didn't hold Andrew back anymore.

Hathaway originally wanted Kenny to deliver the bank card with her, but Leon insisted on coming, and Hathaway had to comply with him.

Hathaway knew that Leon put himself in the position of her husband and came here with her to guard her because they knew that Tom wouldn't be easy to deal with if he got crazy.

It took a long time to ring the doorbell before Tom came to open the door. When Barbara and Abby were there, there were several maids hired in this villa. Barbara usually led a comfortable life and didn't do anything, and Abby was even more so. Hathaway heard that the maids all quit their jobs after their mother and daughter were imprisoned one after another,

Therefore, Tom could only open the door by himself, but Hathaway was shocked to see his state.

Tom had lost a lot of weight with sunken eyes and a sallow complexion, looking like a total drug addict.

As soon as Tom opened the door and walked out, Leon automatically shoved Hathaway behind himself, and the man's tall body blocked Tom with a fierce look.

"What are you doing here?" Tom looked fidgety and was against Hathaway, so his attitude was bad. However, due to Leon's tall body blocking the front, Tom couldn't do anything to Hathaway.

Hathaway took out the bank card that Andrew gave her from her pocket, "This is from Andrew. He said

that your father and son's destiny ends with this card."

Tom was furious at her words, snatched the card out of her hand, and yelled at her viciously, "Did he give you the card? How could he give you the card? Aren't you enemies?"

Tom's tone was unpleasant as if the more fierce Andrew fought with Hathaway, the better.

Hathaway didn't bother to pay attention to Tom's attitude of stirring up trouble and said indifferently, "My mission is done. Mind your own business."

After saying this, Hathaway was about to pull Leon away, but Tom suddenly rushed over and tried to drag her, "Stop!

"Where is Andrew now? What's his contact information? Heartless bastard, he must have been compelled by you to not even care about me, his biological father!"

"Bad woman, our family is in this state because of you. I must strangle you to death today!"

Tom cursed and tried to beat Hathaway, but Leon stopped him halfway and threw Tom aside with a little force to protect Hathaway behind him.

Without any hesitation, Leon kicked Tom hard after throwing him aside, while Tom fell to the ground with a wail covering his chest and couldn't get up.

This was why Leon insisted on coming here with Hathaway today. If it were Kenny, he wouldn't have kicked Tom hard as he did in that situation because he was related to Tom by blood.

After kicking Tom, Leon pulled Hathaway and left. To a shameless person like Tom, Leon felt that saying one more word to a shameless person like Tom tainted his mouth.

Tom actually said that it was Hathaway's fault that his family had come to this stage.

Barbara deliberately framed Ashley, while Abby pushed Hathaway down the stairs and cause them to lose their child. Ashley and Hathaway were both victims, should they continue to let Barbara and Abby get away with it after being harmed by them?

And what did Tom's current state have nothing to do with Hathaway?

Leon guaranteed that if Tom dared to say anything unpleasant, he would kick Tom again without mercy.

However, when Leon and Hathaway just turned to leave, Tom, who was lying on the ground, suddenly curled up and twitched.

Leon knew at a glance, "It should be a drug addiction attack. Hurry up and call 120."

Tom had a drug addiction. When Barbara was here, she made an unreasonable scene and forced Tom not to indulge in depravity. However, after Barbara and Abby were imprisoned one after another, Tom, who had no one to restrain him, indulged himself and spent almost all day in the casino with growing drug addiction. This was why Hathaway felt that Tom was horribly thin.

Faced with Tom in this state, Hathaway and Leon couldn't leave without caring. Tom twitched on the ground for a while, then got up trembling, and rushed to grab Leon's pant leg, "Give me a shot, please. Make me comfortable, and I'll do anything you want me to do!"

At this moment, Tom who was suffering from drug addiction was in a disgusting mess. Hathaway only felt creepy when she looked at Tom's state, so she dragged Leon back a step and yanked his pant leg off Tom's hand.

"Let's go downstairs and wait." They were now standing under the imposing veranda of Tom's villa, and Hathaway dragged Leon down a few steps to keep a distance from Tom.

Tom fell to the ground weakly and wailed in pain again.

Hathaway didn't expect to run into Tom's recurrence of drug addiction when she came to deliver a band card today, which was her first time to see what drug-addicted people looked like when they were in the throes of addiction.

It was too horrible and miserable.

She didn't know why these people were dabbling in this stuff. Drugs were naturally toxic to people.

Do they want to die?

No wonder Andrew cut off his father-son relationship with him. With such a father, even if Andrew earned more money, he couldn't fill this bottomless pit.

Leon was a man with a lot of experience in the world, so he held Hathaway who was trembling slightly due to fear, and calmly ordered, "Call Andrew now. Tell him about Tom's current state and ask if we should send Tom to rehab."

"Okay." Hathaway completely obeyed his words and took out her phone to dial Andrew's new number in Finland.

As soon as the call was connected, Hathaway told Andrew about Tom's current state, and Andrew said apologetically after a short silence, "Please send him to rehab. After that, you won't have to care about him anymore."

It was obvious that Andrew didn't expect Tom's drug addiction to be so serious now.

Hathaway promised and ended the call without saying anything more. Not long after, the emergency doctor arrived to take Tom away, and they told the doctor to send Tom to rehab directly when he regained consciousness.

After watching Tom being taken away, Hathaway sighed, "Uncle Tom has the advantage of life but ended up in the way he is now."

He lived his advantageous life in a bad way.

Tom was a fop who had been living under the shelter of his father and elder brother. He didn't need to have so much ambition but only lived his life peacefully. Both Paul and Kenny would treat their family well, but they were so greedy that they went wrong step by step.

"A person's poor situation can always attribute to his own fault." Leon h scoffed at shameless people like Tom, "Let's go. I'll send you home."

Leon originally wanted to send Hathaway back to the Taylor's and then went to the company to deal with work.

After Tom's affairs, Hathaway felt bad and didn't want to separate from Leon, and Leon naturally did the same. In the end, Leon drove Hathaway to the Davis Group, and then Hathaway took the special elevator with him to his office.

Leon was away on vacation for a few days, so he was very busy. Hathaway nestled on the sofa in his office reading a book or playing with her cell phone.

Hathaway quietly entertained herself, while the sound of phone calls and keyboard tapping kept coming from Leon's side. They didn't disturb each other but were closely connected. This warm feeling of getting along made Hathaway's low mood much better.

During the break, Leon took a look at the girl quietly nestled on the sofa. The sunlight shone in through the large floor-to-ceiling window and cast a warm halo on her. Looking at her, Leon felt that it was a moment of peace now and want time to stop at this moment.

At noon, Hathaway didn't leave here. Warren ordered take-out food for them, and Hathaway accompanied Leon to have a working meal together.

In reality, it couldn't be considered a working meal. Because Hathaway was there, Leon asked Warren to order some dishes she liked. When Leon was alone on weekdays, his working meals were very simple to facilitate him to continue his busy work after eating.

But now that Hathaway was here, he didn't want her to eat badly.

Hathaway had eaten working meals before, so she knew that Leon had purposely ordered them for her when she saw the table full of dishes. For a moment, she was warm inside and touched.

In reality, true love wasn't a momentary sensation and devotion but could withstand the honing of dull days after the two people were together.

CHAPTER 443 WE JUST DID A LEGITIMATE DEFENSE.

As soon as Leon and Hathaway finished their lunch, Warren knocked on the door and came in.

He frowned and reported to Leon, "Just now the police called and said that Tom wanted to accuse you of beating him with intent."

Leon only sneered in response after hearing this.

Hathaway sat up from the sofa in anger, "How can he have the cheek to say that? Does he want to make an accusation? He was the one who started the fight, and we just did a legitimate defense!"

Hathaway underestimated Tom's shamelessness. It was obvious that he cursed and pounced on her first when she and Leon were about to leave after giving him the bank card. If Leon hadn't stopped him, she would be the one injured now! Did Tom have the cheek to say that he wanted to accuse Leon of beating him?

Leon reached out to pull her who was a bit agitated, looked up, and instructed Warren calmly, "Let him sue if he wants to. Get someone to retrieve the surveillance near Tom's house and give it to the police."

Warren sighed, "According to the police, Tom didn't intend to sue you but wanted to make a big fuss about this and let the public know. He thought he had nothing left, so he had the cheek to smear you. The charge of assault is against you."

Hathaway was so angry that she nearly had a heart attack.

She felt that Barbara, Abby, and Andrew in the previous state were shameless and had no bottom line, but unexpectedly Tom was the most disgusting one.

With such a status, if Leon was exposed to have deliberately beaten someone else, his image would plummet.

In such a long time, it was the first time for Hathaway to tremble with anger at someone.

On the contrary, Leon, who was going to be charged, wore a calm look, pulled her to sit beside him, and instructed Warren with a faint smile, "Leave him alone."

The ugly always made more trouble. Tom wanted to make a big deal out of this matter, but it depended

on whether he has the ability. According to Leon's power, it was more than enough to suppress the small thing like Tom suing him. But he didn't want to do so because he was righteous and not afraid of Tom's smear.

He never cared about his public image, nor did he live by it. As a normal man of flesh and blood, why couldn't he fight back when his woman was bullied? At this point, he regretted that he kicked Tom too lightly.

It was okay if Tom made a big deal out of this, which just could show the public how abominable Tom was. After that, Tom would probably become obnoxious to everyone in South City.

He was addicted to drugs and gambling. One of these two vices was enough for Tom to be scolded and spat on by the people.

Since Leon said so, Warren had to take the order and walked out.

Hathaway said angrily, "Tom and his family are all so shameless. What if he makes a big deal out of it?"

Looking at her angry face, Leon reached out to gently knock her forehead and reminded her, "He did this just to take this opportunity to blackmail us for some money. He thought I would care about my image and hurry to find him for a private settlement, so he could seize the chance to ask for more."

Upon hearing Warren's report, Leon immediately understood Tom's shameless and treacherous thoughts. Now Andrew was determined to break off his relationship with Tom. Even if Andrew gave Tom a bank card, that was certainly not enough for him to spend lavishly. Therefore, Tom wanted to extort him a large sum of money when seizing this opportunity now.

Besides, Leon thought that if he cared about his image and found Tom to settle it privately to meet his selfish desire this time, there would be more similar things happen in the future. As long as Tom was short of money, he would become his cash dispenser.

So he might as well cut off Tom's intention to blackmail him this time to save himself from endless troubles later.

Just now, when she heard Tom's shameless behavior, Hathaway so angry that she lost the ability to think.

After Leon's reminder, she calmed down a bit and realized that Tom was taking advantage of this opportunity to blackmail him.

However, she realized this and became even angrier, "He is the most shameless person I have ever seen. Andrew has given him a bank card, and I guess there must be a lot of money in it, but he is still not satisfied!"

Hathaway felt that Tom was a real disgrace and didn't understand why Paul was so nice but Tom was so shameless and despicable.

Then she looked at Leon and asked with concern, "What if he makes a big deal out of it? That's not good for your image."

Leon laughed, "Silly girl, I don't live by public image. I don't care what others say or think about me."

Leon could see that Hathaway was worried about his image, but if he cared about this, he wouldn't have insisted on marrying her regardless of the board's wishes.

Her reputation was not good at that time, but he didn't care about it, did he?

As the saying went, "When you're strong enough, you naturally have no fear of anything."

Leon was not in the least flustered or angry, on the contrary, Hathaway seemed to be making a fuss when she was angry. However, Hathaway had to admit that Leon's calmness soothed her irritation and chose to believe that Leon was capable of handling this matter well and not afraid of Tom's malicious slander.

As for Tom, he started to kick up a fuss and unreasonably asked to go out after being sent to the drug rehabilitation center for compulsory detoxification, but no one answered him.

There were two types of detoxification, compulsory and voluntary. Compulsory detoxification was enforced by the Public Security Organ, and people couldn't get out unless they kicked the habit after being sent in. Tom belonged to the compulsory detoxification enforced by the Public Security Organ, and even Andrew called the relevant personnel after deciding to send Tom to the drug rehabilitation center for compulsory detoxification. After all, he built his network in South City for many years, so he had contacts in this area.

He told them to be sure to get Tom settled and not let him out no matter how unreasonable Tom was.

Andrew wanted Tom to quit his drug addiction, otherwise, this would be a bottomless pit.

It would be okay if Tom only squandered money, but drug addiction and gambling were no longer be described as squandering.

After Tom made a big noise for a while, no one responded to him, so he started to yell to accuse Leon of beating him.

The drug rehabilitation center had no choice but to call the police for him, so there was a call from the police to Warren.

After that, Tom stopped making noise and waited for Leon to sue for peace.

As Leon expected, Tom was indeed thinking proudly that he would humiliate Leon and blackmail him for some money when Leon came to him later. Since his son didn't care about him anymore, he should hurry to find a new cash cow to cope with his future emergency needs. Leon happened to appear at this juncture, so he immediately grabbed the cash cow regardless of everything.

Leon was much richer than his son. The previous rich list had assessed Leon's worth, at least hundreds of millions. Tom thought that he wouldn't have to worry about food and clothing for the rest of his life and couldn't help but laugh happily.

After laughing, he took out his phone and took a picture of the injury assessment report issued by the hospital. Because of Leon's kick to him, two of his ribs showed signs of slight bone fractures, which caused him to not dare to move with force now.

Tom took a picture of the injury assessment report and was ready to send it to reporters at any time as ironclad evidence that Leon had beaten him.

Now he contacted a few reporters and only told them that he had a piece of news about "a young man allegedly beating an innocent old man with violence" to explode and would tell them who the parties involved were later.

Those reporters were curious and guessed who the young talent was. Because they knew that anyone would have their image affected after being exposed to a dirty laundry about the violent assault, they were impatiently waiting for Tom to expose the specific name to them.

Tom waited proudly for most of the afternoon in the drug rehabilitation center until the sunset, but he didn't see Leon come to him, let alone receive a phone call from Leon or Hathaway begging for peace, which caused him to grit his teeth in anger. However, he had a pain in his chest due to a slight force. Then he could only cover his chest and sit on the bed frowning at what was wrong.

Had the news that he was going to sue Leon not reached Leon's ears?

That should be impossible because the police officer made a call to Leon's assistant—Warren in front of him.

Didn't Leon care about his threat?

This was even more impossible. Leon's status was so prominent, so he would certainly not allow his image to have the slightest damage. How could Leon not care about it?

However, after another hour passed, he still didn't receive any news from Leon asking for peace.

On the contrary, a strange phone call came from abroad, and when he picked up the phone, Andrew's voice reached his ears, "Put away your boring tricks and stay honestly in the drug rehabilitation center.

Do you think you are a match for Leon?"

Tom, who was annoyed, heard his son speaking to him in this tone and flew into a rage at once, "You're a traitor! Are you helping Leon and Hathaway instead of helping me now? Andrew, you're not acting like a man. If I were you, I would have slept with Hathaway!"

Tom's words were vulgar without a bottom line or sense of decency.

In reality, Tom was a bad-mannered person and had been a fop since childhood. Perhaps because their eldest son, Paul, was good enough to take on the Taylor Group, Old Mr. and Mrs. Taylors didn't demand much from their youngest son and let him do almost everything at his own pace.

As a result, their long-term indulgence caused their youngest son not only to be bad-mannered and poor-educated but also to completely become an idle fop.

Even now at this age, he still couldn't change his bad nature.

CHAPTER 444 THIS MATTER HAS BEEN SECRETLY SOLVED.

Tom's words infuriated Andrew on the other end of the phone.

If Andrew didn't let go of his feelings for Hathaway, he might go to force Hathaway under the stimulation of Tom's words.

But now that Andrew had let go of it. Especially after he was alone in Finland during this period and rethought about what he had done in the past years, he felt even more that he was unreasonable in the past.

Hearing Tom's impudent remark, Andrew's voice went cold, "If you don't stop causing trouble, I can freeze the money in that bank card at any time, and then you won't get a single penny.

After saying this ruthlessly, Andrew hung up the phone, and Tom was angry at his words because Andrew was now on the side of Hathaway and Leon.

Tom couldn't bear being treated like this by his son and directly dialed back the phone number that Andrew had just called. He thought that was Andrew's contact number, but no one answered for a long time after he dialed it. It wasn't Andrew's contact number, and Tom almost dropped his phone in anger. So Andrew didn't want to be contacted by him.

Tom, who was unhappy, received Andrew's warning and started calling the reporters he contacted in annoyance to try to expose the news of Leon's assault on him.

Tom swore that he would use this matter to pull Leon down from his high status to bring his reputation into disrepute. Why he was in such a mess with his family broken up but Leon was in love with

Hathaway, and even Kenny continued to take over the Taylor Group?

The result was that he called for a long time, but those reporters didn't answer. Later, a reporter couldn't stand his phone harassment and had to pick up the phone, but before Tom could say anything, the reporter said helplessly, "Mr. Taylor, I am sorry we've received a notice from our superiors and can't report the story you contacted us about a young talent allegedly beating an old man, regardless of who you want to expose."

The implication was that the matter had been secretly solved by the relevant people, and the other party directly found their boss. As entertainment reporters, they naturally had to listen to their boss's words obediently.

"What?" Tom was about to explode, "What do you mean? Won't you report it?"

The reporter didn't bother to talk to him and hung up the phone after saying sorry to him again.

Andrew lost influence, and Tom had a lot of negative news recently and even was in the police station gambling debts a few days ago. Those reporters were snobbish people and stopped taking Tom and his family seriously long ago. The reason why they answered Tom's call was that they were curious about the news Tom wanted to expose. But unexpectedly, the matter had been secretly solved, and they couldn't report it no matter what the story was. In this case, they had a little point in continuing to tangle with Tom, so they simply ignored him.

This time Tom was angry and dropped his phone. Then his injured ribs began to hurt, and he had to fall on his bed with his chest covered.

Tom wasn't a fool, so he understood what the reporter meant. Leon's men solved this matter secretly and forcefully put a lid on the news he wanted to expose at the source. No wonder Leon didn't call him all day. It turned out that he wasn't afraid of him to expose this story because no media would report it even though he did.

This was a humiliation for Tom. As a person who had enjoyed affluence for most of his life, Tom was furious when he was suddenly treated in such a strong way.

However, now Tom couldn't help it. Leon strongly suppressed him, and Andrew gave him a fierce warning, so he didn't dare to act rashly. After all, he needed the money in Andrew's bank card to pay off his debt.

However, he couldn't swallow it, so he picked up his phone from the ground and called Paul. Tom had no place to vent his anger but to make trouble for Paul. Perhaps because he was spoiled by his parents and brother since childhood, he was used to being capricious in front of Paul. No matter what happened and whether it had to do with Paul, he instinctively went to make trouble for Paul.

In reality, when he went to make trouble for Paul last time, Paul showed the cold shoulder on him.

However, Tom was too spoiled to realize Paul's cold attitude towards him and still went to make trouble for Paul aggressively.

Paul was extremely disgusted with his younger brother and had lost his previous attitude of indulging him.

After Tom complained to him about Leon's crimes on the phone, Paul said slowly and coldly, "I think he kicked you too lightly and should kick you to death."

Tom, "..."

Such words as kicking him to death should be the most vicious one that Tom had heard from Paul in most of his life, so Tom froze on the spot and couldn't react.

Paul continued mockingly, "A scum like you living in this world will only pollute the air."

After Paul's words, Tom finally came back to his senses and roared in anger, "Paul, how dare you curse me to death! Are you worthy of our dead parents?"

"I think I am," Paul replied to him without hesitation.

Paul recently found out that Tom was a drug addict. If he wasn't in poor health, he would have gone to beat Tom up.

In the previous, Tom didn't live by honest labor, was addicted to gambling, or even tricked him and Kenny insidiously, but now he was a drug addict, and Paul found this intolerable.

Every year, there were so many obscure drug-suppressing policies sacrificed at the front, but Tom was even peacefully addicted to this. At this point, Paul thought Tom's death was more worthy of their parents.

If he didn't die, he would harm more people; if he died, that would be the best.

This was Paul's most vicious curse in this life, and he never thought it would be used on his younger brother.

On the other end of the line, Tom sputtered a lot, like he was going to ruin Leon with this negative news, but Paul hung the phone without saying a word.

He didn't bother to say anything to Tom to avoid wasting his breath

As for Tom's attempt to smear Leon, Paul felt that Tom was fighting a hopeless battle.

Even Andrew was no match for Leon, so how could Tom have the ability to do it? He was just a clown.

Tom wanted to vent his anger on Paul, but he was humiliated and cursed to death by Paul. He was so angry that he fell on the bed and couldn't get up.

At the thought of spending his future days in rehab, Tom felt that there was no point in living.

However, when he thought about the colorful world outside, he didn't want to die like this because there were many things he had not enjoyed.

When Hathaway returned to the Taylor's from Leon's office, she saw Paul sitting alone in the living room and looking at the scenery outside the window in a daze.

Now it was late summer and early autumn, and there was a chill in the air. Because of Paul's poor health, the nanny covered his legs with a blanket early. At this time, he sat around a blanket with a sad look.

"Dad, why are you sitting here?" Hathaway was distressed to see Paul in this state and hurried to ask him with concern.

Paul came to his sense, looked back at Hathaway, and asked, "Is Leon... all right?"

Although Paul ignored Tom's threatening warning, he was worried.

After all, Tom had no bottom line and could do anything. If Tom damaged Leon's reputation, what should he do?

Thinking of this, Paul can't help but feel heavy at heart. Leon was his son-in-law, and now because his younger brother kept causing trouble for Leon, Paul was very guilty.

"Did Uncle Tom call you?" As soon as she heard Paul ask this question, Hathaway knew that Paul knew about it and scolded Tom indignantly, "He is a scum!"

Hathaway knew Tom's nature that he had always bullied Paul.

She guessed that Tom didn't get any benefit from Leon this time, so he vented his anger on Paul.

Tom was such a despicable and shameless person. He knew that Paul was in poor health and couldn't get angry, but he provoked Paul again and again. Was he willing to see Paul die from his anger?

Paul chuckled and soothed Hathaway, "Don't worry, he didn't get a good attitude from me. I said that people like him living in the world are polluting the air, so he might as well die."

Hathaway's eyes widened in amazement. She didn't expect Paul to say such vicious words to Tom.

But in the next second, she felt relieved that Tom would probably be furious at these words.

Tom had always been used to being unreasonable in front of Paul and bullying him. After receiving a sudden bad treatment from Paul, it would be strange if he wasn't extremely annoyed.

To be honest, ever since Tom made a scene in front of Paul because of Leon's malicious acquisition of the Taylor Group, Paul had never given Tom a good attitude, but Tom didn't learn his lesson. After this experience, Tom probably wouldn't dare to bother Paul again.

Paul looked at Hathaway's surprised expression and sighed softly, "I said that I wouldn't cause you trouble anymore and try to solve things by myself if I could."

He owed a lot to his three children in this life and didn't want them to worry about him anymore.

Hathaway squatted down in front of Paul, "Dad, your business is our business. How can you say it's trouble for us?"

Then she pacified Paul, "Everything is okay with Leon. Uncle Tom doesn't have power now and is no match for Leon. As for his so-called negative news about Leon beating him, no one dares to expose it even if he wants to."

Paul nodded, "That's good."

Hathaway added, "Andrew called me and apologized to us for what Uncle Tom did. He said he warned Uncle Tom that he would freeze the money in that bank card if Uncle Tom insisted on doing wrong. I guess Uncle Tom wouldn't dare to continue to make trouble for the money."

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CHAPTER 445 ANDREW JUST WANTS TO LIVE IN PEACE.

Just before Hathaway came back, she received a call from Andrew.

Andrew had asked someone to watch over Tom in the drug rehabilitation center, so he naturally knew about Tom's attempt to blackmail Leon for a sum of money.

After he called and warned Tom, Andrew called to apologize to Hathaway for what Tom had done and told her that he had warned Tom.

Hathaway accepted Andrew's favor and hoped that Tom would stop causing trouble, get rid of drugs, and behave himself.

Other than that, there was nothing else Hathaway could say to Andrew.

Andrew told her not to tell anyone about his contact number in Finland, and Hathaway agreed.

It was obvious that Andrew wanted to say goodbye to his past, so he cut off all his contacts with South City. Besides, he was in Finland and didn't need the connections in South City anymore.

Now Andrew only wanted to live quietly in Finland.

As for Barbara, Abby and Tom, he would ask their advice when they get out of jail or rehab later. If they wanted to continue to live in South City, they could do as they pleased. If they wanted to go abroad, he would take them abroad, but he wouldn't live with them.

In the future, his parents and younger sister were just a kind of responsibility for him. Other than that, he had no feelings for them.

Paul heard what Andrew had done from Hathaway and let out a low sigh, "Fortunately, he let go of the past now."

Hathaway didn't say anything more and helped Paul to his room to rest.

It was a rare and fortunate thing to Hathaway that Andrew could let go of his obsession. Thinking of her climbing up the towering rocks in Finland in the cold wind, Hathaway was a bit afraid now. If Andrew mercilessly pushed her down, the consequences were unimaginable.

However, because of the last trace of trust in Andrew, she dared to do that.

It was worth using the momentary danger to exchange her and Leon's peaceful life, otherwise, she didn't know what Andrew would do to them later.

But Hathaway didn't expect that Tom would stir up trouble after Andrew had just behaved himself.

She didn't know if she owed their family in her past life so that they caused her trouble one after another.

When Hathaway went upstairs after helping Paul into his room, she saw Ashley going out, and Ashley took the initiative to explain, "I'm going to the crew for a movie shooting the day after tomorrow, so I'll go to Nick's place tonight. You tell Dad about it later."

Hathaway expressed her understanding and gave Ashley a knowing look, causing Ashley to blush and hurry downstairs.

Ashley would attend the launch event tomorrow and then fly to the crew the day after tomorrow, so she planned to go to Nick's house tonight. Given the early hour, Ashley thought she would buy ingredients and make some delicious food to soothe Nick who had been in a bad mood since he learned that she was going to the crew.

After slowly purchasing a bunch of fresh ingredients, Ashley originally intended to check out and leave directly. Then she looked at the time and found it was early, so she simply went to the first-floor jewelry area.

Ashley thought that Nick wouldn't take the initiative to mention marriage to her again in a short time for fear of upsetting her again because of her previous rejection of him.

So if she wanted to get married, it seemed she could only mention it on her own initiative.

So Ashley thought if she took the initiative to mention the marriage, should she send Nick a ring?

Then she appeared in the jewelry area. Ashley didn't plan to buy a ring today and just wanted to see it first.

"Ashley?" Just as Ashley was dazzled by the rings, she heard someone call her name, and there was a hint of surprise in the man's voice.

Before Ashley looked up, a woman's disgruntled voice rang out, "Charles, now we are choosing a wedding ring, why are you looking at your ex-fiancée?"

The woman's voice sounded calm, but her tone was unpleasant to hear.

Ashley was upset to hear this. She wanted to look up, but after hearing the voice of Charles and Bella, she simply pretended not to hear it and continued to look at the rings with her head down, while quietly moving to another place to directly walk away.

At this point, Ashley wanted to curse. This disgusted her, and her good mood at looking at the ring was instantly ruined.

How could she run into Charles everywhere she went? She didn't want to see him, okay?

People in South City all knew that Charles and Bella were engaged and about to get married, and Ashley also knew about it. She had been avoiding Charles, not to mention he had a fiancée now. Even if he was single, Ashley didn't want to see or entangle with him.

However, the more Ashley didn't want something to happen, but she happened to encounter that.

Charles, who was choosing a wedding ring with Bella, saw Ashley ignore him and directly step over.

He blocked Ashley's way and continued to ask, "Are you choosing a ring? Why are you alone here? Shouldn't two people do this together? Nick—"

Charles wanted to say why Nick wasn't with her, but he swallowed his words because he didn't want outsiders to know that Ashley and Nick were a couple.

He always felt that Ashley's choice to be with Nick was an injury to his self-esteem.

He always felt that Ashley shouldn't be able to find a man, or found a man much worse than him after she retired from his marriage.

As for Ashley, she thought that Charles was a psychopath. They had nothing to do with each other, but he spoke to her in a questioning and familiar tone, which made her want to slap him with disgust.

However, she maintained her elegance and looked up indifferently at Charles who was frowning at her, "Sorry, I'm in a hurry."

Then she turned and left.

Frankly speaking, Ashley wanted to ask Charles, did he not care about his face? He was now choosing a wedding ring with Bella, not to mention Bella was present, and there was counter service staff. He pestered his former fiancée like this. Weren't he and Bella disgraced?

Bella was at least the younger sister of Vice Mayor Wilson, but did he not take Bella seriously?

What Ashley didn't know was that Charles was driven crazy by Bella through his contact with her these days. He didn't expect Bella to be such an arrogant and mean woman. If he had known earlier, he wouldn't have slept with Bella and agreed to Jason's proposed marriage.

After Bella agreed to be engaged to him, he visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilsons with his parents and gave a sincere bride price. Mr. and Mrs. Wilsons and Jason seemed satisfied, but Bella wasn't satisfied and asked him for five percent of the Robinson Group's shares. Charles got angry on the spot and almost slammed the door and left.

The bride price to Bella was far more than what was given to Ashley, but Bella made an excessive request for the Robinson Group's shares.

His parents were very shocked. If it weren't for the fact that Jason was the vice mayor, they would have directly slammed the door and left. His parents attached too much importance to the Robinson Group's property, so they gave a face to Bella by taking out such a bride price to Bella.

Jason's face darkened because of Bella's excessive request, but he was good at dealing with this kind of thing as a vice mayor. After he patiently mediated for them for a while, Charles and his parents finally reluctantly agreed to give Bella three percent of the Robinson Group's shares.

Bella wasn't satisfied, but Jason gave an oral instruction, and she had to accept it.

But her acceptance didn't mean that she was comfortable inside. Because of her displeasure, Bella treated Charles so badly when they met each other later that Charles wanted to retire from her

marriage.

This was just one of the reasons.

Besides, Bella demanded that their wedding must be held grandly and solemnly, as well as they were now choosing a wedding ring. At first, Bella said that she wanted to ask the jewelry designer to customize a diamond wedding ring for her, and the diamond couldn't be less than 10 carats. Hearing his, Charles wanted to slap Bella on the spot.

When he just contacted the jewelry designer, Bella suddenly proposed to come to the mall to take a look.

So there was a scene where he met Ashley. Because of Bella's recent exhausting fuss, Charles felt Ashley's goodness even more after seeing her.

When he was engaged to Ashley before, Ashley and the Taylors didn't mention ask for anything, and they gave the bride price at will. Moreover, Ashley never mentioned a diamond ring or jewelry and so on. As for the wedding, Paul said that the Robinsons were going to have a daughter-in-law and could hold a wedding as they wanted to. Ashley didn't have any comments on this.

Now looking at Bella's nature, Charles would naturally go after Ashley regardless of everything.

There was a saying, "No comparison, no hurt done. " At this moment, Charles regretted having cheated on Ashley.

When Charles saw Ashley, Ashley was bending down and looking at the rings on the counter seriously.

Ashley has always been wearing black smooth straight hair, which made her more gentle and virtuous.

She wore a thin camel trench coat, and the ribbon outlined her slender waist. Her long hair was tucked behind her ears, and her side face was fair and serene, which was attracted to Charles

After Ashley turned and left, Charles stepped forward and wanted to chase after her. Bella, who was sitting at the counter not far away and trying on the diamond ring recommended by the salesgirl, looked at Charles's distracting appearance, took off the diamond ring on his finger, and got up to lean over him.

She took his arm and said, "Since you want to chase her, we might as well follow her."

Charles was confused by Bella's attitude. With her character, Bella couldn't face his behavior so calmly and even took the initiative to propose to follow Ashley.

CHAPTER 446 ASHLEY IS ANNOYED.

Before Charles returned to his senses, he was dragged by Bella to catch up with Ashley.

Ashley walked out of the mall angrily with the ingredients she had purchased and hurried to her car in the parking lot. She was annoyed that her good mood to meet with Nick was gone because of running into Charles and Bella.

When she came to her car to put the ingredients she bought in the trunk, she looked up and saw Bella coming to the parking lot with her arm in Charles'.

Charles put on a complicated look, while there was a trace of unusual calculation in Bella's eyes.

The two people were haunting her.

Ashley felt a tightness in her chest, looked down at the eggs she had just bought in her hand and had the urge to smash them on their faces.

But fortunately, she had a shred of sanity. She thought that the two people shouldn't be following her and perhaps came to the parking lot because they happened to be leaving. So she had better not think too badly of others.

Ignoring them, Ashley closed the trunk door, got into the cab, and started the car to leave. Her destination was Nick's apartment.

After driving away, Ashley didn't pay attention to Charles and Bella for two reasons that she had to focus on driving and received a call from Nick.

Nick had just finished an operation and was physically and mentally exhausted, but he called her because he was missing her.

Ashley took the initiative to say softly, "I just went to the mall to buy ingredients. Now I'm on my way to your house."

Nick instantly felt his exhaustion dissipate and said with joy, "I have a few things to handle and will go back as soon as I finish them."

When Nick heard Ashley say that she was going to his place, he knew that she wouldn't leave tonight.

Thinking of him having dinner to eat and staying close with Ashley all night, Nick didn't feel exhausted and could accept their separation caused by her upcoming filming in the crew.

Because Ashley would stay longer in the crew this time, Nick thought that he couldn't stand it and decided to take a leave to visit Ashley at the halfway point. Anyway, he had been working diligently in the hospital for so many years and had never taken a vacation, so he should exercise his right as the heir to the hospital director.

After finishing her call with Nick, Ashley glanced at the rearview mirror and found Charles' car following hers.

Ashley knew Charles's car because she had ridden in many times before.

Ashley didn't expect Charles and Bella to follow her and only felt disgusted. Her impulse to throw eggs at Charles was even stronger.

This was the first time for Ashley to disgust a person to the point of wanting to do something to him with force, and she also couldn't understand Bella's behavior. Bella had announced to marry Charles, but why would she agree to Charles driving after her? Ashley wouldn't have thought that Bella took the initiative to let Charles follow her.

Charles didn't understand why Bella did this until now. After sitting in the car, he frowned and asked Bella, "What exactly do you want to do?"

Bella smiled indifferently, "I see that you still have feelings for your former fiancée, so I just give you a favor."

Charles didn't believe Bella's words, but he followed Ashley under her bewitching.

The direction Ashley drove wasn't back to the Taylor's. Charles couldn't help but grit his teeth and thought to himself, "She isn't going to Nick's place, is she? I just saw her buy a bunch of ingredients, is she going to cook for Nick?"

Such a thought put Charles in a bad mood. He and Ashley had a one-year marriage contract, but Ashley never personally cooked anything for him.

Did she live together with Nick and cook for him after being a couple with Nick for only a few months?

Ashley drove directly to Nick's community. When she looked that Charles' car was still following her, she was annoyed. At the entrance of the community, she found a place to park her car and then saw the car behind followed up to stop.

After taking a deep breath, Ashley got out of the car, went to the trunk to get the bag of eggs she had bought, and walked towards Charles' car with a cold face.

Seeing her walking over with a bag of eggs, Charles rolled down his car window with puzzlement and gave her a gentle smile, "Ash—"

Before Charles finished his words, a bag of eggs fell over him. Ashley deliberately unlocked the bag mouth before, so those eggs were smashed in Charles' face and broke. The egg white and yolk flowed out and glued Charles' face and body, looking in a mess.

"Ashley!" Charles didn't address her intimately but called her by name in shock and anger.

Charles roared in disbelief while reaching out to scrap the sticky egg white and egg yolk from his face. In her blur vision, Ashley's turned away without looking back and didn't even say a word to him. Bella was also surprised by Ashley's sudden rude behavior, but after the surprise, she gave a gloating laugh until Charles said in a fury, "Bella, you are crazy!"

Then he yelled, "Give me some tissues!"

Bella continued to laugh nonchalantly, reached out to take a packet of tissues from the front console, and threw it to Charles. After grabbing the tissues, Charles hurriedly pushed open the door and got out of the car. He desperately wiped his face with the tissues until he could see clearly and then hurriedly wiped the egg liquid on him.

Charles trembled with anger and didn't expect Ashley to do such a thing to him. In his impression, Ashley had always been gentle, generous, virtuous, and knowledgeable, so she would never do something uncultured like throwing eggs at others. However, Ashley did throw eggs all over his face and body just now.

Thinking of this, Charles became more irritated.

Not far away, Ashley's car had long disappeared at the gate and lost its trace after being turned into the community.

Charles used up a whole pack of tissues to clean up the egg liquid on his face and body, but the fishy smell of eggs kept running into his nose and caused him to reach the point of vomiting.

He threw the tissues in the trash next to him and turned back to see that Bella got out of the car and stood there calmly surveying the community in front of her with her arms clasped.

Seeing him coming, she said to him with a smile, "Nick seems to live here, and Ashley is here to meet him and make soup for him."

Bella had once heard from Jason that Ashley might be with Nick. After she and Charles announced they were getting married, Jason told her that Ashley and Nick were indeed together.

With that, Bella asked Charles deliberately, "How is Miss Taylor's cooking skills? Has she ever cooked for you?"

It was obvious that Bella deliberately said the wrong thing to poke Charles' tender spot.

Charles was sullen, and his face immediately darkened at her question.

When he was about to step into the car, he heard Bella say, "I've decided to choose our wedding house in this community. We'll find an agent to see the house some other day."

Charles yelled furiously, "Bella, you're crazy!"

Only then did Charles understand why Bella would urge him to chase after Ashley. It turned out that she was to determine where Ashley and Nick lived and then chose their wedding house in the same community to disgust him. Perhaps this could also disgust Ashley and Nick in the future.

To Charles' confusion, didn't Bella feel like adding to her trouble by doing this?

Did she find it interesting to live in a community with his former fiancée?

Besides, when they discussed their marriage before, they had chosen their wedding house. Now that she asked to buy a house in this community, he would pay an extra amount of money.

This community was not an ordinary community but a high-grade residence located in a prime location. Although there were few buildings in the whole community, every household was rich or noble. When this real estate was first opened, many celebrities in South City wanted to come here to buy a house to improve their status, but they failed to buy one.

Most importantly, the houses in this community were all super large, and it would take at least tens of millions to buy a house here. The Robinson Group was rich, but Charles didn't want to take out the money to meet Bella's unreasonable demand. Besides, their wedding house had been chosen, why he should meet Bella since she did too much now?

Moreover, if Bella hadn't encouraged him to chase after Ashley today, how could he have been thrown eggs by Ashley and was in such a mess?

The more Charles thought about it, the angrier he became. After scolding Bella, he got into the car and started it. Seeing that Bella hadn't got into the car yet, he rolled down the car window and yelled sullenly, "Do you leave or not?"

Bella didn't get into the car, held the car door, and leaned over to say sourly, "Charles, why don't you agree to buy our wedding house here? You are thinking about your former fiancée, aren't you? If you live in a community with her, won't you be able to see her more often? How nice!"

Charles was about to explode with anger.

Every second he spent with Bella, he would be pissed off by Bella so that he wanted to withdraw from the marriage even before he married her.

The fishy smell of egg liquid on his body caused him to almost vomit. He suppressed his anger and yelled at Bella again, "For the last time, are you leaving or not?"

Bella proudly demanded with a cold face, "If you don't buy a house here, I won't leave and marry you."

Charles sneered, "Are you not going to marry me? That's great."

After saying that, Charles leaned over to pull the car door shut with force, stepped on the gas pedal, and sped away, leaving Bella here.

Bella didn't expect that Charles wouldn't give her face and stood furiously in place yelling, "Charles! Come back!"

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CHAPTER 447 THEY TORMENT AND LOVE EACH OTHER.

Charles couldn't stand Bella anymore and only wanted to hurry home to take a shower in a bad mood, so he directly stepped on the gas and drove away, leaving Bella alone.

Bella called Charles angrily, but he threw his phone aside and didn't answer it.

Bella stood there in anger for a while and finally had to take a taxi home by herself.

On the way back, Bella called Jason and yelled defiantly, "Jason, I want to break off my engagement. I don't want to marry Charles!"

On the other end, Jason hung up the phone amid her cries and didn't pay attention to her.

Bella was so angry that she buried her face in her hands and cried bitterly, causing the taxi driver to turn to see her frequently.

Recently, the story that Bella and Charles were going to get married spread across South City, so even an ordinary taxi driver knew about it. Hearing Bella cry to break off her engagement, the driver couldn't help glancing at her a few times, but he thought later that it might just be the angry words the young couple said during a quarrel.

Bella cried in the back seat for a while and finally controlled her emotions.

The reason why she was picky, mean, and unreasonable about Charles and her marriage with Charles was that she was not willing to.

She was not willing to miss Leon and marry Charles, who wasn't as good as Leon in every way. Even Ashley, who had broken off her engagement to Charles, was together with Nick, so why should she accept Charles? However, she couldn't help it even if she was unwilling and had to marry Charles, so she couldn't help but start making things difficult for Charles and angering him. When she watched Charles

and his family get angry but having to endure it, she was in a happy mood.

She only used this way of tormenting others to balance her mind.

As for Charles, he drove all the way home in anger, and the first thing he did was to walk upstairs to his room to take a shower. In the living room, Mrs. Robinson saw her son back and asked "Charles, didn't you go to choose a wedding ring with Bella? Why are you back so soon?"

With that, Mrs. Robinson glanced behind him, "Where is Bella? Why didn't she come back with you?"

Charles was now in a bad mood, so he didn't bother to pay attention to Mrs. Robinson's inquiry and walked forward with a sullen face.

Looking at Mrs. Robinson, Charles suddenly remembered her previous picky about Ashley and couldn't help but be dissatisfied with her. If she hadn't been critical and dissatisfied with Ashley and said bad things to him about Ashley, Ashley might not have been repulsed and disconnected from him and refused to get close to him. He might not be said to think that Ashley was a bad woman and then found another woman outside...

Thinking of this, Charles was in a worse mood. At this moment, Mrs. Robinson found him in a mess and could not help but exclaim, "Charles, what's going on with you? Who did this to you?"

Charles cleverly didn't say that Ashley threw it because he knew that his mother would go to Ashley at once if she knew that Ashley did this to him.

He didn't want his mother to cause any more bad influence between him and Ashley. In the past, whenever Ashley upset him, he would always confide in Mrs. Robinson. At that time, Mrs. Robinson would defend him and complain about Ashley. Because he confided in Mrs. Robinson that Ashley didn't let him touch her, Mrs. Robinson deliberately arranged that woman for him.

Charles remembered clearly that Mrs. Robinson told him not to wronged himself. Since Ashley didn't let him touch, he could do what he wanted with another woman.

Mrs. Robinson also said that the woman was voluntary, and it would be a waste if he didn't sleep with her. When he got bored with this woman, he could just abandon her.

But unexpectedly, that woman wasn't easy to deal with. She secretly made her pregnant and came to Ashley with Barbara, which led to his breakup with Ashley.

Charles thought about what he had done in the past and only felt that he was a fool.

If only he hadn't told his mom anything bad about Ashley; if only he had stood up for Ashley every time his mother complained about her.

It was only after experiencing that woman and Bella that Charles discovered how good Ashley was.

With this in mind, Charles wasn't angry with Ashley throwing eggs at him. It was all his fault, and he deserved Ashley to treat him like this.

Because of these thoughts, Charles was bored with Mrs. Robinson, ignored her concern, and went upstairs without looking back, which made Mrs. Robinson confused. This was the first time his son had ignored her for so many years.

After throwing eggs at Charles, Ashley turned to leave without looking back and drove straight into the community. She wasn't afraid of Charles and Bella catching up with her. Anyway, this community management and security was particularly strict that non-owners here couldn't enter. She had an electronic door card that Nick had applied for her, so she came in and out without hindrance.

In addition to having slapped Abby, this was the second time Ashley had used force against others. She didn't care how wretched and annoyed Charles was and only knew that she would suffocate herself if she didn't vent her disgust and anger.

When she got into the car and drove, Ashley felt relaxed and comfortable. It turns out that it was good to do things like a shrew sometimes because she at least didn't have to aggravate herself.

After returning to Nick's apartment, Ashley began to prepare dinner. She didn't call to tell Nick what she had experienced. Anyway, she wasn't bullied but felt some regret looking at the fresh shrimps in her hands. Originally, she wanted to make the fried shrimp with scrambled eggs, and Nick loved to eat it. Now that all the eggs were gone, she had to make the boiled shrimps instead.

After dinner was ready, Ashley opened a bottle of red wine, put it in the decanter, and then sat quietly on the sofa to read the script she brought and waited for Nick to return.

As the saying went, "There was no comparison, no harm". In the past, she didn't think that Charles was abominable, but after they broke off their engagement, Charles was disgusting to the extreme.

When they were together, Charles didn't cherish her. Now they had broken off their engagement, and she had deliberately told Charles that she was with Nick to let him give up on her, but she didn't expect Charles to be so shameless and even continued to pester her after he had announced that he was going to marry Bella.

Moreover, Bella connived at Charles pestering her.

The two people fit together as they were both freaks.

By contrast, Nick looked better. Except that he had forced her to marry him before, he had never made things difficult for her in their relationship. Sometimes he might be a bit strong to do intimate things with her in bed, but that was under the premise of her acquiescence. If she resisted, he wouldn't act at

will.

Nick treated her with sincerity, while Ashley didn't know what Charles treated her with. Anyway, he didn't put his heart or energy into it.

Besides, Nick's parents were so hospitable and gentle to her, which was something warm to Ashley. Even if there was a better man, she wouldn't give up on Nick and only wanted him.

She only wanted to receive his love and favor and spend the rest of her life with him.

Ashley thought about this while reading the script. After Charles did these, she was more aware of Nick's goodness and her affection for Nick.

Perhaps their relationship began with Nick's love for her at first sight, but now she had grown fond of him over time and was deeply in love.

When Ashley was thinking about this, the sound of the door opening came from the foyer. Ashley put down her script and got up to walk over, so a warm and soft body leaned over Nick's arms as soon as Nick entered his house. Ashley's action made Nick satisfied. When a woman had such behavior, that represented her enough dependence, trust, and miss on him.

Nick put his key and bag on the cabinet in the foyer, held Ashley's soft waist with his big hands, and then bowed to kiss her. Although Nick longed to live with Ashley every day to stay together, sometimes he felt that it was great for them to meet once every two or three days, there was always a passion because of their short absence.

Especially Ashley, who was introverted and subtle, would be extremely cooperative with him in bed if they didn't see each other for a few days. In this way, she expressed how much she missed and longed for him, but if they stayed together for a few days in a row, she would be annoyed at his excessive demands and not let him touch her.

For example, now he could feel Ashley's desire for him when he kissed her, and they fell into a deep kiss in the foyer.

In the end, Ashley distanced herself from Nick by her sanity and reminded him in a trembling voice, "You've had surgery today. Let's eat first."

Every doctor was the same. They were in the clinic a few days a week but also did surgery on the operation table on other days. Ashley remembered Nick's schedule and knew that he must be mentally and physically exhausted because he operated on patients today. She couldn't bear him to do intimate things with her when he was hungry and would be distressed.

Nick chuckled and murmured in her ears, "I have a good physical strength..."

Ashley glared at him, "Even so, you have to eat first."

With that, Ashley pushed him away and took the lead towards the dining table. Seeing this, Nick's smile widened, but he honestly went to his room to change his clothes, washed his hands, and then sat down at the table to enjoy the food that his beloved woman had carefully prepared for him.

In reality, what Nick wanted was very simple. It was just such a warm companionship.

But it was also very difficult.

Because he wanted a woman he had a crush on to accompany him with warmth. If he had no feelings for a woman, he wouldn't fall in love with her no matter how gentle, virtuous, beautiful, or sexy that woman was. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been looking for so many years.

Now he was glad that he found the right woman and had the life he wanted.

Ashley had fallen in love with him, and he could feel it.

He and she loved each other, so it was enough.

CHAPTER 448 I WANT TO MARRY HIM.

When Ashley and Nick were almost done with dinner, Ashley took the initiative to mention to Nick about meeting Charles and Bella today.

"I was going to make the fried shrimps with scrambled eggs, but there were no eggs," Ashley said.

Nick glanced at the boiled shrimps on the table that had been eaten by them and chuckled, "The boiled shrimps are also delicious. I love anything you make."

Ashley laughed and thought that his reaction to the changes was quick.

Nick said this not because of his quick reaction but it was his truest thought.

He felt delicious as long as the food was made by Ashley. Even if she simply cooked a bowl of noodles for him, he also felt it was delicious.

Ashley explained, "I went to the supermarket and bought eggs, but I smashed someone with those eggs."

Nick, "..."

For a moment, he thought he had heard wrong because he couldn't imagine Ashley smashing someone with eggs.

But the next second, he put down his chopsticks with a frown and asked her with a cold and solemn look, "What happened? Why didn't you tell me earlier?"

Nick knew that Ashley was a steady and sensible woman, so the person who could provoke her to throw eggs must have acted too much.

Then Ashley told Nick about Charles and Bella's following her and also said that she had smashed Charles' face with eggs.

After listening to this, Nick's face darkened, "Charles doesn't want to stay in South City, does he?"

The implication was that he had been angered by Charles's shameless behavior and was going to take action against him.

Nick originally didn't want to lower himself to the same level as Charles. Anyway, Ashley had never loved Charles, but now he shamelessly pestered Ashley and even angered her to the point of using force. Nick was a man and loved Ashley, so he couldn't tolerate it.

Ashley soothed him, "Don't be angry. He didn't get anything out of it, but I smashed eggs on him instead. I have vented my anger."

Ashley was indeed disgusted by Charles at first, but after smashing eggs on Charles like a shrew, she vented her anger and had nothing to be angry about. If Charles pestered her again, she would continue to act like a shrew.

Nick was still unhappy, but he hides it because he didn't intend to continue to be annoyed in front of Ashley and would take action against Charles secretly. Now it was a rare time for him and Ashley to stay together, and they didn't need to talk about such a shameless person like Charles to waste their time.

However, he also felt relieved that Ashley had smashed eggs on Charles, "When he pesters you next time, you can continue to do this to him. I will bear the consequences if he is injured."

Then he sneered, "He and Bella are a perfect match. They both had no sense of shame and no bottom line."

Nick thought that Charles and Bella could behave themselves after announcing their marriage, but now they seemed to be extremely shameless and unreasonable.

Nick told Ashley to continue to use force against Charles next time, which warmed her heart, but she wasn't an impulsive and aggressive person. In the past, she had always borne everything, but now she was no longer going to put up with any freaks who bullied her after experiencing a death.

So she smiled and said softly to Nick, "Don't worry about me. I won't be bullied now."

Sometimes when she thought about the month she spent in the hospital at the edge of life and death, Ashley felt like a dream.

She also deeply knows that if it were not for Nick, she wouldn't have the life she had now.

She didn't feel anything in the hospital, but after she was discharged from the hospital, Nick came to her and confessed his love to her. When she recalled it carefully, she realized that Nick had taken good care of her in the hospital and gave her help during that time, for example, he had lent Hathaway 500,000.

This was all because of her.

She began to bear Nick's feelings from very early.

After talking about Charles, they went on with their dinner. Ashley drank some wine and looked exceedingly fascinating and charming. When she sat there with her cheek in one hand and just took a glance at Nick, Nick couldn't hold himself.

After dinner, Nick directly carried Ashley to the bathroom and took a bath together. They caught in a passion, so you could imagine that they started to do the most primitive sports from the bathroom.

After the passion, Ashley lay on Nick's shoulders and thought that she was willing to marry this man.

She wanted him to be happy and also wanted the thrill of ecstasy he gave her.

The next day, Ashley went to the launch event, and Hathaway came to Nick's place in advance to do Ashley's makeup and styling.

Luckily, the clothes Hathaway chose for Ashley were non-revealing shirts and pants because Nick left hickeys on her collarbone and neck last night. After getting dressed and putting on her makeup, Hathaway finally put the emerald green bracelet on her waist, which was outside of the white shirt cuffs. The clean white with the charming green just looked elegant.

Nick leaned by the door and looked at Ashley's outfit with amazement and pride in his eyes.

He was amazed and proud of Ashley's beauty.

His woman was dressed up to look elegant and beautiful with a bit of intellectual frankness. How could he not be proud?

He couldn't help but sourly say to Hathaway, "I don't know whether to thank or get angry with you."

He didn't know whether to thank Hathaway for making his woman so beautiful or to get angry with Hathaway for discovering Ashley's beauty and revealing it to outsiders.

As a smart woman, Hathaway immediately understood what Nick meant at the sight of his tangled expression, turned to look at Nick, and said with a smile, "I understand how you feel."

Wasn't he in a contradictory mood of liking Ashley's beauty and wanting to treasure it selfishly?

Nick couldn't help but smile when Hathaway guessed his mood. To be honest, Hathaway was considerate with a touch of mischievousness, which made him feel comfortable. Nick felt even more that Leon was lucky to marry a girl like Hathaway, otherwise, he didn't dare to imagine what would happen if Leon fell into a loveless marriage.

Although Leon and he were single all these years, the fundamental reason for their singleness was different. He was single because he was positive about love and marriage and wanted to find a woman he loved the most to get married.

However, Leon was never interested in getting married because he was negative about love and marriage. If he hadn't met Hathaway and had to get married one day, it would be a loveless marriage for the sake of carrying on the family line.

Now that Leon met Hathaway and love, he had a marriage based on love. Hence, Nick felt that this was the fortune of Leon's life.

When Nick was thinking about these, the two sisters were ready to go, and Hathaway smiled at him, "I'll send Ashley to the launch event."

Nick wanted to send her personally, but he could only leave it to Hathaway to avert suspicion, "Please."

After saying this to Hathaway, Nick's hot and deep eyes fell on Ashley again.

Hathaway could see that Nick wanted to stay with Ashley for a while longer, so she offered to go downstairs and wait first.

Hathaway was deep in love and knew the feeling of being attached to each other, especially Ashley was so beautiful now. Before leaving, she reminded her kindly, "Be careful not to smudge the lip makeup I just put on for her."

Hearing this, Ashley was embarrassed and then was swept into Nick's arms.

Leon embraced her and sighed in a low voice, "I don't want you to be in the limelight..."

He just wanted to treasure her beauty for himself.

Ashley soothed him helplessly, "You are too nervous. I am just a supporting role, so no one will notice me."

It was not that Ashley belittled herself, but because she was anonymous now. At the launch event, the lead actor and actress would steal the limelight, while she was just a routine appearance as a minor supporting role.

Nick looked down and wanted to kiss her, but he remembered Hathaway's reminder at the sound of her red lips and could only turn to sniff at her neck, "But you will be famous in the future, and then all eyes will be on you."

Nick had reason to believe that Ashley would be popular. First of all, she could endure loneliness in this circle with her calm and steady character. Secondly, her appearance and temperament were good. Although she wasn't a young girl, it would not affect her to become a big star as long as she got a good drama. Not every actor was popular at their best age, and there were many late developers.

Besides, according to his financial resources, even if Ashley had been lukewarm, he would certainly make Ashley a big hit to fulfill her dream.

This was what happened later. Now he would respect her wishes to let her succeed step by step.

Ashley, who was embraced by Nick, could feel the man's strong possessiveness of her and said softly, "Even if I am in the limelight one day, I will only belong to you. My heart and body only belong to you."

After saying that, Ashley could not help but blush first and didn't know how she blurted out such love words. In reality, she wasn't good at expressing her feelings, especially when it came to love, but now...

She was embarrassed to look up with a slight blush, while Nick was successfully pleased by her words and bowed her head to kiss her with intense affection in his chest. So after Ashley went downstairs with a red face and sat in Hathaway's car, Hathaway resignedly took out her makeup tools to fix Ashley's lip makeup.

Ashley's face was so flushed and hot that she closed her eyes and didn't look at Hathaway.

Hathaway snickered while fixing Ashley's makeup. To be honest, Ashley shouldn't be so shy. It was normal for this to happen to men and women who love each other deeply, wasn't it?

CHAPTER 449 ASHLEY IS SMEARED FOR NO REASON.

For example, she and Leon weren't together last night, but they had a video call. During the day in the company, Leon looked well-dressed with a mature posture of a business elite, but when he videoed with her at night, he said something so explicitly that she couldn't help but blush as a self-proclaimed veteran.

The weather was getting cooler, but he deliberately didn't wear clothes to video with her after coming out of the shower and blow-drying his hair. Leon's muscular and firm body swayed before her eyes, and

he said in a low and flirtatious voice on the other end that he missed her, which made her heart tremble and almost didn't restrain himself from running to him again in the middle of the night.

But in the end, Hathaway restrained herself because she thought she should be reserved as a girl and couldn't go to him in the middle of the night every time.

After she calmed down last night, she thought as if he hadn't been so impulsive as her to look for her. When they first met, he had done so once, but he had to find her to vent his anger because he was so irritated by her at that time. Now they were in love, he wouldn't be impulsive for her, right?

On the contrary, she was the one who had been teased by him again and again and wanted to come to him regardless of everything.

Men were all the same. Once they got a woman, they didn't know to cherish her.

So when Leon called her on her way to do Ashley's make-up this morning, her attitude was flat and downhearted, which made Leon confused on the other end of the phone and asked her what was wrong with a frown. She didn't bother to pay attention to him and just gave him a perfunctory word before he hung up the phone and went straight to Nick's house.

Hathaway drove Ashley to the launch site, and Jasmine was waiting there. Hathaway was relieved to leave Ashley to Jasmine and then drove away to find Jessica. She went abroad to travel for so many days and hadn't broken contact with Jessica, so things like office supplies and furniture were almost chosen, and could be decided after they met to discuss it.

The launch event went very well. As Ashley expected, she was only there to serve as a contrast or foil. Everyone's attention was on the lead actor, lead actress, director, screenwriter, and other creators in chief, while she stood at the edge and was asked a question about her thoughts on the role she played. This was the most basic question, and she continued to be a foil after saying her feelings seriously.

Unexpectedly, she served as a contrast or foil on the launch event in a low profile, but after the launch event was over, a top search for her popped up on the Internet. Someone circled her who was indifferent and generous in the most corner of the group photo and asked who she was.

Then the information about her was soon unearthed. She was Ashley, the eldest daughter of the down-and-out Taylors. She had been once engaged to Charles and then was cheated on by him. She had a car accident and spent a month in the hospital, as well as making her way into the entertainment circle at her age.

As her information was unearthed, she attracted attention while being more spurned and envied, and even some people scolding her.

They scolded her for being uppity and a clown to enter the entertainment industry at her age.

They scolded the Taylors had fallen into abjection so that she even attended the launch event in shabby clothes. Although her clothes set off her calm and generous temperament, she hadn't decent jewelry, looking shabby and disgraced.

There was even a scolding more unpleasant that she had no passion in bed with an indifferent expression, so Charles cheated on her.

The next extension information was that Charles recently announced to marry Bella, the younger sister of Mayor Wilson, so a bunch of people started to belittle Ashley and exalt Bella.

They boasted that Bella had a good family background, temperament, figure, and was a well-known dancer with a gentle and obedient personality. She was far superior to Ashley who was broken off an engagement.

In short, Ashley was spattered with abuse in half an afternoon, while Bella was praised as a fairy down to earth.

Ashley returned to Nick's apartment after the launch event, and Nick went to work at the hospital. She first washed Nick's clothes, and then because the season was about to change, she changed Nick's bedding for autumn and winter, put away the summer clothes, and took out the autumn and winter clothes in the dressing room.

In view of her long stay in Crew, Ashley wanted to help Nick get these done before leaving. Although Nick lived well on his own for so many years before, now she was his bedmate and felt that she should do these for Nick. His work at the hospital was very busy and tiring, so these things that women were good at would be done by her later.

Nick's apartment was large, and it was not an easy thing to clean up. When Ashley finished her housework, she was exhausted, went to the bathroom to take a shower, and fell asleep as soon as she lay in bed. Last night, Nick tossed most of the night so that she was physically and mentally exhausted. Then she went to attend the launch event the next morning, which was her first time to attend such an occasion. Although she looked calmly, she was actually very nervous.

She slept quite comfortably if she hadn't been woken up by the phone.

The phone call was from Jasmine. Jasmine heard Ashley's sleepy voice and couldn't help but sigh, "Miss Taylor, I can't believe you fell asleep."

Ashley sat up to organize her thoughts and asked Jasmine softly, "Is there something wrong?"

Ashley usually didn't have the habit of playing with her cell phone or browsing news on it. In the past, she spent most of her time reading and playing the piano, while now she read books on scripts and acting in her free time, so she had no idea that she was badly scolded on the internet because of the morning's launch event.

Jasmine weighed her words, "Take a look online, you ... are scolded."

Jasmine was depressed because Ashley was inexplicably scolded. It was okay if Ashley was made famous by her and then provoked abuse. Anyway, a person would be smeared after being famous in the entertainment circle, but Ashley was unknown. So far, she had only acted in one movie, played a few scenes of an insignificant first love in it, and even the movie hadn't yet been released.

Besides, she was about to enter the crew of a costume mystery drama. Ashley was now an unknown actress, so Jasmine didn't understand who was trying to smear her.

To be honest, Jasmine wanted to tease the person who smeared Ashley behind the scenes was smart or stupid. Such a smear would bring visibility to Ashley. After all, Ashley had a good temperament and appearance, so a director or producer might come to her for shooting because of this.

Hearing this, Ashley asked with puzzlement, "Am I scolded?"

Jasmine replied, "You go see it first. After that, we'll think about countermeasures."

Ashley was a contracted actress of Jasmine, so Jasmine certainly couldn't let Ashley be smeared even if she was just an unknown actress.

After hanging up the phone, Ashley used her phone to browse those remarks about smearing and scolding her online. She finished reading and only felt that those people were so boring.

Also, why did they want to smear an unknown actress like her?

While thinking of this, a thought suddenly crossed Ashley's mind. She was wondering if this matter ... was dominated by Bella behind the scenes. After all, she was unknown and didn't offend anyone in the entertainment circle, but she just offended Bella in life yesterday.

Although Bella allowed Charles to follow her, Ashley believed that Bella was a vengeful person through what Bella did to Hathaway. Charles followed his former fiancée, so it would be strange that Bella could bear it. Since she couldn't do anything to her openly, she could only play dirty tricks behind her back.

After thinking about these, Ashley called Jasmine and expressed her personal opinion that she would ignore it.

When she was cheated on by Charles and broke off her engagement to him before, she was also assailed by gossip. At that time, she was in a coma in the hospital and didn't have the most real feeling of it, but she felt it this time and thought that she had better ignore it. She couldn't pay attention to it, could she?

Jasmine asked her what she thought, and Ashley told the truth, "I don't think I can stand up and explain in this situation and feel like it will make things worse to do that."

Jasmine laughed helplessly, "Ashley, you're so open-minded."

Ashley said with a laugh, "I didn't want to woo fame and fortune in this circle and just do a thing I like. Because I like it, it does not matter even if I don't make achievements. If I can succeed, it will be naturally better, so I don't think I need to pay attention to these rumors."

Jasmine saw Ashley's calm attitude and said, "Misfortune might be a blessing in disguise. Maybe their behavior will bring you visibility to save me from doing publicity for you."

Ashley said helplessly, "To be honest, I just want to work hard in this circle, but now they have to make me famous in this way. I can only accept it."

In the entertainment circle, there were many ways for a person to become popular. Some became popular with their works, and some became hot by their negative news. Ashley never thought she would attract others' attention because of the bad rumors about her, but now this matter had happened, and she couldn't help it. What could she do if she didn't accept it?

All of a sudden, Jasmine exclaimed on the other of the phone, "Ashley, hurry up and check it online in another way. How come there's a netizen with the username 'Pretty Nurse' speaking for you? That person said that your bracelet is priceless."

"Pretty Nurse?" Ashley was confused.

Jasmine asked her, "Is this the person Nick arranged for you?"

Ashley shook her head, "I don't know. I haven't communicated with Nick about it."

She was awakened in her sleep by Jasmine's call and then knew that she had been smeared by others, so she didn't have time to call Nick.

Jasmine laughed, "Pretty Nurse is too funny. She enlarged the screenshot of your bracelet, analyzed its quality and style in detail. Besides, she sent photos of the earrings and necklace that came with the bracelet and then popularized the background of the jewelry set to prove that they are priceless."

(To be continued)

CHAPTER 450 ASHLEY IS UNSPEAKABLY MOVED.

Upon hearing Jasmine's words, Ashley knew the true identity of 'Pretty Nurse'. No one knew about this set of jade jewelry so well except Nick's mother who gave her this set of jewelry, wasn't that right? Then she thought that Nick's mother used to be a nurse and was more sure of the identity of 'Pretty Nurse'. 'Nurse' sounded good, but its prefix 'Pretty' was...

Ashley couldn't help but smile and sighed secretly that only this was in line with the character of Nick's mother. Despite her age, she was still brisk, naughty, and had a young mind.

"I know her identity. She should be Nick's mother." Ashley explained to Jasmine with a smile.

Jasmine was startled by this, "Nick's mother? Isn't that your future mother-in-law?"

Then Jasmine laughed merrily, "Ashley, your future mother-in-law keeps up with the times and even uses micro-blog like a young people. I just browsed her microblog and found that she followed beauty bloggers and some medical internet celebrities."

At this time, Ashley logged on to her microblog account through her computer and then saw the microblog posted by 'Pretty Nurse'. Now it became a hit.

'Pretty Nurse', "Who said Ashley didn't have a decent piece of jewelry? Do you see the jade bracelet on her wrist? Here let me popularize its background to you."

Then below were pictures made by 'Pretty Nurse', with a full range of detailed photos of the bracelet and a description next to it.

This bracelet came from the late Qing Dynasty and an heirloom of an aristocratic family. There were also two jade earrings and a jade necklace in a set with the bracelet.

As soon as the microblog of 'Pretty Nurse' became a hit, it immediately caused an uproar, and even a well-known jewelry appreciation celebrity affirmed the words of 'Pretty Nurse', which indirectly confirmed that Ashley's bracelet was invaluable.

Those netizens who mocked Ashley's shabbiness were instantly proven wrong, and no one dared to say Ashley was shabby anymore.

After all, the low-profile and inconspicuous bracelet was worth more than the total value of all the big-name jewelry worn by several other actresses attending the launch event, not to mention that Ashley owned a set. Fortunately, she only wore a bracelet today. If she wore the whole set of jewelry...

No one dared to imagine what its value was.

Of course, there were many questionable comments below the microblog of 'Pretty Nurse'. For example, someone questioned 'Pretty Nurse', "How do you know this set of jewelry so well?"

'Pretty Nurse' replied seriously, "Because I am the last owner of this set of jewelry".

The questioner was instantly speechless.

Another person asked, "Who are you?"

'Pretty Nurse', "It doesn't matter who I am, does it?"

This person said contemptuously, "You dare not say who you are. Is Ashley the mistress of a bald old man with a beer belly?"

'Pretty Nurse', "My gender is female."

This person continued to sneer, "Yeah, the truth is that a rich woman keeps her. This news is even more awesome."

'Pretty Nurse' didn't get annoyed and said calmly, "How can children have such impure thoughts nowadays? Can't I be Ashley's elders? For example, her mother-in-law, aunt, and so on... "

'Pretty Nurse' was good at disguising. She carelessly mentioned the word "mother-in-law" and then disguised it by the call to other elders.

This person couldn't outargue 'Pretty Nurse' and directly threw a word, "Anyway, I don't believe that Ashley got this set jewelry fair and square."

'Pretty Nurse', "Sooner or later you will know if it is fair and square."

This person gained no advantage over 'Pretty Nurse' and stopped arguing with her.

Ashley watched 'Pretty Nurse' having a heated argument with those netizens and was inexplicably cheerful and moved.

Ashley wouldn't have thought that her future mother-in-law was the first to stand up for her when she was smeared by others. Most importantly, her future mother-in-law was more skilled at using photo retouching software and microblogging than her.

Naturally, Jasmine saw the comments and replies under the microblog of 'Pretty Nurse' and said jokingly, "Your future mother-in-law can come to be the head of our company's publicity. Her combat effectiveness is comparable to that of a thousand paid forum posters."

It was obvious that someone deliberately planned to smear Ashley, but 'Pretty Nurse' argued with so many paid forum posters alone and even made them speechless without a dirty word. Weren't her combat effectiveness and personal quality the best publicity?

When Ashley and Jasmine chatted about this, 'Pretty Nurse' posted a new microblog, "Let me talk about my impression of Ashley."

'Pretty Nurse' wrote a long article and her appreciation for Ashley among the words and between the lines. This article was logical and refuted one by one against those bad remarks about Ashley.

'Pretty Nurse' wrote, "It is better to have a dream to pursue in life than those who do not have a dream and spend their days in a muddle. There is no shame in entering the entertainment circle at a not so young age to pursue your dreams. Some people learn makeup at the age of fifty, some start learning to dance at the age of sixty, some start yoga at the age of seventy, and some become a DJ at the age of eighty. She is only twenty-seven years old. Although this is not the best age for girls in the entertainment circle, who can guarantee that she won't be the next movie queen?"

Besides, one man's meat is another man's poison. My family and I think that Ashley is gentle, generous, attentive, considerate, and the best girl in the world to be cherished. How did it become her fault that she was cheated on? After all, she wasn't the one who had an affair with another person outside during the marriage contract."

Others might not know why 'Pretty Nurse' added this sentence "Her family also think so", but Ashley and Jasmine knew that Pretty Nurse said this to confess for Nick.

'Pretty Nurse' wrote a lot more to defend Ashley.

Seeing the end of the article, Ashley's eyes flooded with tears. After she hurriedly said a few words to Jasmine, she hung up the phone and immediately called Nick's mother.

Ashley originally didn't want to pay attention to these internet trolls, and Jasmine intended to respect her attitude. But unexpectedly, 'Pretty Nurse' suddenly appeared to argue with a lot of paid forum posters and constantly defended Ashley. Many spectators who were unreasonable at the beginning changed their opinions of Ashley because of Pretty Nurse's words.

'Pretty Nurse' was right. What was wrong with a person pursuing her dreams? What did being cheated on and broken off an engagement have to do with her?

Internet trolls deliberately smeared her, so they guided the public opinion. However, those arbitrary words couldn't withstand the in-depth analysis of 'Pretty Nurse' and collapsed.

For a while, the online curses about Ashley subsided a little.

Of course, some people were indignant and vented all their anger to the microblog message area of 'Pretty Nurse', scolded her badly, and even mentioned her family.

Ashley didn't take those words of scolding her to heart, but those people scolded 'Pretty Nurse' and her family. Thinking of Nick and his gentle father, Ashley felt burning anger and was about to lose her mind.

However, 'Pretty Nurse' didn't take those scoldings to heart but posted a microblog leisurely and generously, "I think you can see from my ID that I am a nurse, and my family are all doctors. God observes what people do. My family and I have saved countless lives and accumulated countless virtues. Any malicious curse won't be effective on my family and me. So you'd better save your breath and

energy."

Because of saving countless lives, so they were confident and not afraid of any curses and bad things happen to them. Pretty Nurse's words were neither humble nor pushy without anger, and her tolerance was beyond the reach of ordinary people.

Those internet trolls wanted to continue to refute and abuse, they could no longer find an excuse and were at a loss for words.

Mrs. Jackson quickly picked up the phone, and Ashley thanked her with a sob, "Auntie, thank you for defending me online."

Mrs. Jackson was 'Pretty Nurse' and said flatly, "Don't stand on ceremony. We are family, who will defend you if we don't? I had nothing to do at home, so I just talked to them about the truth of being a human being."

Ashley's tears swarmed out like water from the dike.

Mrs. Jackson heard that and said hurriedly without taking any credit, "Of course, I did so at Nick's behest. When he saw those bad rumors on the Internet, he was about to enter the operating room. An operation would last for several hours, and he was afraid that the situation would be out of control after he came out, so he called to tell me to defend you. I'm glad to do that. You may not know that I am the best at arguing."

"When I used to work, there were many unreasonable patients in the ward, and I had to find a way to argue with them every day. Over time, my ability to quarrel is beyond the reach of ordinary people."

Mrs. Jackson proudly said she was good at arguing, which succeeded in getting Ashley to laugh uncontrollably.

"Thank you. I really thank you..." Ashley didn't know what to say except to thank her.

Mrs. Jackson laughed, "If you want, go thank Leon. He came up with the plan, and I just carried it out."

Mrs. Jackson almost said to Ashley for Nick that she hurried to marry into their family if she wanted to express her thankfulness and had better have more children soon. This would be the best thankfulness to their family.

Of course, Mrs. Jackson was impossible to say these words and just thought about it secretly.

However, even if Mrs. Jackson didn't say it, Ashley was moved by this matter and wanted to marry. In reality, Ashley planned to agree to marry Nick before this, and this matter was only a catalyst.

Ashley even thought that she simply gave up her pursuit in the entertainment circle, gave birth to

children for Nick after marriage, and then serve both her husband and children every day at home.

After ending her call with Mrs. Jackson, Ashley calmed down a bit. As she was about to call Nick to see if he was off the operating table, the key sound came from outside the door, and it was Nick who came back.