

## Timeless 451

### CHAPTER 451 LOVE CAUSED PEOPLE TO HAVE A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP.

Ashley was a little excited, hastily lifted the covers, and got out of bed, but Nick's action was faster than hers and strode in when she came to the bedroom door. Nick showed a tired handsome face after the operation with strong concern and worry on it. Looking at Nick's expression, Ashley wanted to cry and wondered for the first time if she was wrong to insist on entering the entertainment circle to pursue what she wanted to do.

For Ashley, those internet trolls could vilify her, but they couldn't affect people around her. That was her bottom line.

Especially now that she had dragged Mrs. Jackson and her family into the scolding, Ashley was sad and guilty.

As soon as Nick finished the operation, he changed his clothes and rushed back. On the way home, he called his mother to learn the current trend of public opinion and was slightly relieved to hear that his mother had pulled one back for Ashley on her own. However, he was still worried about Ashley at home, so he stepped on the accelerator and rushed back as fast as he could.

In Nick's eyes, it was the first time for Ashley to face such gossip, so he was afraid that Ashley couldn't bear it.

When he saw Ashley on the verge of tears, his anger flared up. After learning that Ashley was smeared online, he immediately sent his men to investigate who was behind it. Now that he knew that Bella was the mastermind, Nick wanted to tear Bella with his own hands.

Since Ashley was together with him, he had pampered her with all his heart. Moreover, he used all his life's learning to bring her back to life not to let her suffer these indignities.

When he received Ashley in a coma because of a car accident in the emergency room, God knew how many cigarettes he smoked outside to stop his hands from shaking. That night in the bar, he did fall in love with Ashley at first sight, so he abducted her to bed on purpose. Originally, he wanted to confess his feelings to her and propose a relationship, but he didn't expect her to leave quietly the next day and announced her engagement to Charles.

As a man, his dignity was greatly hurt, and he had been sulking at it.

But after seeing her fragile and unconscious face with blood, he knew that if she didn't wake up, he would lose his love forever, and his ridiculous dignity would be meaningless.

So he vowed that he would never let her go again if he could save her life.

Nick, who had a hard time getting Ashley, didn't want to make her unhappy, but Bella used a dirty trick

against her. It was strange that Nick wasn't annoyed.

Nick reached out to take the woman with red eyes into his arms and whispered consolingly to her, "I'm behind you."

Ashley buried in his arms and shook her head gently, "I'm not upset because of being smearing."

Nick was a little surprised at her words and looked down at the woman in his arms. Frankly speaking, he thought she was sad and wanted to shed tears because she was slandered by others.

Ashley looked up at him and explained gently, "I'm twenty-seven years old, not seventeen. At this age, I won't be sad about what people say about me anymore."

At this point, Ashley paused, and her eyes were red again, "I am sad because I have dragged you all into this, especially your mother. She stood up for me against many bad guys, and I feel uncomfortable about it."

After saying this, Ashley reached out to embrace Nick, buried herself in his arms, and sobbed, "Should I not enter the entertainment circle? Should I just marry you and then stay at home to assist you and bring up children? In that case, all this trouble won't happen, right? How about ... I quit this circle?"

Ashley firmly wanted to do what she wanted to do and live for herself, but after this happened today and Mrs. Jackson stood up for her, she thought a lot.

She had doubts about her original choice, even began to blame herself, and had the idea to quit the circle.

If she hadn't entered the entertainment circle, how would Nick and his family have been innocently implicated? This time it affected Nick and his family. If it happened again, who would be implicated by her?

Nick was a doctor and studied psychology more or less at his medical level. Hearing Ashley's words, he instantly knew what she was thinking.

She had always been kind and used to thinking about her family. As for what happened today, she wouldn't collapse because others smeared her, but she couldn't bear the slightest harm they did to her family.

She was so sad because she had treated him and his parents as her family.

Thinking of these, Nick was joyful and soothed her in a softer voice, "It's natural for my mother to defend you. After all, you are her future daughter-in-law. I know her character, so I asked her to do it. She's not good at anything else but verbal battle.

Mrs. Jackson had been arguing with those unreasonable patients for decades, could she not be good at it?

When Nick mentioned "future daughter-in-law", Ashley stiffened with embarrassment. Then she felt his hand caressing her soft long hair and heard him whisper, "You don't need to quit this circle."

The man's voice sounded like a mellow wine and soothed Ashley's troubled heart, "Ashley, didn't you say that? You get a new life and will do what you like."

Ashley said sadly, "But if what I like is based on hurting you, I'd rather not have that."

Nick gently lifted the woman's soft face from his arms and asked in a whisper, "What has hurt us?"

"Your mother was scolded by those people for defending me and even affected your whole family..." Ashley saw those scoldings in Mrs. Jackson's microblog and didn't understand why some people would be so vicious. Although Mrs. Jackson gave a reply leisurely and calmly, Ashley couldn't calm down.

Nick laughed, "You have nothing to reproach yourself with. If you don't believe me, just go ask my mother. She was glad to do it."

After saying that, Nick looked at Ashley and continued affectionately, "Of course, so am I. I'd love to be your most strong backing and reliance."

"Nick..." Ashley shed tears at Nick's words.

After having a terrible first half of her life, she didn't know how she could deserve to meet a good man like Nick, and he had a good family...

She died once and wasn't afraid of being smeared or scolded by anyone, but she couldn't stand by and watch the people around her get implicated because of what she did...

Nick didn't say anything else, but embraced her tightly and let her cry to vent her bad mood.

When he noticed that Ashley in his arms slowly calmed down, Nick said in a cold and solemn voice, "I have asked my men to investigate and found Bella is the mastermind."

Ashley looked up at Nick and nodded gently, "I also guessed that she did it. After all, I just offended her yesterday, and she is small-minded."

Nick embraced her to go to the sofa in the living room and smile mockingly, "There is one saying that we fear not God-like rivals, but pig-like team members. I'm afraid that Jason's future will be ruined by his younger sister. Bella didn't target you before, so it was not convenient for me to take action. Now it's good. I'll team up with Leon, Albert, and Tam, an unexpected partner. Even if Jason attracts more families, they won't be our match."

"Tam?" Ashley knew Tam, but Tam, Nick, and Leon weren't familiar with each other before. Although these men were equally matched in South City, Tam seemed to be different from Nick and Leon. So their interactions were limited to nodding acquaintances on some occasions. When did Tam cooperate with them?

Nick laughed, "Jason once wanted to get Tam to join him, so he implied that Tam married Bella. Tam isn't a man to be pushed around, and his refusal of this marriage is equivalent to indirectly joining us. After all, for people like Jason, once he couldn't join with Tam by marriage, he would make things hard for Tam in the future."

Ashley was the first time to hear this and said with a surprised look, "So did the Robinsons finally choose Bella?"

No wonder Charles and Bella suddenly announced they were getting married a few days ago. It turned out that there were so many twists and turns hidden behind this.

At this point, Nick gave a meaningful look, "Maybe we don't need to take action, and Josie can ruin Jason."

Women could treat you wholeheartedly when they loved you.

But once they hated, they could ruin you.

Jason's mistake was that he knew he had no ending with Josie but he still was together with her. Josie had been devoted to him for four years. An unformed baby, a scarred heart, and the self-inflicted wounds caused by two years of depression were enough to make Josie hate to destroy Jason.

After finding Josie, Leon had figured out all of her situations and then asked Nick to introduce a good psychiatrist in their hospital to her. Now Josie's depression was much better and just needed to be properly psychological counseling. The psychiatrist he recommended to Josie was their hospital psychiatrist authority's favorite disciple, Aggie Winn.

The reason why he recommended Aggie was that Aggie was indeed the best in their field of expertise and she was a girl of Josie's age with a more convenient chat.

Ashley had heard something about Josie from Hathaway before and sighed slightly inside at this point.

Love caused people to have a love-hate relationship.

Not everyone could do an amicable breakup.

CHAPTER 452 YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE ANGRY ABOUT.

After Ashley calmed down, Nick took a shower, change his clothes, and then went to his parents' place with her in a low profile.

Ashley proposed to go there. Mrs. Jackson had been defending her online, so Ashley could not help but personally go to show her appreciation, and Nick was naturally willing to take her home to get along with his parents.

On the way to the Jackson's, Ashley received a concerned call from Hathaway. Upon hearing Hathaway's voice, Ashley knew that she was worried about her on the other end and gently reassured her, "Hathaway, I'm fine. This can't hurt me."

Ashley told the truth. When she was told by Jasmine about these things at first, she didn't have any other emotions and even advised Jasmine not to pay attention to them. Later on, after seeing that Mrs. Jackson had been defending her, she had a breakdown, but now she felt better with Nick's comfort.

Hathaway was slightly relieved to hear Ashley's words and asked her, "Is 'Pretty Nurse' Nick's sub-account?"

Hathaway was angry that Ashley was smeared and had been following the whole development. 'Pretty Nurse' defended Ashley the whole time and the account wasn't Hathaway's, so Hathaway suspected that it was Nick's because the only one who could defend Ashley in this way was Nick in addition to the Taylors.

Ashley chuckled and replied to Hathaway, "It's Nick's mother."

"Nick's mother?" Hathaway was surprised by this and then laughed, "Ashley, your future mother-in-law is up-to-date and even skilled with microblogging. I see that her account is now attracting numerous fans and has reached hundreds of thousands of fans. She's almost an internet celebrity."

By virtue of her unobtrusive remarks and sharp but not vulgar manner of speaking, 'Pretty Nurse' made many spectators become her fans and the number of her followers on microblog was rising.

Hathaway didn't expect that 'Pretty Nurse' was Nick's mother and only thought that Nick was not convenient to spoke for Ashley openly and deliberately applied for a sub-account. Now that she knew the truth, she instantly felt that 'Pretty Nurse' was a funny and naughty account name. Of course, Hathaway was touched that Mrs. Jackson could defend Ashley in this way. If it were Charles' mother, she would be hysterically angry just for Ashley to enter the entertainment circle to act in a play, not to mention she defending Ashley in her being smeared.

But Nick's parents did not only agree with Ashley to pursue her dream but also strongly defended her after this happened now.

Hathaway thought that there was no comparison, no harm.

Charles and his parents only deserved a daughter-in-law like Bella and to be tormented by her. On the contrary, a nice girl like Ashley should naturally be matched with an equally good family.

Nick was driving beside Ashley, while Ashley was chatting with Hathaway.

When Hathaway mentioned the word "future mother-in-law" earlier, Nick vaguely heard it and was happy inside, as Hathaway's willingness to say this meant that Ashley's family approved of him and his family. Moreover, Ashley didn't have any objections and acquiesced to this, which was equivalent to indirectly acquiescing that she would marry him.

Could Nick not be happy?

Ashley told Hathaway that Bella smeared her behind her back, and Hathaway asked with puzzlement, "Why did Bella smear you? You haven't offended her, have you?"

Then Ashley told Hathaway about Charles and Bella following her and Charles pestering her yesterday. After listening to her story, Hathaway jumped up from the bed in anger and cursed at Charles, "Charles is scum and the most disgusting ex-boyfriend I've ever seen. Does he want to die?"

There was a saying that it was a respect for his current girlfriend when a man didn't mention his ex-girlfriend, but Charles' behavior of pestering Ashley was not only disrespectful to Ashley but also to Bella.

However, when Hathaway thought that Bella even let Charles follow Ashley, she thought that Bella didn't deserve to be respected either.

"They are a perfect match, a scum with a bad woman. When they get married, I will give them a big red envelope. I wish them a long time together and don't come out to harm others!" Hathaway blurted out.

Hathaway didn't expect Bella and Charles to be so nasty. She thought they would stop stirring up trouble after they announced their marriage, but unexpectedly, Bella made things difficult for Ashley instead of bothering her.

Hathaway didn't understand Bella's mentality and thought that she was unreasonable.

"I also thought they were disgusting, so I used force against them," Ashley replied to Hathaway.

Hathaway said through her gritted teeth, "You were right to smash eggs at him. If he dares to pester next time, just scratch his face!"

Hathaway was always at a disadvantage in such matters and only would more vixenish than Ashley.

Ashley laughed, "Okay, next time I'll take your advice to scratch his face so that he can't come out to see others for a short time."

After a few more words, they hung up the phone. Hathaway wanted to ask Ashley how she was going to handle this matter and if she needed her help. Now that Nick seemed to take action, she would naturally leave this opportunity to Nick.

A short while later, Nick and Ashley arrived at the Jackson', however, there was a car following them on the road, not to mention Nick and even Ashley noticed it.

Ashley glanced back at the dark car and said to Nick with a frown, "Why is there one car following us?"

Nick looked at the rearview mirror with cold eyes, "They are either Charles's men or Bella's."

Ashley was annoyed, "What are they trying to do?"

Were they haunting her?

Nick added, "Few people know where I live. Didn't you say that the two people followed you to the community entrance yesterday? So the only people who are following us stealthily are sent by them."

After finishing his words, Nick squinted from the rearview mirror to observe the car and said firmly, "They should be sent by Charles."

Ashley bit her lips and felt disgusted to the extreme.

"Let me guess," Nick said calmly with a hint of mockery at Charles, "Charles sent his men to follow us just to see if you are living well with me. If you're not happy, he'll have even more reason to snatch you back."

Ashley didn't know what she should say about Charles' disgusting mentality, "Who on earth gave him the confidence to think I have feelings for him?"

After breaking off their engagement, Ashley never had a good attitude to Charles, so Ashley didn't know why Charles would have the confidence that she would be back together with him.

Besides, Charles had announced that he was going to marry Bella, so what's the point of him trying to win her back? Didn't he have a misconception?

Most importantly, she was now happy with Nick, both physically and mentally.

Even Nick didn't appear or she was single now, she wouldn't look back at Charles again, let alone being back together with him.

Nick turned to look at her and said softly, "Honey, you have nothing to be angry about. Sooner or later you will be so good that he won't dare to covet you anymore and think that it's blasphemous to look at

you."

At this moment, Nick's real thoughts were that he would beat Charles so hard that he dared not covet Ashley.

Hearing him call her "honey", Ashley was embarrassed. Then Nick looked back at her with a gentle, tolerant, and doting smile, while Ashley blushed uncontrollably. As for Charles' disgusting behavior, she didn't take it to heart.

Anyway, she would treat him roughly. In the future, whenever Charles pestered her, she would use force to deal with him. She didn't believe that Charles would like to be maltreated every day.

Nick continued, "A few days ago, Jason sent someone to probe my relationship with you intentionally or unintentionally, and I deliberately revealed to affirm our relationship. He wants to assess Leon's helpers."

Ashley wasn't ignorant and nodded after hearing that, "Well..."

Jason prying into these was equivalent to indirectly announcing a fight with Leon, and Nick affirmed their relationship to support Leon. Ashley naturally wouldn't object to Nick confessing their relationship to Jason. To be exact, she no longer rejected Nick telling anyone about their relationship. Even if it was made public, she had no problem with it.

To be honest, Ashley sympathized with Jason. As vice mayor, Jason could have become friends with noble people in South City like Leon, Nick, and Tam so that they could help in his political career, but now his younger sister held him back. Bella's actions offended Leon and Nick and resulted in him having to become enemies with Leon and others so that Jason's future wasn't so bright. After a while, they arrived at the Jackson's. Before coming here, Nick had called and told Mrs. Jackson, so now Mrs. Jackson was waiting at the gate of her villa because she was worried that Ashley would be affected by the slander.

Seeing Nick's car parked, Mrs. Jackson hurriedly came over, so Ashley was held by Mrs. Jackson and asked with concern as soon as she got out of the car.

This scene was photographed by the people in the car that had been following Nick and Ashley not far away. The picture of Mrs. Jackson and Ashley getting along warmly and peacefully stung the eyes of Charles who received the photo.

Nick was right that Charles sent his women to keep an eye on them, and his purpose was to see if Ashley was living happily.

CHAPTER 453 DON'T GUESS WHAT A WOMAN IS THINKING.



In Charles' opinion, Ashley and Nick couldn't be happy together. With such status and position, how could Nick not care that Ashley had been engaged to him? How could Nick's parents not care Ashley was once engaged and was now acting in the entertainment circle. A normal family wouldn't approve of their future daughter-in-law in that circle.

So Charles thought Nick was just a momentary whim for Ashley.

However, looking at the photos his men sent back, Charles found that Nick's mother was so good to Ashley and even showed great concern for her with Ashley's hands in hers, while Nick watched them get along with a comfortable and cheerful smile. Charles thought of his mother's past relationship with Ashley, he was even more in a bad mood.

When he was engaged to Ashley, his mother often spoke ill of Ashley in front of him and picked on Ashley, which always made him embarrassed between Ashley and his mother. Sometimes he was even distressed to let Ashley and his mother meet. How could he possibly show such a comfortable and pleasant expression like Nick in the photo?

Once when his mother was critical of Ashley, Charles thought that Ashley was bad. Later, he experienced several girlfriends and now announced that he was going to marry Bella, but his mother was still critical of his life partner, even including Bella. For the sake of Jason, his mother only said bad things about her to him and dared not say in front of Bella, while she directly said in front of Ashley to make Ashley embarrassed before.

However, after experiencing several women, Charles eventually found that the problem was his mother. His mother wasn't satisfied with every woman around him, so wasn't that her problem? And it was only after experiencing and comparing, Nick found that Ashley was the best one.

This was why Charles was now more and more reluctant to Ashley and Nick to be together. He knew Ashley was a good woman, so he wanted to win her back all the more.

Even if he had announced his engagement to Bella, Charles rejected his marriage with Bella.

To be honest, he was looking forward to it at first. After all, Bella was the most elegant image of a lady in front of outsiders, and he thought it was a matter of face that he could marry this woman, but after so many contacts with Bella, he completely saw her true nature, arrogant and importunate. Now Charles didn't have any expectations and hope for his marriage with Bella and even thought about how to cancel this marriage.

In the Jackson's, Mrs. Jackson took Ashley's hand and entered the house. At this point, dinner was ready.

Mrs. Jackson knew what Ashley would say, so she said directly, "Ashley, you don't have to thank me. Nick's father and I like you and treat you as a family. We only have one son and will treat you like a daughter after you marry Nick. We don't have any other requirements and only wish you and Nick get along well."

Mrs. Jackson's words were sincere and honest. The parents only wanted their children to live in peace.

Nick liked Ashley a lot, and they believed in their son's vision. After meeting Ashley in person, they could tell that she was a good girl. Moreover, Ashley was outstanding in every aspect among so many young ladies, so what else did they have to be picky about? They only redoubled their kindness to Ashley so that they could help their son move her and attract her to marry into their family soon.

Mrs. Jackson didn't know why Charles' mother was so picky as she kept such a perfect daughter-in-law like Ashley. No wonder Ashley and Charles eventually broke up. Mrs. Robinson was picky about anyone, so it was good that Charles didn't stay single.

Ashley was touched and felt warmer inside after hearing Mrs. Jackson say that she would treat her like a daughter.

No one didn't like to hear such kind words, especially since Ashley had no real mother.

So when Mr. and Mrs. Jacksons asked how they intended to follow up on this matter at the dining table, Ashley took the initiative to say, "Otherwise, Nick and I will make our relationship public. Once our relationship is open, those people who said I was shabby or disparaged me but praise Bella will shut up."

Nick was far superior to Charles. Moreover, she was loved by Nick, but Bella married a humble man, Charles. It was obvious who was better.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacksons agreed with Ashley's proposal. Once Ashley and Nick disclosed their relationship, gossips would dissolve themselves, and Ashley's future path would be smooth. No one would dare to denigrate or smear her.

However, Nick shook his head slightly in disapproval, "No need. We shouldn't make it public at this time."

The three people looked at Nick with puzzlement, and Nick explained, "Since Ashley Liu Huan has suffered and been smeared for not disclosing our relationship. If we open our relationship now, these sufferings will be for nothing."

Ashley had been smeared, so they might as keep cool and continue to keep it a secret.

They could accumulate all the things together first and would make a big counterattack when necessary. In that case, those who had been targeting Ashley would be disgraced.

Ashley looked at Nick and said lowly, "Nick..."

Ashley knew that Nick had always wanted to make their relationship public and also understood that Nick was now making this decision because he loved her.

Nick looked at Ashley, "Ashley, as I said before, you don't have to worry about anything and just do what you want to in a down-to-earth way."

Nick knew that Ashley had a little breakdown because of this incident, so she decided to disclose their relationship. However, Ashley's original intention was to quietly walk in this circle step by step.

In the end, she listened to Nick and remained undisclosed.

After Ashley's incident, Hathaway called Leon to ask about it and then never gave Leon a phone call or message. Leon was a little uncomfortable with this for a while. Because they couldn't see each other, they contacted each other by phone or WeChat voice. During this time, he looked at his phone more times than he did in the past thirty-two years. When he was free, he would take a look at his cell phone for fear that he would miss what Hathaway had sent him.

As a result, he waited until the end of the day, but Hathaway didn't send him a message today. He had a party to attend in the evening, and Hathaway would normally tell him to drink less.

After sitting in the car heading to the party, Leon couldn't resist calling Hathaway. She answered the phone, but her attitude wasn't warm. Leon frowned slightly and asked with concern, "Have you had supper?"

"Yes," Hathaway responded flatly on the other end, and Leon's frown deepened with her attitude.

Before Leon could say anything more, Hathaway said, "I'll hang up if there's nothing else."

Then Leon squeezed the hung-up phone in confusion.

What was wrong with her?

They got along very well before. The night before, they had a warm chat before going to bed and even almost had a deeper ambiguity.

He thought for a while and still didn't figure out what was going on, so he held his phone and asked Warren, who was driving in the front row of the car. Warren and Vivian fell in love during college and then went through so many years of marriage, so his understanding of women was certainly clearer than him, "We had a good relationship before, why did she suddenly become cold to me?"

Warren glanced at his boss's distressed handsome face from the rear-view mirror and could not help but laugh, "It is difficult to guess a woman's mind. This is just an appetizer, and you will suffer more when she is pregnant. At that time, her temper and mind will not follow the usual routine and be very capricious."

Warren, who had experienced Vivian's twice pregnancies, couldn't help it, not to mention Leon couldn't

even understand Hathaway's emotions now.

Warren continued, "Now that your woman suddenly became cold to you, she be dissatisfied with you in some way, but you have to think for yourself which aspect she is unhappy with you. If you can't figure it out, call and ask her."

Warren also wanted to say that if Leon asked Hathaway, she might scold him even more angrily, "I can't believe you don't even know why I'm upset. How do you be my husband?"

Over the years, Warren had often suffered such unprovoked accusations, especially during Vivian's pregnancy and menstrual period.

"Does she have anything against me?" Leon frowned and mumbled. Then he started to think back to his last few days with, What on earth did he make her dissatisfied?

In bed?

It didn't seem right. When they stayed at the hotel a few days ago, he served her well every time.

In life?

Their video chat last night went very well, didn't it?

Leon thought about it for a while and still couldn't figure it out. This was simply trickier than dealing with his company's affairs. Seeing that the car was about to arrive at the party site, Leon thought that he needed to give Hathaway a call to ask about it, otherwise, he wouldn't be in the mood for socializing tonight.

After the phone call was answered, Hathaway's tone was still bleak, so Leon asked her directly with some helplessness and innocence, "Didn't we have a good time last night? What did I do today to offend you?"

He couldn't guess Hathaway's mind and had to ask her in person.

Hathaway was silent on the other end.

In reality, he hadn't done anything to offend her, but she suddenly felt that he wasn't very warm to her and then became unhappy.

Of course, since he asked the question, she simply replied to him with a hint of loss, "Leon, I feel as if you've always been the more aloof one between us."

Leon, "..."

After hearing her accusations, Leon was too distressed.

Was he cold to her?

In what way was he cold to her? It was obvious that he was passionate!

CHAPTER 454 I LOVE AND MISS YOU.

"Hathaway." Considering that Warren was in the car, Leon lowered his voice and spoke to Hathaway, "Do you think I'm cold to you? Can't you feel my passion?"

He couldn't wait to be clingy to her, but she felt that he was cold to her.

The man's voice was low and ambiguous. Besides, there was no noise in the closed car, so when his words reached Hathaway's ears, she only felt like her chest was scratched by something and got a tingling sensation all over.

Instead of reflecting on himself, Leon said such ambiguous words at this time, so Hathaway snorted coldly, "Leon, when have you ever been passionate to me except in bed?"

After saying this, Hathaway hung up the phone, threw her phone aside with a huff, and didn't pay attention to it.

In the car, Leon reached out to squeeze his forehead and felt that it was tricky to deal with a girl's emotions.

Warren in the driver's seat couldn't help but laugh, "Did she blame you for not being enthusiastic enough for her?"

Leon helplessly whispered back.

He felt wronged. If Hathaway accused him of something else, he might not have a problem with it, but she thought he was not passionate enough for her...

He couldn't wait to be with her 24 hours a day, but she blamed him for not being passionate enough. Leon wasn't sure how to describe his mood at the moment.

Warren sincerely admonished, "President Davis, I know you love Hathaway very much, but in my opinion as an outsider, you lack enthusiasm and initiative."

Leon, "..."

He looked at Warren and signaled him to continue.

Warren didn't say anything directly but took his cell phone to make a phone call. He naturally called

Vivian, and his tone was intimate, "Honey, Have you eaten yet?"

Hearing this, Leon in the back had goosebumps all over, however, Warren continued to say, "You and our children eat well. I'll try to go back early, love you!"

After hanging up the phone, Warren saw his boss's speechless expression in the rearview mirror and explained with a smile, "Although you love Hathaway, your love has always been introverted and subtle. On the contrary, Hathaway's feeling towards you has always been active and passionate, so I think this should be the reason why she would say those words. You can try to be more proactive and make your love and miss her a little more outwardly enthusiastic."

Warren had been around Leon for many years, so how could he not understand his boss's character?

Leon always didn't show his emotions. Such a character was mature and stable in the business world, but it seemed a bit unromantic and uninteresting in love and life.

Leon might do more than say in the expression of feelings, but sometimes such a character would make girls have a kind of feeling that they weren't valued in love. Warren guessed that Hathaway was now in such a mood. The reason why Warren knew so much was that his four years of love in college and more than ten years of marriage experience were enough for him to be taught by Vivian to know women's complex minds.

Leon had been frowning, but after listening to Warren's words, a trace of understanding flashed between his eyebrows, and he felt that Warren's words were quite reasonable.

In this relationship with Hathaway, he didn't show his strong love for her obviously. He had blocked a knife for her and married Hathaway without hesitation to put his whole life in her hands, which was enough for Hathaway to understand his feelings for her.

However, he wasn't so affectionate in his words. Now that he heard Warren say this, he was somewhat enlightened, "You mean a girl needs a man to give her enough security and attention whether she is in love or married, right?"

"Yes." Warren, who was driving in front, nodded.

Leon responded without saying anything more and looked down to fiddle with his cell phone. Warren guessed that he should be sending a message to Hathaway.

Leon did send a message to Hathaway in a straightforward and direct way, "I love you and miss you."

Because he would soon arrive at the party, Leon didn't know what to say for a while and wanted to say these words most at this moment.

After Leon sent the message, Warren parked the car in the parking lot. Then they got off the car and

entered the party to socialize. Leon didn't have time to look at his phone, but he decided secretly that he would go to find Hathaway after the party. Didn't she think he wasn't passionate enough for her? He would show his passion to her.

When Hathaway was having dinner with Carl and Cynthia, she received Leon's message and couldn't help but smile after opening it and reading the content.

Was this considered as Leon was worthy to be taught?

Did he figure it out by himself after she just mentioned it a little?

Of course, Warren might have reminded him. Warren had spent more than ten years of marriage with Vivian, so he certainly knew more about women's minds than Leon.

However, no matter how Leon figured it out, his two sweet words made her feel better now.

Hathaway came to Carl and Cynthia in the evening to have dinner and spend time with them.

At this moment, Carl gave her a discontented look, "What are you looking at? Are you so happy?"

Seeing this, Cynthia rolled his eyes at him. Why was he so nosy? Hathaway could look at whatever she liked.

Hathaway put away her phone and looked at Carl with a bright smile, "Of course, I'm looking at Leon's message."

Carl, "..."

Without any warning, Carl was rebutted by his daughter and almost spurted blood. He stared at his daughter angrily and couldn't say a word.

Hathaway knew that even if they were married, he had a lot of dissatisfaction with Leon. At this point, she deliberately said that she was looking at Leon's message to make him angry.

Seeing Carl's expression, Cynthia chuckled unceremoniously. This was all his fault for meddling. He deserved to make himself angry.

Hathaway winked at Carl and said innocently with a smile, "Dad, I think your life is too comfortable, so I'm just displeasing you."

Carl wanted to throw his chopsticks and leave. Was she his daughter? Because his life was too comfortable, did she deliberately displease him?

But Carl admitted that he did live a very comfortable life.

The goddess he had loved for many years became his woman and stayed with him day and night, so he felt that his daisy life was sweeter than honey. Besides, his son had a successful career and a happy family. As for his beautiful and intelligent daughter, she married the most outstanding young talent in South City and was pampered by him, so could he not be comfortable?

Thinking of these, Carl grunted, ignored his daughter's behavior to displease him, and continued to eat.

Cynthia laughed and asked Hathaway softly, "How is your studio going?"

"It's almost done. I met with Jessie in the morning and chose the desks, chairs, and some other soft furnishings. They will be sent in one after another in the next few days. Once we put these things in the right place, our studio will be open for business."

After reporting to Cynthia, she sighed slightly, "But I always feel no confidence to open it."

Carl frowned slightly, "Why don't you have confidence? We are behind you, so go ahead and do it at ease."

Hathaway gently shook her head, "Although I inherited my mother's design talent and have accumulated a lot of experience in fashion over the years, I haven't studied styling systematically. Hence, I am a bit lacking in confidence."

Cynthia instantly understood Hathaway's concern and reassured her, "I'll ask some of my friends in the fashion circle if they have any training courses on styling recently and get you a place to study."

Hathaway was overjoyed, "Really? That's great!"

After all, Cynthia had been in the fashion design circle for decades, and fashion design had the closest connection with fashion, so her network in this area was broader than Hathaway who just entered this circle. It was just a piece of cake to help Hathaway inquire about these matters.

If she had known that Hathaway had these concerns, Cynthia would have helped Hathaway to contact it a long time ago. Cynthia thought that her daughter was very confident in starting her own business and styling. Because Hathaway had always shown a confident and cheerful appearance in front of everyone, she didn't expect Hathaway to lack confidence.

Another reason, Cynthia thought her daughter was good, so she ignored Hathaway's lack of confidence.

After hearing Hathaway's concerns, Cynthia blamed herself for not being more concerned about her daughter's emotions.

Then Cynthia made some phone calls to help Hathaway contact this matter.



After hanging up the phone, Cynthia had other worries, "But even if there is a training opportunity, can Leon agree with you to go? You know, this kind of fashion training is usually held in foreign countries, such as Paris, Milan, and so on."

After all, they had just gotten back together. If Hathaway went out for training, it would take at least a month or even a few months or even half a year, so Cynthia was worried that Leon would not let him go.

After saying that, Cynthia heard Carl complaining unhappily, "Does his opinion matter? Now Hathaway wants to promote herself, does he want to be her stumbling block?"

Cynthia, "..."

Could he think of the two young people? They were newlyweds. If Hathaway was leaving for months, the feeling of missing was not something ordinary people could endure, not to mention Cynthia saw Leon was the most clingy one even though he looked calm and introverted.

To put it bluntly, if there was a suitable training opportunity, their daughter could leave for training smartly, but Leon might find a way to stop her from going.

#### CHAPTER 455 DO YOU DARE TO STAY OVERNIGHT HERE

Not to mention Cynthia was worried about this, so was Hathaway.

When she had the idea of going out for training, she had thought that Leon might not agree.

But Hathaway thought that Leon would agree in the end if she talked over it with him unless Leon didn't want her to go further in the path of styling and have a better future.

So she saw looked at Cynthia who was slightly worried and said, "It doesn't matter. I think he should have no objections after a good talk with him."

No matter what attitude Leon eventually gave, Hathaway didn't want her parents to worry about her in this matter.

Cynthia relaxed while Carl snorted coldly, "If he doesn't agree, you can just leave."

"Dad, you're too insecure about your daughter's charm." Hathaway smiled and protested to Carl, "Do you think I can't persuade him?"

In an instant, Carl laughed out loud, "Well, he has no chance to disagree, nor does he dare to do that!"

Hearing this, Hathaway gave a satisfied smile, "That's more like it."

After dinner, Hathaway stayed at Carl and Cynthia's house, chatted with them for a while, and asked Cynthia for advice on design issues. Then Carl and Cynthia were ready to rest. After all, they were old

people, unlike young people who could stay up late.

Hathaway went back to her room to take a shower and wash up and then nestled on her bed reading a book. Cynthia had a lot of books on clothing design, which were out of print and couldn't be bought on the market. After Hathaway recognized Cynthia as her mother, this became her free library. Every time she came here, she would find a book to read and leave with a few books. Once she finished reading these books, she would switch to other books on her next visit.

Around ten o'clock, Leon called her and said in a gentle and low voice, "I'll come to you later."

Hathaway was surprised but said deliberately with a smile in her eyes, "That's not appropriate. Now it's late, and we'll be exposed in case someone photographs us."

The man ignored her tricky words and replied, "There's nothing inappropriate about it. It was only right and proper that I come over to sleep with my wife."

Hathaway, "..."

She secretly snorted and said, "But I'm not in the Taylor's now. I'm staying with my parents ..."

Leon, "..."

It was a bit tricky. If Hathaway was in the Taylor's, he could be aboveboard and welcomed in by the Taylors, but he knew deep down that Carl didn't like him. So he frowned helplessly and thought, was he going to climb the wall again?

However, the wall of Carl's house was not easy to climb, which was different from the construction of Taylor's villa.

In any case, he wouldn't shake his determination to see Hathaway tonight. It was the first time that Hathaway was difficult with him since they had reconciled, so he had to meet her and had a good talk with her to understand more about her real thoughts. All night long, he had been thinking about Warren's words and felt that they made sense. In his relationship with Hathaway, his emotional expression was indeed not as rich and active as Hathaway.

After a short silence, Leon said with an unquestionable determination in his tone, "I'll see you tonight anyway. Do you want to come downstairs to open the door or shall I climb the wall? Or I can call your mother, and she will open the door for me."

Hathaway was depressed and thought that Leon was thick-skinned when he acted scoundrelly.

"Climb the wall." Hathaway hung up the phone after dropping a word sullenly.

Leon smiled helplessly in the car and instructed Warren who was driving in the front row, "Go to

Feyrer's villa."

Because Hathaway hadn't contacted him, Leon didn't know that she was at Carl's villa tonight. After he came out of the party with Warren, they drove on the way to the Taylor's and could only change the route temporarily now.

About ten minutes later, Hathaway received a message from Leon again, "I'm here."

Instead of saying that she should open the door or he would climb the wall, Leon said cunningly that he was here and left the decision in her hands quietly.

With gritted teeth, Hathaway stood up, walked to the window, and lifted the heavy curtain to look down. Then she saw Leon leaning against the car and smoking distantly indifferently in the cool night. The man wore a classic suit with long legs and broad shoulders, looking well-dressed and handsome. When he looked up at Hathaway, the affection in his black eyes was stronger than the cool night.

Looking at such a pleasing picture, she didn't feel angry anymore.

After all, she wasn't a hard-hearted person, nor did she like to stir up trouble. Then she went downstairs to open the door for Leon. Of course, she moved about softly for fear that Carl would hear it.

As soon as Leon came in, he held Hathaway's hand tightly and went to her room upstairs together.

Carl and Cynthia's bedroom was on the first floor. When Leon and Hathaway passed by the stairs, they heard some ambiguous sounds coming from Carl and Cynthia's bedroom and paused in their steps. Hathaway blushed slightly in the night, then quickened her steps, and dragged Leon away. She had to admit that her parents' conjugal life was hotter than young people.

The man's teasing chuckle came from behind her, and he lowered his voice flirting, "You have nothing to be embarrassed about."

Hathaway shrugged off his hand in annoyance, but she failed and then went back to her room with Leon in a tangle.

Once she entered the room, Hathaway finally breathed a sigh of relief, but the man behind her swept her into his arms and leaned over to kiss her lips with his hands clasped around her waist. His kiss was extremely patient and focused. For a while, only their intertwined breathing getting heavier sounded in the silent space.

Hathaway had never been kissed by Leon in this way. From their initial being together to their previous reconciliation, she always felt a very strong taste of lust every time they kissed, especially when Leon was in the lead. He was very purposeful and kissed her until she was almost immersed in it when everything later happened naturally.

Such a kiss was fervent, strong, and irresistible.

But like now he ... kissed her slowly and unhurriedly, which made Hathaway confused about what he was going to do.

The man's mouth was filled with the smell of mellow red wine, and Hathaway couldn't stand it anymore.

She reached out to push him, "You..."

Before she could say something, her breath was swallowed by him once again.

This time the man was no longer unhurried but fiercely stirred up all her senses.

He was gentle for a while and then became as fierce as a violent storm. What was wrong with him? Hathaway secretly scolded him several times.

Only when Leon finally felt satisfied did he let her go. He clasped her slender waist with his palm, rested his forehead against hers, and asked her with dissatisfaction, "Do you think I'm not passionate enough for you?"

Hathaway, "..."

It turned out that he insisted on coming over to punish her for her previous accusations against him.

Before she could say anything, Leon leaned over to bite her lips and kissed her carefully. After the kiss, he panted slightly and asked, "Is this enough?"

Hathaway reached out to push him in annoyance, "If you think that's a passion for me, it's enough."

She knew that she couldn't feel how passionate he was at any other time except when it came to this kind of thing.

With a slight force, Leon dragged her back into his arms, held her tightly, and whispered in her ear, "Don't be angry."

"It's my fault. You know I grew up in a loveless environment, so this led me to be bad at expressing love. I love you, but if I never express it, my love must be greatly diluted in your eyes." Leon reflected on himself seriously, which in turn made Hathaway quiet down from her struggle.

"I will make changes in the future and try to let you feel my love for you in more ways." After that, Leon pressed against her earlobe and continued in a hoarse voice, "I will do and say more."

Hathaway, "..."

Leon sighed and embraced her, "Hathaway, I love you. Don't ignore me again. If you have any dissatisfaction with me, just tell me directly, okay?"

Her sudden act of ignoring him instantly distracted him. He could neither do anything nor do it well.

Hathaway didn't answer him for a while, and Leon continued to ask her, "Okay?"

Hathaway answered helplessly, "Okay..."

To be honest, she wasn't a capricious temper and ignored others at will.

Today, she didn't know what was wrong with her and even difficult with him.

But now it seemed to bring a good result. He said he would try to express his emotions more in the future, which was an unexpected gain.

"I love you." When Hathaway was thinking about these randomly, she suddenly heard Leon whispering this in her ear. Hathaway was touched while Leon's voice came into her ears again, "Hathaway, I love you, I love you..."

Hathaway laughed helplessly.

Was this what he just said he would express his emotions more? He didn't need to keep saying it.

Hathaway raised her hand and pushed him, "Go take a shower."

Although Leon let her go, he was still reluctant to clasp her waist with his hand. In the daytime, his handsome face was cool, but now a light smile appeared on it, "Do you think I dare to stay overnight here? Will your father fly into a rage when he sees me in tomorrow morning?"

Hathaway rolled her eyes at him, "Do you have to make yourself sound so pathetic? If you were afraid, you wouldn't have come over tonight."

With that, Hathaway turned to go to the wardrobe, took out the leisurewear that belonged to Carl and Leon once wore it on a rainy night, and then stuffed the leisurewear into Leon's arms. After they left last time, Cynthia washed all their clothes and put the dried clothes in their respective rooms so that they could wear these clothes again when they stay here later.

Leon and Albert had each divided up a set of home clothes last time, and Carl naturally wouldn't get these clothes back to wear.

Leon took the clothes and walked into the bathroom with a pleasant smile.

CHAPTER 456 CARL HAS ARGUED WITH LEON.

The night was getting late.

Leon got out of his shower, lifted the covers, and pressed the beautiful girl down on the bed to bully.

Leon's ability to punish her afterward was awful. He put his hands around her waist so vigorously that she was about to be snapped off, "I have given you all the passion in my life, but you even think I'm not passionate enough for you."

"You're a heartless woman. See how I will punish you."

Hathaway was very annoyed and wanted to protest several times that he had two faces in bed and out of bed. Just now, he embraced her and said that it was all his fault, and he would correct himself, but he changed his face in bed.

However, every time she was about to say something, Leon would cover her mouth. All her protests were unspeakable, and she only let the man do whatever he wanted to her.

The man drank wine, so his action was more reckless and wild.

After Leon was satisfied at last and let her go, Hathaway lay breathlessly on his chest and protested angrily, "Leon, you..."

However, she was so exhausted that her fingertips were soft at this moment, let alone having the strength to speak. Even though she protested angrily, it sounded soft and coquettish without anger, which made her not want to say a word.

Leon put his big hand on her shoulder, squinted at her, and leeringly asked on purpose, "What? Are you not enjoying yourself or am I not passionate enough for you?"

Hathaway, "..."

She rolled her eyes at him, got off him, and laid down beside him ready for sleep.

She was fed up with him.

Leon would torture her in bed at a single word of disagreement.

What else could he do besides that?

Of course, Hathaway wouldn't say these words to Leon. If she did, he would press her underneath him and repeated what he just did to her.

After getting up the next morning, Carl's face darkened as soon as he saw Leon, and he asked coldly, "Why are you here?"

Carl had always been used to getting up early. He went out to run some laps around the community first, came back to carefully prepare breakfast for his beloved woman, and then just in time to wake up Cynthia.

Last night, Carl was extremely comfortable from head to toe. After the morning run, he just entered his house humming a song but looked up and saw Leon coming downstairs. Leon wore the leisurewear that he had forcibly occupied from him last time, and its light gray hue matched Leon's calm temperament. Obviously, his son-in-law was excellent and pleasing to the eye in the morning, but Carl felt in a bad mood.

Leon was ready to go downstairs to smoke a cigarette outside. Since he got back together with Hathaway, he had been slowly quitting smoking, but he would suddenly have a craving for cigarettes sometimes, like now.

In the face of Carl's cold face and questioning, Leon answered calmly, "I missed Hathaway, so I came over last night."

His answer was good. Moreover, his calm and steady posture seemed like he was very reasonable, so Carl glared at him and couldn't say a word for a while.

Now that he and Hathaway had received a marriage license, it was reasonable and legal for him to come to see Hathaway and do something intimate with her in the middle of the night because he missed her.

Looking at Carl's speechless expression, Leon smiled and said, "I just wanted to greet you, but you seem to be busy. So..."

Leon wanted to say something but stopped.

Carl, "..."

After giving a fierce glare at Leon, Carl didn't bother to pay attention to his disliked son-in-law and stepped towards the kitchen.

Leon glanced at his father-in-law's awkward back slowly and went out to smoke leisurely.

Anyhow, He was the leading businessman in South City and was not easy to deal with. If Carl continued to give him the cold shoulder, he planned to go to Cynthia to pretend to be miserable and complain.

After smoking a cigarette, Leon felt refreshed, spry, and relaxed. Then he returned to the house and went to the kitchen.

When he stayed overnight here last time, they rushed through breakfast and left because Carl and Cynthia were going to catch a flight to Hong Kong, but it was different this time. He had to behave well

and tried to change Carl's impression of him.

When Leon entered the kitchen, Carl was baking bread and ignored him with a cold snort at the sight of him entering.

Leon took the initiative to say, "Let me help you."

Carl glanced at him disdainfully, "Is your food edible?"

In reality, Carl had learned from Hathaway that Leon could cook, but he deliberately made things difficult for Leon.

Leon gave a modest smile, "Yes, but I am far from the degree of the deliciousness of your cooking."

After receiving his unpredictable compliments, Carl became pleased, glanced at Leon, and pointed to the side, "You fry the eggs."

Leon obediently rolled up his sleeves and walked over, while Carl looked at his skillful movements and continued to say, or rather, it was a warning, "I've got Hathaway as my daughter at an old age and can't wait to give her all the best in the world. As for cooking and housework, I can't bear her to do it."

Not only to Hathaway, but Carl also cherished Cynthia. Their mother and daughter were his greatest happiness in this life, and his joy for the rest of his life is to pamper them.

Of course, Leon heard Carl's warning and promised him with a nod, "Well, I can't bear to let her do this either."

Frankly speaking, Leon and Hathaway hadn't lived together for many days. In the beginning, they spent a night together occasionally, and it was Leon who made food for Hathaway.

During his injury some time ago, Hathaway took care of him and cooked for him, and then they started to separate again.

Carl grunted and accused him, "Can't you bear? I don't think so. Didn't she take care of diet when you were together some time ago?"

Leon explained helplessly, "Isn't that because I'm injured?"

"Couldn't you hire a nanny during your injury?" Carl asked harshly, but Leon replied flatly and humbly, "Sorry, it's all my fault. This won't happen again."

During that time, Leon had proposed to Hathaway to hire a chef or a nanny to cook, but Hathaway didn't agree. Leon knew Hathaway's minds. Both physically and mentally, he was at a low point in his life during that time, so Hathaway wanted to be by his side.



Carl glared at his meek look without saying a word and turned to continue preparing other breakfast.

The Davis Group's president, who was the highest-valued young talent or a nobleman in South City, was humble to him, and Carl was touched by this. Of course, Carl knew clearly that the reason why Leon treated him in this way was that he was determined to marry Hathaway.

Now that they had gotten a marriage license, it wasn't appropriate to say that Leon was determined to marry Hathaway, but rather, it was because Leon loved Hathaway that he respected him.

Carl knew that, so he stopped making things difficult for Leon after he gave such an attitude.

He wasn't a fool and naturally knew that it might affect Hathaway's relationship with Leon if he was too harsh to Leon.

Seeing that Carl didn't say anything else, Leon continued to make breakfast with his head down. What he just said was not to make Carl happy, but his heartfelt words.

He got together with Hathaway after so many hardships. Naturally, he cherished and doted on her and didn't want her to do these household chores. When he and Hathaway's married life stabilized later, he would hire a chef or a housekeeper to take care of their daily life and try to give Hathaway a warm and happy family.

After Hathaway and Cynthia got up and came out, there was a sumptuous breakfast on the dining table.

Cynthia came out first and was surprised to see Leon, but then she understood everything. The young couple was now madly in love, and they were always in a state of separation during this time, so they would inevitably miss each other, which was just human nature. If they didn't meet each other and had little reaction, that would be a real horror.

After Cynthia heard that Leon helped to prepare the breakfast, she glanced at Carl with dissatisfaction. Although she didn't say anything, she complained about him through her eyes. Leon was legally married to her, but he had met with them only a few times. Now Carl let Lu Nancheng prepare breakfast unceremoniously, which was too rude.

Carl didn't want to take the blame and said directly, "He volunteered to do it not forced by him."

Cynthia, "..."

At this time, Hathaway finished washing up and came downstairs. When she woke up and didn't see Leon in the room, she thought that Leon must have gone downstairs to meet with Carl and Cynthia, so she didn't feel embarrassed after coming downstairs. She walked over to stand next to Leon and greeted Carl and Cynthia as if nothing had happened.

Carl gave her a disgruntled look and accused her of letting Leon in at midnight through his eyes, but he didn't say anything in the end.

Then the four of them sat down and had breakfast together. When it came to what Leon had cooked, Cynthia would ritually compliment. Every time she complimented Leon, she received a warning look of discontent from Carl, and Cynthia was speechless about it. Leon was their son-in-law and also made breakfast during his stay at their house, so she should praise him anyway. What was Carl jealous of?

As for Hathaway and Leon, they sat side by side and both saw Carl's discontented eyes, but they pretended not to see it and ate breakfast silently with a snicker.

Leon had the habit of drinking coffee in the morning, so he brewed himself a cup. Then while drinking coffee with one hand, he reached out the other hand to hold Hathaway's hand under the table and gently caressed it. After sensing his action, Hathaway coughed lightly and glanced at him to signal him not to do these ambiguous and intimate things on Carl's watch, or else he would get another reprimand.

#### CHAPTER 457 IT'S BETTER TO MAKE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HATHAWAY PUBLIC.

Leon ignored Hathaway's gaze and didn't release his grip on her hand.

Although Carl was terrible, couldn't he caress his wife's hand? Carl often did intimate actions to Cynthia in front of them, but he just held Hathaway's hand and was much more reserved than Carl.

Soon Carl noticed Leon's restless hand under the table, but before he could say anything, Leon's cell phone rang to interrupt his forthcoming protest.

Leon took his cell phone and answered it. It was from Warren, "President Davis, have you seen the news today?"

Leon replied flatly, "No."

He spent the whole morning in the kitchen with Carl to show himself and had no time to pay attention to the others until now.

Then Warren reported to him, "Tom was interviewed by a bunch of reporters early this morning. He accused you of atrocities against him in a tearful voice and spared no effort to smear your image."

"Oh?" After hearing this, Leon showed no sign of irritation or anger but only raised his eyebrows and asked, "Is this pushed by Jason?"

He had used public relations to handle this matter. The media in South City gave him face, and no one would report Tom's revelations. However, now those media dared to report it. Except for Jason, Leon couldn't think of anyone else who would target him in this way.

Jason was the deputy mayor, and if he intervened in the matter and asked the media to report Tom's revelations, the media could only do that.

Leon carried a lot of weight in the business world, but Jason was an official and equally influential.

On the other end of the phone, Warren responded, "I called President Finger, and he said that the media in South City did receive instructions from Jason last night. Of course, Jason didn't explicitly say anything about Tom and just said that the news media should adhere to the principle of fairness and impartiality to report, rather than being influenced and controlled by wealth and power."

Finger Entertainment owned by Tam was now the largest media company in South City. Although Tam sided with Leon, he still would know it the first time if the entire media industry had a sign of disturbance or trouble. So Tam learned that Jason had meddled in the matter.

Warren asked, "What shall we do now? Do you want to use public relations to handle it again? Or are you gonna think of other countermeasures?"

Leon replied carelessly, "What's the point of using public relations? Since it has been exposed, let them report it. I did kick him anyway."

The reason why he had used public relations to stop the media company from reporting before was to suppress Tom, but it didn't mean that he was guilty or afraid of being reported on this matter. At any time, Leon had no regrets or guilty conscience about his kicking Tom that day.

Tom was a bad guy and tried to harm Hathaway. Leon thought that it was kind of him to only give Tom a kick, and he should have kicked Tom to lie in the hospital for a year and a half.

Warren, "..."

"But—" Warren reminded him in distress, "But Tom did spoil your image by saying that."

After the report about Tom's tearful accusation against Leon came out, several senior managers had called him and asked him in a roundabout way what was going on.

The senior managers might dare to argue a few words with Leon on work, but no one dared to say anything to Leon in his private life since they opposed Leon's marriage to Hathaway last time and were threatened by Leon with throwing up his job. Hence, they could only call Warren to inquire about it.

Tom was shameful and didn't mention anything about his drug addiction, but only took the injury assessment report issued by the hospital and tearfully accused Leon, the president of the Davis Group, of violence against him. Leon broke his ribs with one kick, and even now he dared not to move a little and had to rest in bed.

Tom originally smeared Leon by this matter on purpose, and those reporters wouldn't interview Tom

carefully for the sake of Jason, so this caused Tom to smear Leon as nothing and was a negative impact on Leon's image. Moreover, as the leader of the Davis Group, Leon's image was directly related to the rise and fall of the Davis Group, so the senior managers couldn't help getting nervous.

However, now Leon didn't seem to care about it, and Warren felt unable to explain to senior managers.

Through Leon's words on the phone, Hathaway almost guessed what was going on and couldn't help but frown slightly.

Hathaway had to admit that Tom was a trouble-maker. There was a saying "Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you." Tom was now like a clown stirring things up, which exhausted the last trace of kindness she had for him. Hathaway originally wanted to leave a trace of dignity to Tom for the sake of Andrew, but now...

Hathaway turned to look at Leon with worry, while Leon reached out to gently stroked her hair to soothe her in this way and then said to Warren indifferently, "I know about it. Let's talk about it later."

Warren advised, "President Davis, here is the thing. When you come to the company, there will be a bunch of reporters waiting at the door—"

He didn't know if Leon listened to what he said because Leon directly hung up the phone. Warren sighed and didn't know what Leon would do.

Hathaway didn't talk to Cynthia and Carl about Tom before. Because she thought that Tom stopped causing trouble, she shouldn't tell them this to make them angry, especially Carl. However, Carl and Cynthia both noticed that something was wrong. Then Carl frowned and asked them, "What happened?"

After looking at each other with Leon, Hathaway finally told Carl and Cynthia about Tom.

Upon hearing this, Carl pounded the table angrily, "Tom cries only when death is staring him in the face."

Then he said through his gritted teeth, "Why are they all this way as a family? They are crazy!"

After identifying with Hathaway, Carl heard about what Barbara, Abby, and Andrew had done and thought that everything would stop at Andrew, but he didn't expect Tom to begin to create trouble after Andrew had changed his ways.

At this time, Carl wanted to tear Tom, looked at Leon, and gave him rare support, "That's great that you kicked him. You should have broken his ribs directly!"

Leon smiled, "I think so."

Hathaway asked, "Did the media reported Tom's accusations because of Jason?"

"Yes." Leon nodded and then said slowly, "Just let them report it. If this little thing can ruin my reputation, why should I be the president of the Davis Group?"

From the very beginning, Leon didn't take Tom's threat to heart.

First of all, he was an upright person and feared no gossip. Secondly, even if Tom had Jason behind him, what kind of trouble could he cause? Things made out of nothing were untenable. He directly released the video of that day and then everything would be clear, wouldn't it? Tom pulled Hathaway first, while he only kicked Tom to protect Hathaway.

Of course, Tom or Jason might have arranged for someone to erase the surveillance video of that day, but they didn't expect him to have Warren send someone to pull out the surveillance to make a copy of it after it happened that day. Because of his understanding of the human nature of shameless people like Tom, Leon knew that Tom might play dirty tricks and then left himself an option in advance.

Moreover, when he dealt with Andrew before, he had mastered a bunch of dirt on Tom and could prevent him from continuing to cause trouble once one of them was exposed casually.

Perhaps, Tom and Jason didn't expect that he would be meticulous enough to copy the video at that time.

The company hadn't bothered to deal with them, did they think he was easy to mess with?

Leon knew that Hathaway, Carl, and Cynthia were worried about him and his reputation even though he remained calm, so he stopped smiling and comforted them, "You don't have to worry. I have arrangements for this, and Tom won't cause a big impact."

Cynthia said softly, "I think it's better to make your relationship with Hathaway public. Once the relationship is open, outsiders naturally understand your intention to protect her and won't have any damage to your image, including Ashley's side. If only you two couples have an open relationship... "

Cynthia knew that they hadn't disclosed their relationship because Hathaway was concerned about Ashley's filming in the entertainment circle. Cynthia supported Hathaway and understood Hathaway and Ashley's sisterly love than anyone else, but now no one expected Tom to provoke such a thing, especially since Ashley also got into trouble yesterday. Now the two sisters were both in a passive position.

The best way was for the two sisters to join hands and disclose that they had found their life partners. In that case, Ashley's online remarks and Hathaway's passive situation could be solved.

After Cynthia's finished her words, Carl echoed, "That's right. You should all disclose your relationship."

Carl looked at Hathaway and said sincerely and earnestly, "Hathaway, you and Ashley have the current status and lovers. It is a waste not to take advantage of such a relationship. Especially Ashley, if her relationship with Nick is announced, she can avoid a lot of detours in the entertainment circle. Maybe many people will look for Ashley to film for the sake of Nick and Leon, but you should all have the ability to judge which people are benefit-oriented or which people are sincere in inviting her to act, and she can choose to work with people who want her to film."

(To be continued)

#### CHAPTER 458 TOM TRIES TO HURT MY WIFE.

"You should know that many people dream of wanting what you have now." Carl advised Hathaway in a rare moment, "So I think it will be better for you and Ashley to disclose your respective relationships at this time. You are the beloved daughters of the Taylors and the Feyrers, so you don't need to take this crap. Your mother and I are heartbroken to see that."

Cynthia nodded at the side.

Carl's last sentence spoke her mind. Cynthia was a celebrity in the fashion circle and got Hathaway as her daughter after half a lifetime of displacement, so she had the same mind as Carl. She couldn't bear to see Hathaway suffer a little bit, and along with that, she couldn't bear to see Leon being smeared.

Whether it was her, Carl, Nick, or Leon, they all have enough ability to give Hathaway and Ashley a good life. Even if the two sisters didn't want to take shortcuts with their connections, they should at least not aggravate themselves. Now Ashley was deeply involved in the malicious rumors, and Hathaway was pestered by Tom. As parents, they were distressed to see that.

Previously, Cynthia and Carl had always chosen to respect Hathaway's choice and didn't comment on her decision. However, now that she was in trouble, they thought they had to stand up and say something as her parents and elders.

In the past, they thought Hathaway's act of not disclosing her relationship with Leon for Ashley was sisterly love, but decisions should change with different circumstances. Now that Tom had created this trouble and Ashley was haunted by malicious rumors, it was the best way for them to conform to the reality and disclose their relationship in time to minimize all the harm.

When Carl said this, Leon remained silent. To be honest, he was very happy that Hathaway was persuaded to disclose their relationship and didn't want to continue to live a sneaky life anymore. He and Hathaway were a legal couple, but he almost climbed the wall in the middle of the night to see his wife. This frustrated him.

So he acquiesced to Carl's persuasion to Hathaway with silence.

Once Carl's finished speaking, Hathaway frowned and turned to look at Leon. After seeing his

acquiescent expression, she looked away sullenly.

Hathaway knew that if her relationship with Leon was made public at this time, Tom's accusation would be much weaker, but Ashley...

Hathaway didn't have much time to think about it when Ashley called her. Naturally, Ashley saw Tom's accusation against Leon and spoke a little fast on the other end, "Hathaway, I saw the news about Uncle Tom's accusation against Leon. You and Leon hurry to make your relationship public. Don't worry about my feelings in the entertainment circle. I'm already touched by what you've done for me. I am telling the truth. You should think about yourself and Leon."

At this point, Ashley was choked up. Although she and Hathaway weren't related by blood, their sisterly bond was deeper and closer than anyone else.

As soon as she woke up in the morning, she saw the news that Tom had caused and got angry.

To Tom, her second uncle, Ashley had a blood kinship with their family, but now her pity and sympathy were gone because of Tom's constant troublemaking.

Because she had to pack up and catch a flight to the crew, she didn't have time to give Hathaway a call until she was sitting in Nick's car taking her to the airport.

Ashley knew very well that if Leon made his relationship with Hathaway public, it would be understandable for him to kick Tom to protect Hathaway, so she asked Hathaway to give up her protection without any hesitation. That was enough. Hathaway had done enough for her, and Ashley didn't want Hathaway to sacrifice anything for her.

"Ashley—" Hathaway sighed softly on the other end of the phone.

Ashley was afraid that she would refuse and said directly, "After you make your relationship public, Nick and I will also disclose ours at a suitable opportunity later."

"Cough..." When Ashley finished her words, Hathaway heard Nick coughing violently on the other end. Nick was probably taken aback by Ashley's words because Ashley hadn't wanted their relationship to be exposed.

Even Hathaway was surprised, let alone Nick.

But after hearing Ashley say this, Hathaway was relieved and agreed with a light smile, "Okay..."

Ashley was willing to disclose her relationship with Nick and had Nick guard her since then, so she could take a back seat.

After hanging up the phone, Hathaway raised her eyebrows, looked at Leon beside her, and said slowly

with a naughty expression, "Old man, as you wish, let's make our relationship public and try to minimize the damage to your image."

Carl heard his daughter accept his persuasion and gave a satisfied smile, while Cynthia was amused by her daughter's naughty words. It was unseemly for her daughter to call Leon "old man", wasn't it? They were here as elders.

Leon wasn't annoyed and stared at Hathaway with his black eyes. His sexy Adam's apple rolled up and down. It was obvious that he was a bit nervous about announcing their relationship, "Well, I will think of a suitable way to make it public."

Hathaway tilted her head, "Why do you have to go through all this trouble? Just show our marriage certificate directly."

Hathaway had a simple thought, but Leon considered more.

He reached out to hold her hand, "Leave it to me."

Leon originally held her hand just to let her feel the security he brought to her, but he didn't want to let go of his grip on her hand, and complicated emotions welled up in his chest for a moment.

After so long, their relationship was finally open, aboveboard, and proper, so it would be strange that he didn't have a surge of emotions.

Hathaway tried to withdraw her hand but failed. Then she glanced at her parents with some embarrassment.

Carl coughed lightly, "Don't exchange glances in front of me. Hurry up to eat and go do your business."

Only when Carl spoke up did Leon come back to his senses. He let go of Hathaway's hand and then continued with his breakfast unhurriedly and elegantly.

After breakfast, Leon went to the Davis Group, while Hathaway stayed with Carl and Cynthia for a while longer.

When Leon left, he didn't tell Hathaway how he would disclose their relationship, and Hathaway didn't ask anything more. Since he had said to leave it to him, she had nothing to worry about.

As Warren guessed, a crowd of reporters gathered in front of the Davis Group's building waiting to interview Leon who was accused by Tom of rudely beating him.

The moment Leon appeared, it caused those reporters to chase after him. Warren, who received Leon's notice in advance, came downstairs to protect Leon and help him block those reporters, "Everyone, please give way first. President Davis has something to say later."



Leon just told Warren on the phone that he was going to respond to this matter. Although Warren didn't know exactly how Leon would respond, he chose to believe that he would handle the situation properly.

Leon found a suitable position to stand firm and look calmly at those reporters surrounding him.

The man looked noble and detached and didn't show a trace of anxiety because of being smeared. His mental quality was extremely strong, and even he could stand in front of the camera so frankly. If an ordinary person was maliciously commented on across the internet, he would have panicked, or else he would have avoided the reporters, how could he dare to accept an interview?

Before Leon could say anything, the reporters eagerly began to fire off a volley of questions around Leon's beating of Tom.

Because the reporters were anxious and hoped that Leon could answer their questions, they put questions one by one and even several people asked together so that it was difficult to hear their questions. Seeing this, Leon was neither anxious nor angry and stood there with a relaxed look. When they stopped making noise, Leon reached out to point at a reporter in front of him and spoke flatly, "Put your earlier questions again."

The reporter was overjoyed to be named and said hurriedly, "May I ask if you did use force on Tom Taylor. He said you kicked him."

Leon responded with a light smile, "Yes."

In the face of Leon's quick and frank admission, the crowd of reporters was a little dumbfounded. They all thought Leon would defend himself or not admit it in a roundabout way, but he admitted it squarely.

The reporter stammered and hurriedly made a detailed inquiry, "Can... can you say ... say why you kicked him?"

"He had a recurrence of drug addiction and tried to hurt my wife, so I kicked him to protect my wife from him." Leon gave a brief account of the situation at that time.

Although it was a brief statement, Leon gave the most important words, which could be described as fast, accurate, and sharp.

Firstly, he emphasized that Tom was suffering from drug addiction at that time.

Secondly, he declared that he tried to protect his wife.

People could do anything when they were suffering from drug addiction, and he kicked Tom who was under the attack of drug addiction to protect his wife. With just a few words, Leon reversed his passive and discredited situation. At this point, Warren, who had been staying by Leon's side, secretly sighed

that he was worthy of being the most thunderous president of the Davis Group.

After Leon's finished his words, the crowd of reporters instantly quieted down.

They all knew more or less about Tom's drug addiction, but what shocked them the most was that Leon just said he protected his wife from Tom who was suffering from drug addiction.

His wife? His wife?

It wasn't a girlfriend or a lover, but a wife!

Everyone knew what the word "wife" meant, but their brains seemed to have stopped working collectively at this moment so that they were unable to think what "wife" meant in Leon's mouth.

They were shocked by this. After breaking off his last engagement with Hathaway, Leon had no romantic affairs before this, but now he directly said his wife...

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While the reporters were in a daze, Leon intended to turn to leave. He had explained what he wanted to, so he didn't need to stay here any longer.

Leon also thought that his words were cool and served a double purpose. It not only clarified why he kicked Tom but also disclosed his identity with Hathaway. Of course, he would ask the public relations department to officially issue another statement later to disclose his wife's identity.

As he turned around, some reporters came back to their senses and hurried to questioned closely, "President Davis, you just said you protected your wife. Are you married? Who is your wife?"

The reporters came back to their senses and were certainly more gossipy about this question.

Leon seldom mentioned his private life in the face of the outside world and smiled, "I will make it public later, and you also know her."

Leon didn't hide it. Since he was going to make it public, he put on a kind attitude to the reporters and even added a sentence, "From beginning to end, my woman and wife is only her, so you won't write at random."

His last sentence was a warning to those reporters. After saying that, Leon then walked into the Davis Group's building, and the reporters didn't chase to ask him anything. After all, he said he would make it public later.

After Leon left, those reporters stood there and started to discuss hotly. Although Leon didn't say who his wife was, they guessed it was Hathaway. Leon said there was only one person from beginning to end, so it could only be Hathaway. After all, Leon only had a romantic affair with Hathaway for so many

years, and even they almost got married some time ago.

The reporters were more interested in the topic of what charm Hathaway had that made Leon was still passionate for her after she unilaterally withdrew her marriage with him. However, after a discussion, they all thought that Hathaway was worthy of Leon's passion. Firstly, she was beautiful and outstanding enough, and secondly, her family background was remarkable, especially after being recognized by Carl and Cynthia.

Besides, she was a designer of some renown and considered talented. In the past, the Rose Group offered her an olive branch.

As they discussed, the reporters suddenly thought that this marriage was a match made in heaven. Even though Hathaway's reputation wasn't good, Leon's image had always been so positive that they felt that the woman Leon could fall in love with and marry was good and excellent enough.

After all, Leon wasn't a young boy in his twenties and would lose his mind for the sake of love to recklessly like a woman with a notorious reputation. According to Leon's intelligence, no woman should be his match.

So, the previous stories about Hathaway might be just rumors.

After some discussion, the reporters each left to go back to wait for Leon's announcement and then prepare their articles. After all, whoever's article wined at this time, that media company would win.

Meanwhile, as soon as Leon entered his office, he informed the public relations department to release a statement about his marriage with Hathaway. Every word of this statement came from his idea, which was simple, brief, affectionate, and passionate.

"You went through the lowest period of my life with me, and I would like to walk with you through the blossoming life. Although we met a little late, it is lucky that the person is you."

Underneath these words, there was a copy of his marriage certificate with Hathaway. Of course, all the important information was covered up, and only their names and the date of registration were shown to the public.

The moment Leon's statement came out, the whole South City was abuzz.

Everyone was discussing his marriage with Hathaway, and some people thought of the rumor that Leon had spent nights with a mysterious woman in a hotel some time ago. Now that they looked at the woman's figure carefully, it should be Hathaway without a doubt. Moreover, according to the registration date of their marriage certificate, they were a legal couple at that time. No wonder Leon said back then that it was reasonable and legal for him to spent the night at a hotel with a woman.

They had gotten a marriage certificate, so it was naturally reasonable and legal.

As for Leon's kick to Tom, Leon made public a video that was captured by the camera at the entrance of Tom's villa after disclosing his relationship with Hathaway. The video clearly showed that when Leon and Hathaway gave Tom one thing and turned to leave, Tom suddenly pounced on them with a fierce look. In an instant, Leon dragged Hathaway behind him and then kicked Tom.

It was clear who was right and who was wrong. On the contrary, all of Tom's accusations became the best evidence to show his despicable and sinister intentions.

After the two things were made public in succession, Leon didn't stop but followed up with a thunderous speed to release a lot of dirty information he had about Tom, such as drug addiction, gambling, cheating on several women in marriage, and having a female college student to abort a baby for him.

In short, Leon trampled Tom into the dust so that he would never be able to turn over.

The dirty information about Tom in the hands of Leon had solid evidence. Leon originally wanted to deal with Andrew with these, but he didn't expect that Tom would jump in after Andrew stop doing bad things. Since it was so, he happened to fight back these to Tom.

It could be imagined that no one was likely to believe Tom whatever he said later with his nature, not to mention he smeared Leon again. Tom was now in rehab, and even if he came out later, he would drown in the drool of those people once he showed up in high-society circles.

With three quick and accurate counterattacks in a row, Leon's image was completely reversed. To Leon, he was the winner of this war.

In reality, Leon didn't care about saving his image but that he could finally be with Hathaway fairly.

He won in this matter. Jason and Tom certainly didn't expect that they would eventually do him a favor after making all these troubles, otherwise, he would have to continue his underground relationship with Hathaway. Now Tom came out to smear him, and Hathaway couldn't bear to see him being smeared, so he fought to become the final winner from the one being smeared.

Tom and Jason must be so angry now, especially Tom.

He shamelessly tried to smear him and also wanted to blackmail some money from him, but he didn't expect to go for wool and come home shorn. Even now he put himself into trouble.

As for Jason, he probably didn't have such a breakdown as Tom, but he should at least be annoyed.

Not long after the statement was made public, Leon called Hathaway.

Hathaway was still at Carl and Cynthia's house and didn't leave. Naturally, she saw Leon's words and the

affectionate statement through the TV report and felt a special warmth and sweetness.

She didn't know why. In the past, she had been worried about a lot and didn't want to make their relationship public, but after it had to be disclosed now, she only felt relieved and relaxed.

Leon said directly on the other end, "Shall we eat together at noon?"

Hathaway laughed, "Come on, did you offer me lunch as soon as you just made our relationship public?"

"Yes." Leon responded honestly, "You have no idea how long I've waited for this."

They could finally spend time together openly, so how could they not hurry to date and make up for what they were unable to do before?

"Okay." Hathaway responded in a good mood, "I'll go to my studio later. Some furniture will be delivered there today. I'll meet you at your company when I'm done."

Leon was satisfied with this, and Hathaway continued softly, "I like what you said in the statement."

He said that he was willing to walk with her through this blooming life.

This was a promise of loyalty and deep love for her.

How nice!

He had never shown his emotions, and Hathaway never knew he could say such beautiful love words. Now he gave her face in the eyes of all the people in South City, and Hathaway was overjoyed.

No girl didn't like such romance and surprise. Although Hathaway was straightforward and frank, that didn't mean she didn't like romance.

Leon could feel her happiness from her voice, and his voice turned gentle, "As long as you like it."

Then he admonished, "See you at noon."

Only then did they hang up the phone.

Hathaway gave a bright smile and couldn't stop her good mood.

Cynthia came over and couldn't help but be happy at the sight of her expression, "Now that your relationship is open, you'll not need to hide anything later and live your life well."

Every parent would like to see their sons and daughters have a good relationship and live their own life peacefully, even for a rich and powerful family like theirs.

Hathaway came over to gently wrap her arm around Cynthia and said in a serious and firm voice, "I will."

Although Hathaway was young, she was eager to be down-to-earth and stable, especially she was married to her beloved man now. Naturally, she would manage her relationship and marriage with Leon well and also believed that Leon thought the same with her.

Even though they had different personalities and a large age gap, they took the relationship equally seriously.

Cynthia patted her hand gently, "I'm old, but I don't have any experience to teach you in terms of men and women getting along and managing marital relationships, so I only hope that you will find it out on your own."

Of course, Cynthia was also slowly figuring out.

Although she was at her age, she had only been in marriage for the past few months and was a novice.

Hathaway smiled and teased Cynthia, "Your love and marriage are different from others, so it may not be useful even if you have the experience to teach me. The secret of your love and marriage insurance is my father's love for you, but my father loves you so deeply that ordinary men can't match."

Cynthia was amused by her words. Then they snuggled together and chuckled.

#### CHAPTER 460 LEON PLANS TO PROPOSE TO HATHAWAY.

No sooner had Leon agreed to lunch with Hathaway than Warren came in to report his work. After work, Leon kept Warren and asked him thoughtfully, "Is it the Davis Group's anniversary celebration next month?"

Warren nodded seriously, "Yes, this year is the 60th anniversary. Several senior managers once proposed that I asked you whether to hold it more grandly."

The Davis Group was founded by Hale at a young age and operated under his leadership for nearly thirty years. In Merlin's generation, it was less than twenty years, and then it had been in Leon's hands for more than ten years. If it was counted from Leon's involvement in the affairs of the Davis Group at the age of 14 or 15, the Davis Group had been in Leon's hands for seventeen years. In the blink of an eye, such a company had existed for sixty years. Now that it was getting better in Leon's management, its 60th-anniversary celebration should be held grandly.

Such a grand scene was proposed by the senior managers of the Davis Group for the sake of decency and so-called vanity, while Leon didn't pay attention to these. In previous years, the anniversary celebration was just a carnival for the company's employees, and he didn't feel much about it.

Warren knew Leon's nature, so he thought that he probably wouldn't adopt the proposal of those senior

managers. Leon had never paid attention to vanity and pomp and should probably let the relevant departments organize it just like in previous years.

However, after listening to his words, Leon made a quick decision, "Make it a big celebration."

Warren, "..."

Leon glanced at Warren whose expression was out of control and continued, "What do you think about me proposing on the company's anniversary celebration this year?"

Warren opened his eyes wide in shock and looked at his boss.

No wonder he promised to make the anniversary celebration grand so quickly. It turned out that he did the pavement for his proposal.

After coming to his senses, Warren nodded in agreement with Leon's decision, "Although you have gotten a marriage certificate, a proposal ceremony was still necessary. Women mostly need such a sense of ceremony to improve their happiness index."

Warren was worthy of being a man with more than ten years of marriage experience and knew women's minds at all stages.

In the face of being proposed at the grand anniversary celebration of the company, any woman would be moved.

Even if the past anniversary celebrations of the Davis Group were low-key, they would attract a lot of attention, and even all the media would be invited to enter the venue to film the celebration. If Leon agreed to make it grander this year, more people would focus on it. Leon's proposal in such an environment showed that he was full of sincerity.

Seeing that Warren agreed with him to do this, Leon was relieved secretly. Warren had more experience in managing love and marriage than he had and thought that it was feasible, so he would implement this idea.

Leon had always wanted to give Hathaway a marriage proposal. They couldn't hold a grand wedding for the time being, so the marriage proposal would be his compensation for her marrying him quietly.

After making the decision, Leon instructed Warren, "You re-contact the wedding planning team that I asked you to contact before."

Warren agreed solemnly.

Hathaway went straight to her studio after she left Carl and Cynthia's house. Previously, she met with Jessica, decisively selected the office supplies, and placed the order directly. Today, office supplies

began to be delivered to their studio one after another, and Hathaway needed to continue to monitor on-site.

After Hathaway parked her car under the office building and got out of the car, a group of reporters surrounded her at once. Nowadays, the media was infinitely resourceful. After her relationship with Leon was exposed, they got the news and knew that she opened a studio here, so they rushed here to block her.

If Hathaway hadn't been with the two bodyguards Albert sent to her, she might have been surrounded by the reporters and fell to the ground as soon as she got off the car.

Now that the two bodyguards stood on either side of her and reached out coldly to block the reporters who were rushing towards her, Hathaway could finally catch her breath.

One of the bodyguards asked her in a whisper, "Do you want to be interviewed?"

The implication was that they would use force to drive the reporters away if she didn't want to be interviewed.

Because Hathaway didn't expect that there would be reporters blocking her downstairs in her studio, she was in a passive position after being surrounded. That was why the bodyguard asked her's opinion.

Hathaway chuckled, "There's nothing that I can't be interviewed."

Her relationship with Leon was just made public, and they were legitimately together. She hadn't done anything bad, so why couldn't she be interviewed?.

After hearing her answer, the two bodyguards didn't do anything else but protected her at a safe distance so that she could face the reporters safely.

Hathaway had big sunglasses on the bridge of her nose and reached out to take them off after standing firm. Then she lifted her bright face to look at the reporters gracefully and asked with a smile, "Do you have anything to ask?"

Hathaway's attitude was unassuming and easy-going, which made these reporters' impression of her improve a lot instantly.

Frankly speaking, Hathaway was famous in South City. No matter Hathaway had just returned to China to take over the Davis Group, had an affair with Leon later, or became the daughter of Carl and Cynthia, or captured the heart of Leon, the cool prince charming, perhaps no girl in South City had a better fate than hers.

However, the reporters had little contact with Hathaway, so they didn't know her personality.



Before Hathaway arrived, they instinctively thought that she might not be easy to get along with, considering that she was the daughter of Carl and Cynthia and the legal wife of Leon, especially when they thought that Carl and Albert were always expressionless to public. They guessed whether Hathaway would be also fierce as she was Carl's daughter and trembled with fear even more.

However, now that Hathaway not only took off her sunglasses but also greeted them with a broad smile, they felt in a good mood at once.

The girl's smiling face in front of them was so beautiful and eye-catching.

A reporter spoke first, "Miss Taylor—"

But the reporter was suddenly interrupted by Hathaway. Of course, she stopped the reporter with a smile and said in a soft and naughty tone, "Don't you think you should call me Mrs. Davis?"

The reporter paused and then corrected hastily, "Sorry, Mrs. Davis."

Hathaway's smile widened. Although she and Leon didn't stand out at the same time to respond to their marriage license, her words of emphasizing her identity echoed Leon's previous statement about making their relationship public.

These reporters were interested in her and Leon's affairs and asked why she broke up with Leon before and was now back together with him again. No one dared to ask Leon these questions, so they could only ask Hathaway.

Hathaway replied in a light tone, "After so many experiences, we found that we love each other the most, so we are together."

Hathaway's answer style reminded these reporters of Kenny's interview at the airport some time ago. The two siblings were of the same style. I stood here accepting your interview in a gentle and approachable manner and would answer any question you asked, but after you racked your brains to ask questions, I would beat around the bush and not give you the answer you wanted the most.

The reporters asked a few more questions, but Hathaway gave irrelevant answers.

A smart and wise person wouldn't be trapped by the reporters in a roundabout way.

Then another reporter asked, "I heard you open a studio here, is it true?"

"Yes." Hathaway kept smiling but didn't say a word more.

This reporter looked around and continued, "But this place is not a prime location. Mrs. Davis, why didn't you go to one of President Davis' office buildings? His office buildings are all in prime locations, and a good location can make your studio shine."

This reporter's words were mocking Hathaway's bad relationship with Leon or trying to prove that Leon didn't care much about her. Otherwise, how could he let her open her studio in an old district?

Hathaway was a smart woman and instantly guessed what this reporter was thinking. Jason and Bella had a lot of connections, so this reporter was might have been bribed by them to dig up dirt on her and Leon's unloving relationship.

Looking at the reporter, Hathaway was speechless, "You just said this is my studio, so I naturally can decide everything. This location is my choice. Besides, no one stipulates that a studio should be opened in a prime location, right?"

The reporter was momentarily speechless, "That's true, but..."

Hathaway felt that she had dealt with them for a long time and gave them enough face. Later on, she had work to do that the furniture would be delivered here soon, so she said, "I think I have answered you all. Let's stop here today, and I still have something to do."

As soon as she said this, the two bodyguards dutifully escorted her and turned to walk towards the office building. As she said, she had answered enough questions, so those reporters didn't follow her to ask anything anymore.

Hathaway entered the elevator and then let out a breath. These people were so boring. Was it interesting for them to chase and pry about other people's privacy every day?

But she didn't put this on her mind. The reason why she accepted their interview today was just to echo Leon's disclosure of their relationship. Later on, she would no longer accept such boring interviews. Their life was their own and had nothing to do with outsiders, so they naturally wouldn't expose it to outsiders again.