

## **Timeless Love 181**

### **CHAPTER 181 LEON GOT INTO FIGHTS AFTER DRINKING.**

That day, Leon went to a party and met Andrew there.

As the saying goes, "Adversaries are destined to meet". Leon was angry to see him, and so was he. After the banquet, the two men fought in the parking lot. They disliked each other for a long time, so it was a fierce fight. Their drivers tried to stop them but in vain.

Their fierce fight disturbed the police, and then they were taken to the police station.

The policeman in charge of the case had a headache in facing these two noblemen in the South City and tried to persuade them to reconcile, but neither of them accepted it and insisted on prosecuting each other.

The policeman was more distressed. If charges were filed, it would not end up like a regular fight soon but would rise to criminal responsibility.

The two just fought to vent their anger. Although both of them suffered some injuries, they were skin trauma. It was not necessary to get to the point of prosecution for criminal responsibility. The policeman was very experienced in dealing with such matters. Generally speaking, the two sides would reconcile under his persuasion. He originally thought these noble people should be more broad-minded than ordinary people, but he didn't expect that they were more troublesome.

The policeman had no choice but to ask his leader for instructions and leave it to his leader to deal with if they continued like this because his ability was limited.

Leon sat there with a pout as if he had to take Andrew to court for justice.

Andrew looked better and calmed down faster. He had no intention of taking Leon to court. Besides, he believed Leon knew better than him that they were just venting their anger, but he didn't think that Leon would be so incessantly vexatious. Leon first put forward the prosecution, and Andrew couldn't admit defeat, so they confronted each other again.

Warren advised Leon in a low voice. He didn't think it was necessary to make such a scene. In view of Leon's identity, fighting had damaged his image, and if he went to court...

However, after hearing Warren's advice, Leon still had no intention of stopping, which made Warren helpless.

A long time later, Leon got up, called Warren outside, and instructed him, "Give my grandpa a call."

Warren was in a fog and exclaimed, "What?"

Warren had been with Leon for many years, but he couldn't understand why Leon asked him to call Old Mr. Davis (Hale Davis). It needed to call the parents for underage fights. As an adult in his thirties, Leon didn't have to call Hale over. Even if it was a must, the legal team of the Davis Group could send someone over.

Ignoring it, Leon spoke again, "Tell him that I went into the police station for fighting with Andrew. You can't persuade me, so you had to find him."

Warren looked at him and replied, "Okay."

Warren roughly understood Leon's intention of doing this. He deliberately made all this trouble so that Hale and the others would feel his madness, because he was not happy after Hathaway dumped him.

Then Warren went to call Hale, and soon Leon received a call from Hale.

Hale roared at the other end of the phone, "Leon, what do you want?"

It was very late in the evening now. He was supposed to go to bed, but a call from Warren aroused his anger, and he almost jumped out of bed.

Leon was not an ordinary person. His fighting would affect the image of the Davis Group and the Davis.

Hale had never seen Leon do such crazy things in all his years, so he was naturally furious.

At the other end of the phone, Leon replied indifferently and also took a look at Andrew, "It's nothing. I just disliked him, so I fought with him."

Hearing this, Hale's lungs were about to explode. "Do you think you're a punk? How dare you do that?"

When Andrew saw Leon pick up the phone call from Hale, he immediately understood everything. Tonight, he was dragged to the police station by Leon to make a scene, which was to show Hale.

Leon needed such madness and recklessness to show his rebellion against Hale or Adeline. He protested that they did not agree to his marriage with Hathaway and that they had made his life so unhappy.

After realizing this, Andrew clenched his hands tightly, because it showed that Leon cared about Hathaway very much and did not intend to give her up. Even though there was a grudge between Leon and Hathaway from the previous generation.

In anger, Andrew gritted his teeth and glared at Leon. Then he got up and left the police station with his assistant without looking back, regardless of whether Leon would take him to court.

From the moment he entered the police station with Leon, he had fallen into Leon's trap. He had lost, and it would be nothing more than a laughing stock if he continued to spend time with Leon here.

Leon looked at Andrew's indignant departure and sneered. Hale was still yelling at the other end of the phone, but Leon didn't bother to listen to this. Anyway, he achieved his goal, causing his grandfather to pay attention to his mental state. That was all he wanted.

"Come home this weekend and we'll talk about it!" Hale yelled at him again and then hung up the phone. Leon was very satisfied with this result.

After ending the call, he turned to look at the policeman next to him and said apologetically, "I'm sorry to trouble you..."

Andrew was not here, and Leon didn't intend to find out who was to blame, so he signed and went out of the police station with Warren.

Warren took a deep breath. How fresh the air outside was! He almost thought he couldn't get out tonight.

He turned his head and asked Leon, "Do you think it is working?"

Leon was smoking. Upon hearing this, he squinted and replied, "If I go directly to convince my mother to accept Hathaway, she will be annoyed. It's better to have my grandpa to persuade her than me. He knows what it's like to be resented by his son and can be more vicarious."

After talking with Albert that day, Leon deeply felt that if he wanted to have a future with Hathaway, he first had to get his mother to change her attitude towards Hathaway.

He didn't force his mother to like Hathaway but just asked her to stop objecting and giving Hathaway the cold shoulder and embarrassment.

#### CHAPTER 182 I'LL KNEEL UNTIL YOU AGREE.

Leon's last drunkenness and this fight were enough to make Hale headache and compromise.

Hale had always been tough-mouthed, but he loved his grandson in his heart. He was certainly not willing to continue to see Leon degenerate, coupled with the knot that Merlin had resented him half his life, so this time he couldn't do anything to Leon. If Hale could persuade Adeline, Leon felt it would be much more effective than himself.

Warren looked at Leon quietly and didn't say anything.

Warren was quite puzzled. Leon and Hathaway had not been together for a long time, but why could she make Leon so obsessed with her in such a short time?

He and his wife, Vivian, knew each other as classmates in college and fell in love for several years. It was only when they confirmed that they were suitable for each other to spend the rest of their lives together

that they walked down the aisle. Was there a generation gap between him and Leon because he was a few years older?

It was not because there was a generation gap between Warren and Leon, but only the parties concerned knew about their feelings.

Some people believed love would come in time, while others fell in love at first sight.

Although Leon was not in love with Hathaway at first sight, he had gotten along with her for some time, which was enough for Leon to see his heart clearly.

He had hesitated whether to choose Bella or Hathaway, but he finally chose Hathaway.

He chose a woman who could make him happy both physically and mentally, rather than another woman who could bring him great benefits.

At the weekend, Leon drove to Hale's residence in the suburbs as promised. With bruises on the corners of his mouth and cheekbones from his fight with Andrew, he swaggered into Hale's house.

Seeing his depraved appearance, Hale almost hit him with his cane and roared, "Come here!"

Then Leon was dragged to his study. There was a log five-drawer cabinet in one corner with a black-and-white photo of Old Mrs. Davis who had passed away, looking very kind.

Hale stabbed the floor with his cane and yelled at Leon with a straight face, "Kneel!"

Without saying a word, Leon walked over and knelt in front of Old Mrs. Davis' portrait, however, his back was straight.

Hale could not see his confrontational posture and threw his cane on his back angrily, "How much your grandmother loved you when she was alive. Do you have the nerve to see her with the degraded state you're in now?"

Although he was angry, he didn't hit him hard. Leon was his only grandson and he couldn't bear to hurt him. Besides, he had been injured, hadn't he? Look at his bruised face!

Hale wondered how he went to work in the company in this state. Didn't he feel ashamed?

After spending a lot of time with Hathaway, a cheeky girl, had he become shameless?

Leon frowned with pain, but said without regret, "I don't think I'm degenerate. Can't I vent my feelings after a breakup? If my grandma were still alive, she would have supported my choice and would never let my father's tragedy repeat itself on me."

"You—" Hale was so angry at his words that he couldn't say anything.

He gave Leon a heavy stab with his cane and scolded angrily, "Since you're so unrepentant, you'll kneel here!"

After saying that, Hale turned around and walked out of the study, leaving Leon here alone.

Leon didn't have any reaction. Anyway, he came here today to make Hale compromise, regardless of the cost.

Since he asked to kneel, he would.

Leon came here in the morning. This time Hale was heartless and let him kneel from the morning to noon. During this period, he gritted his teeth and did not pay attention to Leon because he wanted to force Leon to compromise through corporal punishment. As a result, Leon was on his knees without saying a word.

Hale was angry and heartbroken. These two extremely contradictory feelings suppressed him all morning. He didn't want Leon to kneel, but he knew that he would lose if he said so first.

The housekeeper came over to ask for Hale's advice on lunch, "Shall I prepare Leon's lunch?"

With a straight face, he kept silent for a long time and finally did not answer it. Instead, he went to the study again with a heavy heart.

Leon was still kneeling there with his back straight. Even though his forehead had emerged with sweat due to his sore knees, he never compromised or backed down in the slightest. Looking at his stubborn appearance, Hale was mentally and physically exhausted. He walked over and asked him, "Haven't you ever seen a woman? Why do you just think she's good?"

Hale thought and speculated that it might be because his grandson hadn't been in love in thirty-two years, so he was fascinated by Hathaway when he fell in love.

"Grandpa, you're wrong," Leon said weakly, causing hale to be distressed.

Leon laughed at himself, "What kind of woman have I not seen in all these years in my position? And it's because I've met so many women that I think she's good."

He had an excellent appearance and a good family background. Almost at the age when a youth first awakened of love, some girls took the initiative to pursue him. Later, he knew well that many female employees of the Davis Group wanted to have a relation with him. Hathaway was not the first woman to try to get in touch with him, but only she made it.

When Hale looked at his face like he only accepted Hathaway, he stared at him and said angrily, "What

will you do if I don't disagree? Are you going to kneel here all the time?"

Leon smiled at him and said sincerely, "I won't. After all, I have the responsibility and burden of the Davis Group. I won't be so willful to leave this behind."

"Good. You know that!" Hale just let out a sigh of relief when he heard Leon sigh, "I may not get married and have children so soon. It took me thirty-two years to meet a woman who I wanted to marry, so it may take me another thirty-two years to meet the next one."

Hale was almost fainted by Leon's words.

Another thirty-two years? He would be sixty-four years old by then, so would the Davis have a descendant in his generation?

#### CHAPTER 183 IT'S NOT FAIR TO THEM.

Hale was exhausted.

He knew that his grandson was not easy to deal with. Leon just said that he couldn't leave the Davis Group and wouldn't be on his knees all the time. By this, Leon was deliberately trying to get him to let his guard down and then gave him a dose of strong medicine. The impact was much stronger than when he had been against him in the beginning.

Leon used tricks to deal with him. Hale felt that even if he was a few decades younger, he was no match for him.

He waved his hand at Leon and cursed weakly, "Get out for lunch."

Then Hale left the study without looking back. Alas, he gave up.

Leon was satisfied with the result after confronting the whole morning. Comparatively speaking, the soreness in his knees was nothing. But when he got up, he stumbled because his legs were numb and quickly held onto the cabinet to barely hold himself.

In the morning, he had deliberately prepared for his ruse of self-injury without breakfast, but he didn't expect to be punished by Hale on his knees.

When Leon went downstairs, lunch was ready, and Hale sat at the table with a cold face. He washed his hands, went to sit down, and then ate two bowls of rice in one breath. He didn't even have time to talk to Hale.

Seeing that he was so hungry, Hale instantly thought that he might have deliberately made himself look so miserable to win his sympathy. Now he wanted to drive him back to his knees.

Hale gritted his teeth and asked him, "What's the point of employing your ruse of self-injury on me? Didn't I have no objection when you wanted to marry her before? Why don't you kneel in front of your mother and make her compromise?"

Leon put on a self-deprecating and helpless smile, "Do you think that even if I kneel in front of her, she will be able to put down her grudges?"

Albert told him that Cynthia could put aside her grudges for Hathaway and accept him sincerely, but his mother couldn't do it. That was why Leon came to ask Hale for help.

Hale was silent for a moment, and Leon looked at him sincerely, "Grandpa, I haven't begged you for so many years, but I need you to help me this time. It's more effective for you to persuade her than for me. You are her elder, and she will naturally pay more attention to your words."

Hale snorted coldly, "Do you have to marry Hathaway?"

Leon didn't say anything, but his expression explained everything.

Hale pursed his lips and said, "I'll try my best, but I can't promise to persuade your mother. She has a deep grudge, otherwise, she wouldn't have set anyone up at that time."

Adeline was not an open-minded and easy-going person, or else she would not have taken framing Evelyn after years of marriage with Merlin.

Leon nodded, "I'm grateful for your help, and I don't ask for the result."

Hale rudely mocked him, "Is that so? If you don't want results, then why did you kneel all morning?"

He snorted coldly and continued, "I tell you that I don't feel sorry for you at all. If I don't expect you to leave offspring for the Davis, I won't bother with you."

The Davis had only one son for several generations in a row and didn't have a flourishing population. If it weren't for this, he wouldn't be involved in this matter. He was exhausted at the thought of Leon saying that he would wait for another thirty-two years.

After lunch, Leon left Hale's house. Then Hale thought for a long time before calling Adeline.

The phone was put through, and Adeline called out to Hale on the other end, "Dad..."

But then Adeline laughed to herself, "I don't think I'll be able to call you that anymore. I have an appointment with Merlin to divorce tomorrow."

Hale paused and said apologetically, "I should say sorry to you. It's my decision that has cost you most of your life."

Hale heard about the divorce of Merlin and Adeline and now didn't want to voice a single opinion. At that time, Adeline liked Merlin unilaterally, but without his coercion, Merlin wouldn't have compromised to marry Adeline. If they did not get married, everyone's fate would be different now.

Therefore, Hale wanted to say sorry to Adeline.

"You don't have to blame yourself. This is my fate." Adeline didn't accept Hale's apology. She didn't resent him at all. After all, he appreciated her as an affirmation for her.

Adeline asked Hale again, "What do you want from me?"

Hale paused and said, "Leon came to me this morning and knelt in front of his grandmother's portrait all morning..."

"What?" Adeline didn't even know whether to be shocked or distressed when she heard her son's behavior.

Hale explained, "I asked him to kneel there and reflect on himself. He was drunk at first, and then fought with Andrew. Did he still want to be the president of the Davis Group? How long is he going to be against us for a woman?"

Adeline knew what Hale said. The story that Leon fought with Andrew and was taken to the police station spread like wildfire. Upon hearing this, she was shocked and annoyed because she did not expect her son to do such an extreme move. Later she called Leon to inquire about his wounds, but he coldly replied, "I won't die" and then hung up.

Their relationship had deteriorated since she arranged for Bella to live in his apartment that night.

Even without Hathaway, their relationship was getting worse and worse.

Adeline understood the purpose of Leon's extreme behaviors. He was venting his dissatisfaction with them in this way.

Hale continued, "As a result, he knelt all morning and didn't compromise at all. In the end, I made a compromise..."

At this point, Hale heaved a sigh and advised Adeline sincerely, "If possible, you try to let go of the past. After all, Leon is your only son. I've had this experience, so I know what it's like to be resented by my son. I don't want you to be like me."

"What?" Adeline thought she had misheard. After coming back to her senses, she murmured reluctantly on the other end of the phone, "Are you persuading me to let go of the past? I can't do that. That woman has ruined my life, how can I accept her daughter as my daughter-in-law?"



Hale continued, "No matter what the grudge in your previous generation is, Leon and Hathaway are innocent. You can't force your grudge on them. It's unfair to them!"

#### CHAPTER 184 BE CAREFUL OF YOUR FORMER RIVAL.

Hearing Hale's words, Adeline fell silent.

She understood this truth, but when she thought of how miserable she was now, she couldn't help but hate Cynthia and reject Hathaway. Even if Hathaway was not Cynthia's daughter, Adeline didn't like her.

Hathaway was too flamboyant and beautiful with an untamed character. Adeline could tell at first glance that she wasn't a family-oriented woman.

Without hearing her reply, Hale added, "The most important thing is that Evelyn is innocent of all your past grudges. If you have hatred, you should hate Merlin. He shouldn't have been thinking about another woman after marrying you."

Speaking of this, Hale sigh deeply, "Everything is his fault. He has indirectly ruined two women's lives. It's also my fault. I have failed to teach my son and interfered in his life."

"That's what I want to say. Think about it for yourself and Leon. As his mother, you can't always have such a stiff relationship with him and let him go to extremes sullenly." Hale hung up the phone after saying these words. Adeline held her phone and sat there in a daze for a long time.

It was not that she couldn't hear or understand what Hale said. But as soon as she thought of the past and her present divorce situation, her heart began to ache.

The next day, Adeline and Merlin went through the divorce formalities. Since Adeline asked for a divorce that day, Merlin moved out and left the house they now lived in to Adeline. Then he moved to another house of the Davis. They had reached an agreement on the division of property through lawyers.

Leon did not show up when they divorced. But he had long known about their divorce and his attitude was clear because he sent the lawyer of the Davis Group to divide the property for them. This move was enough to show that Leon was not opposed to their divorce.

Besides, Leon had nothing to say to his parents, nor did he see them before their divorce.

The divorce formalities went through quickly. As the former president of the Davis Group, even though Merlin had retired, he still could make an appointment in advance and clear the field. After all, they were not young. Divorce was not a glorious thing, and Adeline wanted to save face, so their divorce was secretive. Outsiders did not know about it, so it avoided a bad influence on the Davis Group under Leon's leadership.

Even if Adeline was desperate about her marriage to Merlin, she was in a low mood when she got the

divorce certificate. She had fought and schemed for most of her life, but she ended up this way.

Merlin took the divorce certificate and walked away without turning back and even saying goodbye to her.

Adeline felt dizzy and went to the bathroom to calm down for a while before she could walk out like a normal person.

At the door of the Civil Affairs Bureau, she saw her son, Leon, standing by the car and waiting there.

At that moment, Adeline had mixed feelings. She never expected Leon to appear here. She thought that her son did not care about her at all. When luck, joy, touch as well as the grievances of divorce flooded through her heart, Adeline could not help but shed tears.

She was always proud and never said that her marriage was unfortunate in front of others. Finally, she could not hold on any longer and began to wail at her son

Leon looked away and remained silent for a moment. Then he walked forward and took Adeline into his car.

Leon didn't want to come, but they were his biological parents.

He had met Merlin just now. Merlin said sorry to him with a complicated look and left. Leon put on a self-deprecating smile and thought Merlin probably should not have said sorry to him but to the two women he hurt.

When Leon drove Adeline home, her mood had calmed down.

Leon did not linger, but consoled Adeline before leaving, "A divorce might be a good thing for you, so just let go of this marriage."

She brought him up. Even if she got no merit, she was rewarded by hard work. Leon could not bear to look at Adeline's desolate appearance, so he spoke words of comfort to her.

But he couldn't get close to Adeline after all she had done, finished his words, and turned to leave.

Adeline stopped him and invited him expectantly, "Come back and have dinner with me tonight..."

Leon took a look at Adeline's expression and replied, "Okay..."

He saw Adeline's desire for peace and did not refuse coldly.

He didn't know whether it was Hale's persuasion that worked or today's divorce had hit Adeline. In any case, her desire for peace was a good thing for him. He hoped that her rejection of Hathaway could be

alleviated sooner so that he could go to see Hathaway earlier.

Although Merlin's divorce from Adeline was secretive, it didn't escape Albert's attention. After that, Albert gallantly told his father in Hong Kong about it, and kindly reminded him to be careful of his former rival.

It was lunchtime when Carl received the news. He, Cynthia, and Hathaway were eating at the dining table. All the dishes were cooked by Cynthia, and he would like to eat them all. It was cooked by his beloved woman, and he didn't want to waste it.

To recuperate Hathaway's body, Cynthia personally cooked these days, which was a sweet burden for Carl. He wanted to eat the food cooked by Cynthia, but he also wanted to keep fit, so every meal was a torment for him.

After receiving the news of Merlin's divorce from Adeline, Carl angrily slapped his hand on the dining table, which scared Cynthia and Hathaway. Cynthia took a cold look at Carl's hand, and he hurried to draw it back. He had such a comfortable time that he forgot that Cynthia didn't like his rude habits.

#### CHAPTER 185 LEON DOESN'T SLEEP AROUND.

Hathaway took the initiative to defuse Carl's embarrassment, "What happened?"

Carl looked at Cynthia and said with jealousy, "Your brother said that Merlin divorced Adeline."

It wasn't surprising that Carl was jealous because Merlin was Cynthia's first love. Wasn't it true that first love was unforgettable?

Hathaway took a glance at Cynthia and then turned to look at Carl who was jealous and wanted to force Cynthia to say that she did not have Merlin in her mind anymore. Then she amusedly responded, "Oh..."

Thinking back to these days she came to Hong Kong, she saw them do lovey-dovey stuff every day.

Merlin's divorce from Adeline had nothing to do with Hathaway, and she was not a former lover or rival, so she was not interested in saying anything. After hearing this, she could only perfunctory with Carl with the word "Oh"

Carl was not in the mood to eat and scolded angrily, "What does Merlin want to do? He got divorced from his old age. Shame on him!"

Carl thought that Merlin was divorced to rob Cynthia from him. What else could it be? As soon as Cynthia's identity became public, Merlin got divorced. It showed that he had no good intentions.

Cynthia couldn't stand his impatience and glared at him angrily, "They are divorced, but why are you worried? Do you have anything to do with them?"

Cynthia's words successfully quenched Carl's jealousy and anger. The dissatisfaction on Carl's face instantly disappeared, and he put on a gentle smile, "Evelyn, I'm wrong. You're right, other people's affairs have nothing to do with us."

Cynthia just coldly described Merlin as others, which was enough to show that she had lost all affection for Merlin. Carl was naturally very happy.

Hathaway took a look at her father's face and sighed secretly.

She thought that this topic was over. As a result, Carl began to complain about Merlin after coaxing Cynthia, "He wanted a divorce, but he hadn't done this earlier. He dragged on for half his life but hurt Adeline and you."

To be honest, Carl despised Merlin. Although Merlin's family background was much better than his, his character was...

Since he didn't love Adeline, why did he marry her?

Since he married her, why didn't he get along well with her?

Since he married another woman, why did he think about Cynthia?

If he didn't want to live with Adeline, why not divorce earlier? If they had divorced earlier, maybe Adeline could find a good man again and live happily. In this way, she wouldn't have done anything to Cynthia.

If Merlin weren't a scumbag, he would not have been separated from Cynthia for so many years.

On this point, Hathaway agreed with Carl. After understanding the grudges of the previous generation, she felt that Merlin ... was a bit hard to explain.

So, why on earth did Merlin and Adeline give birth to a son like Leon who never slept around? Two negatives made an affirmative, right?

This was the first time that Hathaway thought of Leon since she came to Hong Kong.

Even if Carl scolded Merlin like this, Cynthia always put on a cold expression. Hathaway smiled and joked at Carl, "If he had divorced earlier, my mom would not belong to you."

"No way. Even if he divorced, your mother would belong to me." Carl said firmly, causing Cynthia to give

him another dirty look.

Hathaway had been well-rested these days. She nodded and said brightly, "But there are no assumptions in the world, so my mom belongs to you. Besides, you got nothing to be nervous about. You are in a favorable position, aren't you?"

Hathaway's words sounded sweet, and she was right. He was indeed in a favorable position because he was now around Cynthia almost 24 hours a day. He kept an eye on Cynthia and did not give her any chance to escape, let alone give another man access to her.

Cynthia said to Hathaway, "In a few days, Zoe's son will return from abroad, and by then you will be recovered. Let me introduce you to each other."

Hathaway deliberately said, "A blind date?"

Cynthia was speechless at this, "No, I just thought that you're about the same age and should have something in common. You are not familiar here, so he can show you around then."

She added, "Of course, I will be happier if you become a couple."

Cynthia said in a sincere tone, "I've been friends with Zoe for many years, so I know the couple's personalities very well. Besides, I've watched their son grow up. I think he's an excellent young man in every way. If you're with a man who I know his background, I won't have to worry about you being bullied and wronged."

Zoe liked Hathaway very much. Compared with Adeline as her mother-in-law, Hathaway's treatment would be quite different.

Naturally, Hathaway knew what Cynthia meant by being wronged. Thinking of Adeline's attitude towards herself, Hathaway was a bit gloomy. An evil mother-in-law could destroy everything.

Before Hathaway made a reply, Carl first said, "I'll test him for you."

If it weren't for the fact that Cynthia admired Zoe's son, Carl wouldn't have wanted to introduce them to each other. He felt that his daughter was perfect and excellent. He couldn't even imagine what kind of man could be worthy of his daughter.

Cynthia did not agree with Carl, "Stop it. I'm afraid you'll scare him."

Of course, Cynthia deliberately ridiculed Carl. In fact, he was not scary now.

After leaving the environment of fighting and killing and the danger of bloodbath, he became an ordinary man and felt very warm.

Although sometimes he still couldn't change his old habits, Cynthia saw that he was trying to correct himself and improve himself over the years.

Carl protested, "If he's so easily frightened, how can he protect Hathaway?"

Cynthia didn't bother to pay attention to him anymore and asked Hathaway to continue eating.

To be honest, Hathaway felt that she had gained a lot of weight these days. Cynthia cooked all kinds of delicious food for her every day, and she lived a pig's life, so she naturally became fat.

She had to admit that the effect of recuperation was noticeable. She went to the hospital for an examination before, and the doctor said that she had recovered very well. However, Cynthia insisted on keeping her for a month, and if possible, it would be better for three months. Perhaps every mother treated their children like this.

#### CHAPTER 186 I'M DESPERATE TO FLY TO FIND HER.

When Leon returned in the evening, Adeline had served a table full of dishes. Although she was not good at cooking, this represented her heart. Seeing Leon back, she could not conceal her delight. She was frustrated by her divorce, but she couldn't tell anyone about her depression. Her son, Leon, was back now, which was a great comfort to her.

They didn't talk much during the meal, and Adeline kept serving Leon food to let him eat more.

Leon maintained his composure and didn't say a word about his extreme state in the past time, nor did he eagerly plead with Adeline to accept his feelings for Hathaway.

The reason why he appeared at the door of the Civil Affairs Bureau today when Adeline divorced Merlin today and came back for dinner tonight was for his purpose. That was, he wanted to touch Adeline with warmth when she was most vulnerable. And he wanted to let her know that her son didn't strike her or ignore her when she was most frustrated. Shouldn't she reflect on what she had done when he was most frustrated?

Besides, he wanted Adeline to put herself in his shoes and think more about his feelings and future happiness.

Leon felt sad for his playing so many tricks on his mother, but he couldn't help it.

He couldn't passively lose Hathaway like this, nor could he bear to be separated from her.

Of course, Leon did not expect Adeline to accept and change so quickly, because he knew that it was impossible. But it would be good to make Adeline a little shaky inside.

After dinner, Leon didn't stay at home, and Adeline was a little lost at this. Leon didn't want to stay here.

First, he had so many estrangements from Adeline that he didn't want to be close to her in any case. Second, he didn't want to make Adeline feel better, but rather to let her know that her son had a grudge against her.

However, on his way out he gave Adeline a thought, so he reassured her who sent him out, "Don't think about the unhappy things. At least, you have me."

Hearing this, tears wetted Adeline's eyes again. She pursed her lips and looked away.

Leon continued in a deep tone, "Mom, people feel for others. I hope to get the same love from you."

After finishing his words, Leon didn't look at Adeline's reaction, turned around, and sat in the car to drive away. Adeline must have understood what he meant, and the rest was up to her to do.

Adeline understood Leon's hint. After he left, she stood there in a complicated mood for a long time, and then returned home with her head down.

That day, Leon and Warren returned to the company after an activity. On the way, Warren drove and Leon sat in the back seat with his eyes closed.

A long time later, Leon suddenly murmured, "Do you think ... she will come back when Mr. Taylor is discharged from the hospital tomorrow?"

Warren, who was driving, was startled by this and then understood who "she" was referring to. Paul was hospitalized for a stroke before. Now more than half a month had passed, and he would be discharged, so the person Leon asked if she would be back was Hathaway.

However, Warren didn't know what to say. He wasn't Hathaway, so how could he know what she was thinking? Moreover, Hathaway was a total wild card. He could not read her mind.

But before he said something, Leon grumbled again with shallow tiredness in his voice, "Although I hope her to come back, I don't want her back. Her body shouldn't recover now."

Warren took a glance at his boss in the rearview mirror. Since breaking up with Hathaway, this was the first time that Leon took the initiative to mention Hathaway without any negative emotions.

With a slight cough, he replied Leon seriously, "I heard Vivian say that miscarriage was harmful to women's health. It's better to recuperate afterward with the same caution that a woman took after childbirth. Otherwise, she will leave the root cause of illness. So ... it is nice that she doesn't come back at this time."

Leon was silent for a moment and seemed to agree with Warren.

Warren continued to focus on driving and heard Leon's instruction, "Help me buy a ticket to Hong

Kong."

Warren was surprised and looked at Leon in the rearview mirror, "When is it?"

Leon closed his eyes, raised his hand to pinch his forehead, and gave a self-deprecatingly smile, "Forget it. I won't bother her until she's fully recovered."

Hearing this, Warren let out a sigh of relief. He was afraid that Leon impulsively flew to Hong Kong to look for Hathaway. It was not suitable for them to meet at this time. Hathaway's health had not yet recovered, and Adeline's attitude was still unclear. Even if Leon went to look for Hathaway regardless of everything, they would not make any progress.

Instead, they would torture each other more deeply, and their pain was deeper.

Fortunately, Leon had not lost his mind or his sense of propriety.

He seemed to realize that it was incredible to just say that and then whispered, "I'm desperate to fly to find her..."

For the half month since Hathaway left, he didn't even know what kind of life he was living and felt like a walking corpse.

Before she appeared in his life, he had been living like this. Every day, he worked hard and engaged in social activities. Occasionally, he went out for fun with Nick, who didn't work the night shift or overtime. But now he found that his life was boring and dull and didn't want it for a second.

He wanted to live with Hathaway. In that case, life was vivid, bright, happy, and fun. It made him feel warm and couldn't help laughing at the thought of it.

After listening to Leon's words, Warren couldn't help sighing to himself that his boss ... was infatuated and completely captured by Hathaway this time.

He had followed Leon for so many years, but he had he ever seen him in such a tangle.

Leon continued, "She's so heartless, do you think she will fall in love with another man in Hong Kong?"

Warren, "..."

Now his boss was not only overanxious but also not confident.

As Leon's henchman, Warren felt that he could no longer remain silent, so he solemnly reassured him, "I don't think you need to worry about it. You are so excellent that she won't be able to find anyone who can match you shortly."



He didn't believe that Hathaway, who had loved such an outstanding man as Leon, could have a crush on another man.

#### CHAPTER 187 SHE'S QUITE A HEADACHE.

After hearing Warren's words, Leon chuckled and said, "Warren, I didn't know you were so good at comforting people."

Warren pursed his lips and laughed. 'You forced me into this, didn't you?'

Seeing that Leon was so self-pitying and self-distrustful, he could only do his best to improve his mood as his assistant.

However, Leon continued to ask, "If that man's parents like her very much, do you think she will be impressed even though he wasn't as good as me?"

Warren, "..."

He was not able to answer this question, nor did he dare to answer it.

Warren had to say, "I have been following you for so many years. Occasionally, I dared to speculate on your mind, but Hathaway is so smart that I can't read her mind at all. So it's difficult for me to answer your question."

Warren avoided answering this question in this way. Leon looked up at his expression and laughed helplessly again, "She is quite a headache."

His tone was helpless, but also full of doting.

Paul stayed in the hospital for more than half a month before he was discharged. That day, Hathaway didn't come back, because Cynthia insisted on keeping her recuperation for a while longer. So Hathaway ordered a bunch of flowers online and delivered them to Paul's ward to express her congratulations on his discharge.

Although Paul was discharged from the hospital, his speech hadn't quite recovered yet. However, when he saw that the flowers were from Hathaway, he was very happy.

Kenny said with a smile, "Hathaway has always been so attentive, no wonder our daddy dotes on her."

Although Hathaway looked heartless, she remembered many details clearly, such as the birthday of each of them. Every year, she never missed to call them and send them a blessing, or a surprise gift. Sometimes they were too busy to forget, but she could remember.

For example, this time when Paul was discharged from the hospital, because she knew he couldn't

respond to her by phone or video, she simply sent a big bunch of flowers to cheer him up.

During this period, Hathaway often chatted with Paul by video, so they knew that she was doing well. Especially after hearing her say that her health was getting better and seeing more and more smiles on her face, Paul was most comfortable with it. His happy and optimistic daughter came back, and his illness improved faster.

Ashley smiled and responded, "It's true. Hathaway has been pleasing our mom and dad since she was a child, and even we biological ones can't compare with her."

This was the first time they had ridiculed Hathaway since her identity was made public. Since they said so, it meant that they still treated Hathaway as their favorite sister without any barriers. For so many years, they had never minded Hathaway, a non-biological daughter, robbed their parents' love, so how could they mind now?

Ignoring his children's ridicule, Paul sat in his wheelchair with a bunch of flowers given by Hathaway, commanded Ashley to take a picture of him and send it to Hathaway. The smile on Paul's face was enough to show his love for Hathaway's filial piety.

Nick also came to see Paul out of the hospital. Paul glanced at him and didn't say anything.

But Nick could tell that Paul was more satisfied with him than with Leon. He squeezed Ashley's hand secretly and complacently, while Ashley got out of her hand and gave him a dirty look. She didn't get used to being so close to him in front of her father and brother.

She didn't have much time to see Nick because she had to travel back and forth between the hospital and home to take care of Paul.

In the beginning, when Paul had not passed through the dangerous period, she was not in the mood for romance and just took care of him day and night with Kenny. Although Nick was in the hospital, his work was not easy. Sometimes, he stayed in the operating room for most of the day or was on the night shift. Ashley remembered that she and Nick met two or three times in his office and Paul's ward, and had a simple work meal or two in his office.

Ashley felt distant from Nick, and they didn't look like a couple but friends. This was not bad. Now that their feeling faded, she could let it go relatively easily.

What she didn't know that because she was tired of taking care of Paul during this period, Nick didn't want to look for her every day to make her more tired, but that didn't mean that his feelings for her faded. On the contrary, because of his strong feelings for her, he loved her and didn't want to tire her out.

Kenny drove home with Paul and Ashley. On the way, Paul said to Ashley with some difficulty, "Some other day ... tell him to come home ... for dinner."

Ashley knew that Paul was talking about Nick, but she frowned slightly and refused without any hesitation, "Let's talk about it until you get better."

Ashley knew that Paul took the initiative to invite Nick to have dinner at home as an affirmation of him, but she didn't want to get to this point of meeting her parents with Nick, because she never wanted to be with him for long. The reason why she agreed to have a relationship with him was that she was cornered by him.

Paul saw her rejection and didn't say anything. He said that he would never force his children to do anything they didn't want to do.

Speaking of his two daughters, when it was Hathaway, he was not satisfied with Leon, yet he had to see and accept him. When it was Ashley's turn, he was very satisfied with Nick, while Ashley disagreed.

There was nothing he could do about young people.

After returning home, Ashley tidied up Paul's things and settled him down. Then she received Nick's call and heard him invite her on the other end of the phone, "Shall we have dinner together tonight?"

Ashley bit her lips. Nick heard her wanting to refuse and said helplessly, "Ashley, I know you are filial, so I haven't looked for you during Mr. Taylor's stay in hospital. I want you to take care of him wholeheartedly. Now Mr. Taylor is out of the hospital, you should consider how I feel as your boyfriend, don't you?"

Ashley was a little blushed by Nick's words, but she didn't think that he hadn't looked for her because he didn't want to disturb her. She thought he had lost his affection for her.

Nick questioned her angrily, "Ashley, in your heart, have you never regarded me as your boyfriend?"

CHAPTER 188 HE IS TOO CUNNING.

What Nick said was right, and Ashley felt a little guilty about it. Then she quickly changed the topic, "Thank you for your understanding and support. See you tonight."

Hearing this, Nick was satisfied and suggested, "Come to my home tonight, and I'll cook for you."

Ashley resisted again, "Let's eat out. You're so tired from working during the day, so don't cook at home."

She didn't want to go to his house at all.

Last time they went to Leon's house for dinner. Seeing that he was drunk, she sent him home out of kindness. As a result, he didn't let her leave that night and pressed her on the bed to do something. What an impudent rascal he was! So she didn't want to go to his house at all. Besides, she has a shadow

over his house.

Nick said in a casual tone, "Don't you want our relationship to be open? It's safest to go to my house for dinner. After all, there are so many people outside. If we go out to eat more often, we will be found out. I don't mind whether our relationship is made public, and if you don't mind either, we will go out to eat."

Ashley, "..."

How did she not know that Nick was so good at grasping others' weaknesses and coercing them?

She didn't want anyone to know about their relationship. From formalizing their relationship to now, they had gone out for dinner several times. Every time she was afraid of being found out by others. Naturally, she knew that she went out with Nick a lot and would be exposed, so she hesitated again with that in mind.

Without hearing her reply, Nick took the initiative to say, "I know what you're rejecting. I don't have the strength to do anything to you after a day of surgery today."

Ashley blushed and had to admit that Nick's words relieved her a little. She did not go to his house because she was worried about this. Now that he confessed like a gentleman, she couldn't say anything more and finally whispered, "Okay ..."

After hanging up the phone, Nick rubbed his phone with his long fingers and laughed maliciously. He just said he was busy today, and she believed it. Besides, even if he had a day's surgery, he had the strength to do something to her. He couldn't let his work delay his quality of life, could he? And if he couldn't do anything now, how could he satisfy her after marriage?

Besides, he had good physical strength. In such an era of national fitness, he and Leon were quite good at exercise after work.

He was hesitating whether to call his mother and ask her to send him some food tomorrow morning and have a "chance encounter" with Ashley, who was staying at his house. Then let his family know about it reasonably.

But later he gave up the idea for the time being. Instead of pushing her too hard, he had better get along with her slowly.

In the evening, Ashley drove to Nick's residence, while he was already busy cooking. Last time in Leon's house, he was indirectly disliked by Hathaway that he couldn't cook, which harmed his image in front of Ashley. So this time, he tried his best to save face and cooked all his specialties.

Nick opened the door for Ashley. She came in, saw several dishes that he served on the dining table, and asked with puzzlement, "Why did you make so many? We couldn't finish it."

Without answering her, Nick held her in his arms and kissed her. The man's lips and tongue momentarily engulfed Ashley's breath in a powerful kiss so that she had the urge to run for the door.

After Nick let go of her, she stared at him in annoyance, "You—"

Nick leaned over and gave her another kiss, "Can't I just do anything? Even a kiss?"

Before Ashley could say something, he hurried to say, "I'm cooking."

After that, he turned to leave and went to the kitchen. Ashley could not do anything to him, so she kicked off her shoes in anger and stepped in.

She calmed down her breath and then went to the kitchen. As a virtuous kitchen girl, she wouldn't just watch Nick busy and not give him a hand. In the kitchen, when Nick glanced at her graceful figure under her skirt, he took a deep breath and said to her, "You'd better go out first."

Ashley said with puzzlement, "I'll help you. It's quicker and we can eat earlier."

Ashley usually dressed like a gentle lady and didn't wear low-cut clothes. Today she wore a knee-length dress with a generous and concise style. She didn't show her legs or others, so she couldn't imagine what Nick was fantasizing about. However, she did not know that Nick was burning with desire at this time because of the previous kiss. Moreover, they have not been intimate these days and he was very eager. More importantly, he had her in his heart, so he wanted to do something to her at the sight of her.

If a man had no desire for a woman, it wasn't love.

Nick gave Ashley a glance and didn't continue to let her out.

It was good that she gave him a hand. As she said, they could have dinner earlier, and then he could also do what he wanted to do sooner.

With the help of Ashley, they had a meal at the table soon. Both of them had good manners, so they didn't have much conversation during the meal. Ashley was still not very familiar with Nick and did not know what to say. Besides, she was not as talkative as Hathaway was, so she just bowed her head to eat quietly.

Nick, on the other hand, was not in the mood to eat. He just wanted to finish his meal quickly and then did something to Ashley in front of him.

After dinner, when Ashley was kissed by Nick on the living room sofa and couldn't move, she realized that something was wrong and reached out to pinch him angrily, "Nick, that's not what you said when you invited me to come to your house!"

He clearly said he didn't have the strength to do anything for a day of surgery, yet now...

Nick leaned over to kiss her, "It only shows that you don't know much about your boyfriend's physical strength and that I didn't work hard enough to let you feel it before."

Ashley, "..."

How shameless this man was.

This time Nick sufficiently made Ashley feel his physical strength. Of course, Ashley also swore that she would never come to his house again.

No matter what he said, she wouldn't come.

He was too outrageous and shameless.

As for Nick, he could see right through what she was thinking. It didn't depend on whether she came to his house or not, because it wasn't only in his house that he could do something. There were plenty of places to do it, right? For example, a hotel, a car, or ... her house?

#### CHAPTER 189 TEN-CARAT DIAMOND RING

Under Cynthia's supervision, Hathaway stayed in bed for a whole month. A month later, Cynthia took her to the hospital for a checkup. Not only did she have a gynecological examination, but also had a general examination. It was only when Cynthia was confirmed that Hathaway was in perfect health that she was relieved

After leaving the hospital, Hathaway hugged Cynthia and asked with a smile, "Teacher Nelson, are you relieved now?"

Hathaway spent a month with Cynthia and Carl, and they had no estrangement from each other. She loved to laugh and make jokes by nature and began to recover as her mood and health improved.

Sometimes she called them Mom and Dad, and sometimes she still called them Mr. Feyrer or Teacher Nelson. Anyway, they loved to listen to it and never interfered with her in this matter.

After a general physical check-up, the doctor said that Hathaway was all right. Cynthia was filled with emotion, looked at Hathaway with red eyes, and said, "I hope you'll be safe and sound from now on and never suffer like this again."

She was distressed when she thought that Abby put Hathaway through this, so she didn't object to Carl's dealing with Abby in his way.

Abby was so vicious and deserved her fate.

Hathaway comforted her, "In the future, with you by my side, especially with Mr. Feyrer, I should be able to do whatever I want in South City."

Cynthia had an identity and reputation in Hong Kong, and there were Carl and Albert in South City. She was sure that no one would dare to mess with her.

Carl was now almost a round-the-clock personal bodyguard for their mother and daughter, especially for Cynthia. Carl had good skills and didn't waste anything because of his age. Hathaway felt a strong sense of security with Carl. With such a man to protect her, she wasn't afraid of anyone.

She wanted to find a boyfriend like him.

Thinking about it, Hathaway didn't repel Carl's idea of introducing her boyfriend. At least, the man he introduced must be physically strong.

After the three of them returned from the hospital to Cynthia's residence, Carl pulled out two velvet boxes from his pocket and tucked one of them into Hathaway's hand generously and said, "This is a gift for you to celebrate your acquaintance with me, your recovery, and your breakup with Leon."

Carl once said in front of Merlin and his wife that when Hathaway broke up with Leon, he would give Hathaway a big gift to celebrate their breakup.

This was the gift that Carl gave to Hathaway.

Hathaway was surprised and speechless. She opened the box with a smile and said, "Is there a gift to celebrate the break-up?"

Carl snorted, "Of course! I celebrate your freedom from misery, and you'll meet a better man later."

Carl lost all good impressions of Leon when he thought about the personalities of Merlin and Adeline.

He regretted not knowing Hathaway's identity earlier. In that case, his daughter would not have to go close to Leon and ask him to help her. Instead, he would give her a large sum of money to help her solve the predicament of the Taylors. Whenever Carl remembered that Hathaway took the initiative to approach Leon and was humiliated by Adeline, he felt a pang of depression.

Why should his pretty daughter be picked on by Adeline when she sent herself to Leon?

It pissed him off.

When Carl was sulking there, Hathaway was going to be blinded by the diamond ring in the velvet box.

It was too big!

What was he going to do?

Hathaway bent down and squinted at the gram weight on the label, "It is ten carats!"

She had a headache and felt helpless. Carl gave her such a big diamond ring, would her future boyfriend have a chance? If he didn't prepare a bigger one, he would be embarrassed to send it to her and also might be disliked by Carl.

Carl took the initiative to explain, "Because you were born in December, I wanted to give you a 12-carats ring, but your mother said that I should leave a chance to your future husband, so I gave you a 10-carats ring."

After saying that, Carl looked at Cynthia discontentedly and protested, "Why should I leave the opportunity for her future husband? I directly send her a 12-carats ring and let those men out of her reach!"

Cynthia, "..."

With a speechless look, she rolled her eyes at him and didn't want to say a word to him.

Ignoring it, Carl stepped forward to grab the diamond ring, put it on Hathaway's small hand, and advised, "Wear it every day. If a man is fawning over you, show him this diamond ring and let him consider whether he can afford such a ring first. If he can't, he won't have a chance."

Hathaway, "..."

Hathaway looked at the ring on her hand and said, "Do you think ordinary people can afford a 12-carats diamond ring? You're just indirectly ruining my future marriage."

Carl raised her eyebrows and said, "If he can't, then he should roll away."

Hathaway took another look at her ring and came to realize that she was wearing a 10-carats diamond ring. All of a sudden, she felt uncomfortable all over, and her fingers were stiff and unmoving.

God, it was 10-carats! The legendary giant diamond ring!

Carl took a look at her expression and asked, "What's wrong with you?"

"Help..." Hathaway said weakly, "I don't feel like I dare to move with this ring on, what if I break it?"

Hearing this, Carl burst into laughter, "Look at you! Just wear it. If it's broken, we'll buy a new one."

Hathaway, "..."



Was it good to be so free with money?

When Hathaway glanced at another box in Carl's hand, she asked ambiguously, "What's in this box?"

Hearing her question, Carl wore an unnatural expression, and Cynthia also looked at him with puzzlement. She accompanied Carl to buy a ring for Hathaway and remembered that he had only bought one ring, so why did he have another one?

Just as she was wondering, Carl opened the box, and there was a diamond ring inside, which was about the same size as Hathaway's.

Hathaway felt that her eyes were going blind after seeing such a big diamond ring twice in a row.

Carl opened that box, knelt on one knee in front of Cynthia, and said with a sincere expression, "Evelyn, marry me."

Cynthia, "..."

Hathaway, "..."

She was so shocked that the 10-carats diamond ring given by Carl could not even soothe her fragile mind.

CHAPTER 190 LEON CALLS HATHAWAY.

How could parents be so lovey-dovey in front of their children?

When Hathaway saw the box in Carl's hand, she first thought that it should be a gift from Carl to Cynthia, but she didn't think that he was going to propose.

Hence, she, who had just received a giant diamond ring, watched as a witness silently as Carl proposed to Cynthia. For the sake of the ring, she prayed that Carl would succeed.

Cynthia was frightened and froze in shock. She looked down at Carl who was kneeling on one knee in front of her and didn't react for a long time.

She was shocked because she had no idea when Carl bought another ring, and she didn't expect Carl to propose like a young man at his age. Most importantly, she had no intention of marrying him at all.

They were both old enough that it didn't matter if they got married or not.

Moreover, she had only recently started to get along with Carl and didn't know whether they could get along well. In the past, she didn't have an intimate relationship or cohabitation experience with Carl, and during this time she forced herself to adapt to him. She wasn't ready to marry him so soon.

Carl looked at Cynthia sincerely and said in a gentle tone, "I have loved you for most of my life, and you know my heart. Today our daughter is also here, so let me know if you will marry me or not."

Cynthia seemed to resist and repel, and Hathaway on the side was seized with anxiety for Carl.

But she didn't expect Carl to stand up. Although he looked a little gloomy, he said, "It's okay if you don't want to marry me. Just take the ring."

Then he grabbed Cynthia's hand and forced her to wear the ring.

Hathaway, "..."

Shouldn't it be that he wouldn't get up until Cynthia agreed? Shouldn't it be that he forced her to say yes? How could he succeed in his proposal if he compromised so quickly?

Carl seemed to have seen her confusion and explained with a smile, "It doesn't matter. There is ample time ahead. I'll propose more often in the future."

Cynthia, who was forced to wear the diamond ring, listened to his words with some sorrow and tried to take off the ring, "I don't want it."

Carl held her hand tightly to stop her, "No, you have to take this ring."

Cynthia stared at him, "It's too expensive—"

Carl held her in his arms and said warmly, "You gave birth to a good daughter for me. Of course, you deserve all this."

Hathaway immediately got goosebumps all over. Carl's whispers of love...

Even an outsider like her was touched, not mention to Cynthia. The next second, tears wet Cynthia's eyes, "You, don't say that..."

He said so affectionately that she felt as if she was sorry for not accepting his proposal, especially when she saw the unhidden gloom in his eyes just now.

Hathaway decided to leave the space for them, so she took the initiative to wave her hand with the giant diamond ring towards them, "Well, I'll go lie down in my room for a while. Go on with your business."

With that, she hurried back to her room.

As soon as Hathaway left, Carl bowed his head to kiss Cynthia, but she avoided him in annoyance, "What

are you doing?"

Carl held her firmly in place and replied in a gloomy and brutal tone, "I need to vent my emotion."

After that, he forcibly pressed Cynthia into his arms and kissed her. Could he be in a good mood after his failed proposal? Now that he was unhappy, he naturally had to vent in this way.

However, Carl was not in a very bad mood. Since he failed this time, he would propose a few more times. She had already given birth to a daughter for him. Who else could she marry besides him?

Wasn't Merlin divorced? Then he would get married soon and pissed them off.

After returning to her room, Hathaway threw herself lazily on the bed and started to appreciate her diamond ring. Carl said that she should wear it every day, but how dare she do that? It was too showy. Occasionally she could wear it for activities or parties, but not for daily wear.

She appreciated the ring for a long time and then took it off. At this time, her phone rang, and when she glanced at the caller ID number, her action of collecting the ring was a little stiff for a moment.

She got a new number after she arrived in Hong Kong and only informed a few people about it. Although she didn't save Leon's number, she recognized that number at a glance. It was Leon's private cell phone number.

Leon had two cell phones, one for work and one for private use.

And now the number was his private one.

Hathaway stared at her ringing phone and didn't make any reaction for a long time, because she didn't know if she should answer Leon's call or not.

With Leon's strength, it wasn't a difficult task to find out her new number, but why did he call her suddenly called her a month after they broke up?

Did he call her to inquire about her leaving without saying goodbye and taking the initiative to break up with him?

Hathaway's calm mood turned irritated by Leon's unexpected phone call

However, her phone was ringing all the time. Because she didn't answer it, the phone hung up automatically. But soon after, Leon continued to call again.

Hathaway bit her lips and took another look at her phone. Finally, she took a deep breath and went to pick up the phone.

She decided to answer it. If she didn't answer on purpose, it seemed like she was still thinking about him.

After picking up the phone, she deliberately acted as if she didn't know who the caller was and asked indifferently, "Who is it?"

The man's low and deep voice came from the other end, "It's Leon, your ex-fiancé."

Hathaway, "..."

She regretted that she had just pretended not to know who he was. He could answer directly who he was, was it necessary to add the words "ex-fiancé"? Did he think it was glorious to mention their short-term relationship?

Of course, she could only slander these in her mind and still asked him in a calm tone, "What can I do for you?"

Hearing this, he asked back, "Can't I call you if I don't have a reason?"

Hathaway stopped talking.

She didn't know what to say and didn't understand what Leon meant. A man and woman who had broken up shouldn't call each other for no reason, right?

When she was silent, Leon continued, "Do you think that since we've broken up, we'd better never contact each other for the rest of our lives?"

Hathaway remained silent.

She did think so. It was exaggerating to say, "We'll never contact each other for the rest of our lives", but it was unnecessary to meet or talk on the phone.