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[Chapter 831 Its All An Act](#)

Sheffield covertly winked at Joshua. The latter understood what he meant. He warmly gestured for Dollie to sit next to him. "Miss Xiang, please have a seat."

At first, Dollie was unhappy to see that Sheffield had sat down next to Evelyn. But as soon as his handsome and enthusiastic friend invited her to sit with him, she didn't mind that anymore. "Thank you," she said politely. She took her seat beside Joshua.

Evelyn didn't say anything. With a bright smile, the manager of the restaurant handed the menu to them and asked, "May I take your orders?"

Sheffield was quick to act. He took the menu from the manager and placed it in front of Evelyn. "Here you are. What would you like to eat?" he asked in a flattering tone.

Dollie and Joshua were equally surprised.

Noticing the anger on Dollie's face, Sheffield realized that he had completely ignored the girl in his excitement of running into Evelyn. He waved his hand and motioned Dollie to come closer to him. Sheffield leaned over to her and whispered, "Don't be angry, Dollie. It's just an act to get on her good side. If she thinks that I like her, my plan will have a greater chance to succeed."

Dollie gave the woman a dirty look. Evelyn was calmly flipping through the menu. Her face softened a little. She asked doubtfully, "Really?"

"Yes," Sheffield replied instantly with a nod.

"Okay."

Sheffield sighed in relief after getting that stumbling block out of the way. Resting his chin on his hand, he said to Evelyn, "It's my treat today. Would you like some goose liver paste?" Evelyn immediately scrunched her nose in disgust. "No? Then, how about oyster cup and some roasted chicken? Maybe a little soup with onions, and a French-style braised—"

Without raising her head, Evelyn scoffed, "I don't like anything you suggested."

"Oh? Then, how about some cheese?" he teased.

Evelyn cast him a cold glance and handed him the menu. "How about you order for me? If you end up getting something I don't like today, you

some baked snails, and the fried earthworms."

Dollie didn't understand a word. She just sat in her seat and sipped her wine with a faint smile.

Sheffield and Joshua tried hard not to burst into laughter.

The manager left with their orders. Evelyn turned to Joshua. "So, Mr. Fan...I believe that there are many girls willing to be your bride. Why would you agree to a blind date?"

If Sheffield weren't here, Joshua would have come up with some sweet words to impress Evelyn. However, now that he knew about their relationship, Joshua felt the need to think carefully before he spoke. "Well... I just wanted to please my mother. I think you understand how it works."

He was forced to go on a blind date by his family. And so was she, he presumed.

Sheffield silently took out his phone and sent a text.

Joshua's phone rang and he stole a glance at the screen. He frowned when he saw that the text was from Sheffield. He looked at Sheffield and then repeated the words from his message. "Uh...I'm sorry, Miss Huo. To tell you the truth, I'm in love with someone else. But my family don't know about it. You're a good woman, but we're just not right for each other."

Evelyn had noticed the eye contact between the two men. "I'm sorry, Mr. Fan. May I see your phone?" She reached out for the device before he could refuse.

[Chapter 832 You Did it On Purpose](#)

Joshua wanted to switch off his phone. However, Evelyn's thumb was already on the power button; he couldn't touch it. "Miss Huo... What are you doing? This is invasion of privacy."

Seeing that the screen of Joshua's phone was still on, Sheffield immediately nodded in agreement and said, "Yeah, he's right. Just put the phone down, Evelyn."

"Okay!" Evelyn withdrew her hand from Joshua's phone.

But she quickly picked up Sheffield's phone from the table and said to him, "Password."

'Oh no!' Sheffield thought to himself. "Evelyn, listen to me..."

"Password!"

"Okay, come on. Let me unlock it," said Sheffield, reaching to take the phone from her.

Evelyn seized the chance. She grabbed his hand and used his finger to unlock the phone.

Sheffield was so upset that he opened his mouth. No words came out.

The last thing he pulled up was the chat app, so it was the first thing that greeted her eyes. What did the last message say? Exactly what Joshua said a minute earlier.

Wearing an emotionless face, Evelyn looked coldly at the two awkwardly smiling men. "Sheffield Tang."

Under the table, Sheffield grabbed Evelyn's left hand. No one could see what he was doing. "Evelyn, Joshua's my buddy. I can't let you two date."

Evelyn looked at her hand and said, "Let go of me."

"Okay." Sheffield immediately let go of her.

Finally, Dollie couldn't help but blurt out, "Miss Huo, did Sheffield do something wrong? Why are you so cold to him? Don't you see he's been trying to make you happy? How can you—"

"Dollie!" Sheffield suddenly shouted at her.

Dollie paused for a while, and then continued with a pitiful look on her face, "She's so arrogant and condescending! And I'm tired of seeing her treat you like shit!"

The atmosphere was awkward. Sheffield seemed to be angry. He said in a flat tone, "You're right, Dollie. I've been trying to please Evelyn. Let's just drop it, okay? Our food's here. Dig in."

Just as he was done speaking, several waiters started to fill their order. Delicious scents filled the air as platters of European-style foods were served

eye, and said, "Maybe you could shut up. If I wanted Sheffield, I wouldn't be on a blind date with you, would I? So let's just have a nice time. Quit trying to end it before it begins."

"What? You and me?" Joshua was shocked.

Evelyn nodded firmly. "Yes, you and me."

Sheffield dropped the utensils he held. They clattered on the table loudly.

Joshua suddenly burst into laughter. "Great! It's a date!" His answer surprised both Evelyn and Sheffield

Looking at his friend's excited face, Sheffield was stunned, disbelief written all over his own features. His friend was defending him a minute ago, but now all of a sudden he changed his mind?

Evelyn took the opportunity to tell Sheffield, "I have a bone to pick with you."

"Do I need to leave you two alone?" Joshua asked hesitantly, thinking they might need some privacy.

"No need." Then, she told the stunned doctor, "When I was on that trip, I told you we weren't meant for each other. I let you know I liked men who were more mature than me. As for what happened that night... I'm sorry. I was too impulsive. If I hurt you or messed with your head, I apologize. Will you be at the hospital tomorrow afternoon? I need to give the jade gift back. I can't keep—"

"Evelyn Huo!" Sheffield interrupted with a stony face.

Evelyn didn't respond, waiting for his answer.

"Joshua and I are two of a kind! He's mature? Humph!"

[Chapter 833 The Passionate Sister](#)

Joshua was dumbfounded. Sheffield was making the best of the situation to make him look bad. 'Come on, man! I can be very mature...sometimes,' he thought to himself while glaring at his friend.

Dollie came back to their table from the bathroom, but Sheffield ignored her and continued to talk to Evelyn. "You're just making lame excuses to reject me. I must have done something to piss you off. If you don't want to tell me, that's fine. I'll find the answer myself, but please don't push me away. Okay?"

Sheffield felt like his heart was being crushed; he felt heavy from the pain and sadness.

They stared at each other and the genuine affection in his eyes shocked Evelyn. She wanted to tell him the truth, that he had almost killed her, even if it was unintentional. There had been a baby in her, but it was gone now.

Tears welled up in her eyes as she remembered the baby. But she couldn't let it spill because this was not the place or time for that conversation.

Seeing the tears, Sheffield was taken aback. He grabbed her hands quickly and asked anxiously, "Evelyn, what happened? Why are you crying? Was I being too forward? Am I hurting you? If you really don't want to see me anymore, I'll leave. Please don't be upset. Don't cry." He had tried to get close to her because he wanted to bring her happiness. If she was unhappy in his presence, then he'd rather let her go.

Dollie couldn't help but suspect Sheffield's love for Evelyn. He was looking at her in such an affectionate way. It didn't look like he was putting on an act. If Sheffield was really acting, then he really had excellent acting skills.

At that moment, Evelyn's phone rang, breaking the silence between them. She shook away his hands and took out her phone. It was Terilynn. "Hello?" It was then that Evelyn remembered that she had texted Terilynn earlier, asking her to lunch.

"Evelyn, I'm downstairs. Which floor are you on?"

"I'm on the second floor, in section A, close to the riverside."

"Okay, I'm coming."

"Hmm."

After Evelyn hung up, Joshua asked casually, "Did you invite someone else?"

"Oh, it's my younger sister. She... She happened to be nearby, so I asked her to join us for lunch. I had been drugged one night by her ex-boyfriend, a mysterious man took advantage of her in an ecstatic night filled with sex.

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, you should get used to her cold personality. She is actually a nice person. You will only see that when you get close to her."

Listening to his future sister-in-law and his best friend talking about his own woman, Sheffield felt more depressed and left out than ever.

If he had known that Evelyn's younger sister would be joining, he wouldn't have said those words earlier. Now, he was in a horrible mood.

"I can see that," Joshua replied, returning her smile.

The siblings of the Huo family definitely had different personalities. The older one was indifferent and cold, while the younger one was more passionate.

Joshua found himself more fond of... well... the passionate younger one.

"She takes after our father and is a high-flier. She is completely devoted to her work and hardly has time to date. So, if you decide to be with her, you should be more understanding of her."

Taking a look at Sheffield, who was listening to their conversation carefully, Joshua nodded and said, "Of course, I will."

"Terilynn, didn't you say that you have something important to deal with after this? Finish your meal. I'll drive you there," Evelyn interrupted them.

"My business is not as important as your happiness, Evelyn. I want to have a few more words with my future brother-in-law. I am in no hurry." The atmosphere in the booth was getting super weird. But Terilynn didn't notice the tension. She chatted away happily with Joshua.

Evelyn sighed.

[Chapter 834 Together For the Time Being](#)

Dollie felt ignored by everyone at the table. Losing her appetite and patience, she whispered to Sheffield, "I'm full. I have classes to attend in the afternoon. Shall we leave?"

Sheffield didn't refuse. He took a tissue and wiped his mouth. Feigning a casual look, he said to the other three, "Enjoy your meal. I have to drop Dollie back at school."

"Bye bye, handsome," Terilynn sang playfully with a smile.

Sheffield returned the smile, and then looked at Evelyn. "I got to go. Bye."

Evelyn froze, but she remained silent.

Joshua stood up and told Evelyn, "I'll see them off. Will be back soon."

"Okay," Terilynn replied instead, waving her hand at him.

The three of them left the table together. On their way to Sheffield's car, the men slowed down their pace and walked further away from Dollie. Joshua whispered, "Buddy, I really had no idea who she was or that she was your woman."

"I know." Sheffield could tell.

Joshua had done nothing wrong. If it weren't him, there would have been another man on a blind date with Evelyn.

"Cheer up, man. Don't be so crestfallen. And if you want to win her heart, you should keep your distance from Dollie. If I were Evelyn, I wouldn't choose to date you either if you were with another woman," Joshua said in all earnestness.

"I know what I'm doing," Sheffield nodded.

"All right, just saying. Anyway, you gotta work harder than ever to buy the best gemstone in the world." 'A girl like Evelyn indeed deserves the best,' Joshua thought, remembering their conversation from the other day.

With a sneer on his face, Sheffield muttered, "Let's hope she'll accept it."

Joshua patted him on the shoulder. "She likes you."

"How do you know that?"

Joshua flashed the gloomy doctor a mysterious smile. "Trust me. Now off you go. I need to get back to Evelyn. I'll take care of her for you. Don't worry."

"Fine. But remember, she's mine. Know your boundaries," Sheffield reminded his friend in a serious tone.

"Oh, I don't know. I might snatch her away from you," Joshua teased.

Sheffield sluggishly echoed his joke. "Then, we will be sworn enemies from that point."

Joshua waved at him as he stood at the gate of the restaurant. "Best friends b

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field stepped back and said, "If she wants to return it to me, ask her to come and give it to me directly."

"Miss Huo is with Mr. Fan now. Please give up on her, Dr. Tang."

Sheffield knitted his brows and stared at Tayson. "What do you mean?"

"After Miss Huo returned from her date yesterday, she told her parents that she had a good time with Mr. Fan and had decided to date him."

Sheffield's heart was crushed.

In the Fan family residence

Sheffield rang the doorbell. A housemaid opened the door for him. She smiled at him and said, "Hello, Mr. Tang."

"Hello, Auntie Abby. Is Joshua home?"

The housemaid stepped aside and said, "Mr. Fan is sleeping upstairs. You can go to his room."

Sheffield was a frequent visitor, so the housemaid was familiar with him.

"Okay. Thank you, Auntie Abby," Sheffield said politely.

He then walked to the innermost room on the second floor, and pushed open the door without knocking.

Joshua was sound asleep in the large bed, covered with a grey bed sheet and a fluffy quilt. Sheffield walked to the bed and shouted, "Joshua Fan!"

Joshua woke up with a start and opened one of his eyes, shouting, "Get out, man!"

Sheffield removed his quilt and threw it aside. Underneath, the man was completely naked. Sheffield rolled his eyes and then chided, "Didn't I tell you to change your habit of sleeping naked?"

"Fuck off! Why don't you learn to knock first?" Joshua pulled the quilt over himself to cover his naked body.

[Chapter 835 You Are Insane](#)

"You learned that from me, so stop it! Whatever! That's not the point. Joshua, get up! Tell me why my girl has become your girlfriend!" That was why Sheffield was at Joshua's place.

Joshua was fully awake now. "It was her idea."

"And you agreed?"

"Yes. Evelyn's really attractive. I finally understood why you couldn't resist her, neither could I. I too want to snuggle up in her arms—"

Sheffield jumped on the bed, pinned him down and rained blows all over his body. "Asshole! Break up with her! Right now!"

"Woah! Stop it. Be careful, man! My grandma will beat you to death with her walking stick!" Joshua whined in pain. That successfully froze Sheffield.

He got goose bumps all over his body as he stole a glance around Joshua's room. "Sorry Grandma, I won't hit him anymore. Please rest in peace and don't come for me," Sheffield murmured.

When Joshua's grandmother was still alive, the old lady would always threaten to beat the naughty boys up with her crutch.

Joshua laughed at his friend's reaction and then said, "Don't worry. I'm more interested in the younger sister." He pulled the thin quilt up to his chest and took a cigarette from the night stand.

"The younger one? But you're dating Evelyn now. Aren't you afraid that their father will break your leg?"

Sheffield and Joshua were still ignorant of who Evelyn's father was. They had a hunch that he was someone with incredible power; probably some sort of legend.

Sheffield never looked deep into Evelyn's background even after knowing her true identity.

Joshua didn't know because his mother never filled him in about his blind date's family background.

"I'm not afraid. I'll just sit and watch what happens. After you successfully win Evelyn over, I will go after Terilynn." 'You wish.' Sheffield rolled his eyes at Joshua.

He lit a cigarette. Taking a drag, he said, "It's not gonna be as simple as you think. What if Terilynn already has someone she loves?"

Joshua nodded, "She does. Evelyn's bodyguard."

"Are you serious?" Sheffield asked, as he imagined the tough, no-bullshit Tayson falling in love with someone. "So, knowing that she loves another man, you still want her?"

"Do you think I'm no match for a bodyguard?" Joshua cast him a sidelong glance.

"Of course, you can outmatch the bodyguard. Just as

s message, it was already past ten minutes. Her heart skipped a beat. Before Sheffield could really come upstairs, she hastily ran downstairs without even tidying up her work.

When she walked out of the company, she saw the man waiting outside, wearing a long coat and a light gray woolen sweater. His long legs looked sexy in gray trousers.

He looked very stylish in the outfit.

With a bunch of flowers in his hand, he walked towards the entrance of the company.

It was already past the peak hour of clocking off, but there were still many employees around.

He was really eye-catching with the red convertible sports car, his handsome face, and the bouquet of fresh flowers in his hands. This instantly attracted many people's attention. Some women even ran over to him and asked him whom he was looking for.

Sheffield had already spotted Evelyn. He couldn't take his eyes off her.

The two employees who had approached him turned around and caught a glimpse of Evelyn. Their facial expressions changed abruptly and they left in a hurry.

Sheffield walked slowly towards her. She felt like he was walking into her heart.

Her heart was pounding rapidly in her chest, though she effortlessly wore an expressionless face. She controlled her emotion, and indifferently asked the man standing in front of her, "What?"

After slightly smelling the purple flowers in his hand, Sheffield came closer to her to hand her the bouquet and flashed his charming smile. "Even if you torture me a hundred times, you are still my first love."

[Chapter 836 Two-timer](#)

Evelyn looked at the bouquet of baby's breath.

"Your first love? Really?" she asked sarcastically. Many people had sent her flowers, but they were all expensive roses or lilies. It was her first time receiving baby's breath.

Sheffield always gave her something different from others.

Sheffield was embarrassed by her question. "Please take the bouquet. People are watching."

"You came here to give me flowers?" She didn't budge.

"I... No, there's something else..." Sheffield smiled at her, eyes gleaming with admiration.

His Evelyn was so pretty every time he saw her. Even though she remained expressionless, she still looked so damn beautiful!

"What is it?"

Sheffield looked at the flowers in his hand. In a gloomy tone, he asked, "Don't you like baby's breath? In flower language, it means yearning, care and true love. Evelyn, please take it. Otherwise, I'll be really embarrassed."

With his puppy-dog eyes, the man looked kind of... cute.

Finally, Evelyn took the flowers.

He grabbed her wrist in his excitement and took her to his car.

"Where are you taking me?"

He tilted his head and gave her a mysterious smile. "I want to show you something."

Confused, Evelyn followed him to the red convertible. He opened the back door and tucked her inside. He then got in the back seat too.

Sheffield took out the remote control and closed the roof.

When they were in their private space, he lifted his woolen sweater and showed her his bare chest.

Evelyn's mouth hung open.

There were two black letters on his muscular chest—EH.

It didn't take her long to ascertain what it meant.

EH—Evelyn Huo.

Still clutching on to the hem of his sweater, Sheffield kissed her forehead and asked, "Do you like it? I just had it tattooed. My hospital doesn't allow the doctors to have tattoos. Otherwise, I would have got your name tattooed on my ring finger."

"I don't like men with tattoos." She wasn't lying. She liked men who looked clean.

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He moved towards her a little and accidentally touched her phone. The screen lit up.

Sheffield clearly saw the picture on her lock screen.

"Who is the man in the picture? He's quite handsome," he asked her in a jealous tone.

Without even casting a glance at her phone, Evelyn answered casually, "The man I love the most in the world."

"Oh, I see... So, you're dating several men at the same time. Another boyfriend, huh?"

Evelyn wanted to explain, but decided against it.

She was confused. 'Doesn't he know whose daughter I am? Or does Sheffield not even know who Carlos Huo is?'

He reached his hand into his pocket and took something out. Then, he balled his fist and showed it to her. "Eve, give me your phone number. I'll give you something in return."

"No! I don't want anything from you."

Ever since he had met her, Sheffield had tried every means to get her phone number, but failed each time. "Just give me your number. I'll be your chauffeur for a month, for free!"

Evelyn smirked. "Okay. One, three, nine..."

He pricked up his ears, listening carefully.

"Seven, ate, nine!" she added, giggling.

Frustrated, Sheffield tried to make up excuses. "It was Joshua who wanted your number," he said listlessly.

[Chapter 837 III Cook For You](#)

Evelyn laid bare his lie. "Joshua already has my phone number. How do you think I know you were waiting here?"

"Fine, don't give it to me. At least, let's have lunch together. If you don't want to eat out, I'll cook for you," Sheffield offered.

She wanted to continue refusing him, but seeing the pleading look in his eyes, she finally gave in.

"Okay."

He was about to kiss her when she added, "Invite Joshua."

"Why? He's probably on duty now," he said in a displeased tone.

"He is my boyfriend. If I go to your house alone, he might feel uncomfortable. Besides, it's noon now. He should be off duty," Evelyn insisted.

To be with her, Sheffield reluctantly called Joshua.

Before calling his friend, Sheffield stretched out his right hand in front of her. There was a packaged plum in his palm.

He opened it for her and put it into her mouth regardless of her objection. "I bought it specially for you, so you have to eat it. If you spit it out, I will not invite Joshua, and I'll drive you to my place right away and have sex with you!"

Evelyn rolled her eyes. "How childish you are!"

The call connected in no time. Both of them could hear Joshua's voice in the quiet car. "Dude, why do you keep calling me all the time? Are you in love with me? Leave me alone. I'm taking my girl to lunch."

Sheffield turned to Evelyn. "Did you hear that? Your boyfriend is such a dick. He's going on a date with another girl."

Evelyn didn't respond.

"Who is with you, Sheffield?" asked Joshua.

"Your girlfriend. I'm going to cook lunch for her. Do you want to come? If you don't come, I will sleep with you— Argh!" Evelyn pinched his waist.

"What was that pitiful cry? Are you already sleeping with my girlfriend?" With a wave to his colleagues, Joshua got in his car.

Sheffield grabbed onto Evelyn's hand and yelled into the phone, "Screw you. Are you coming or not?"

"Of course, I'm coming. Maestro Tang is cooking a meal. How could I miss it? Tell me, when was the last time you cooked for anyone?" Joshua couldn't remember when he had last eaten a meal cooked by his best friend.

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Evelyn tried to break free, but afraid that she might run away, he held her hand tight. She followed him and reminded him in a low voice, "Sheffield Tang, I'm Joshua's girlfriend now. You can't take my hand."

"No, you're not his." She was his woman, and she could only ever belong to him.

Evelyn fell silent.

She had thought that being with Joshua would make Sheffield give up. But it turned out that he didn't take her and Joshua' relationship seriously at all.

After leaving the supermarket, they went to his apartment. When they got there, Joshua had already arrived. He was on the sofa, talking on the phone.

Upon seeing them, he stood up and greeted Evelyn without even sparing a glance at Sheffield. "Hey, Evelyn."

Evelyn nodded, "Mr. Fan."

When he heard how she addressed him, Joshua grinned broadly. "Evelyn, I'm your boyfriend. It sounds weird when you call me 'Mr. Fan'."

Sheffield rolled his eyes at him and said, "You're doing this on purpose, aren't you?"

"No. My parents already know that we're dating. They said they wanted to meet Evelyn's parents in a couple of days." Joshua was pretty worried about it.

But Sheffield didn't even look at him. He put the shopping bag on the table and said, "Talk them out of it."

"What should we do?" Joshua asked Evelyn.

Staring at Sheffield's back, Evelyn thought for a while and answered, "Let them meet."

[Chapter 838 When Eve Met Bailee](#)

"Evelyn—" A sharp meow interrupted Sheffield just as he was about to say something.

Meow!

A large furry creature came into sight. If it hadn't been for the meowing, Evelyn would've thought that Sheffield kept a leopard.

But as far as she was concerned, cats were far worse than leopards.

The animal stared at her and started walking towards her.

"Dude! Why didn't you send Bailee to the pet store? You knew I was coming!" Joshua asked as he ran away from the cat and towards the kitchen.

'Baby?' Evelyn couldn't believe that Sheffield would give his pet such... well, such an adorable name.

"It's not Bailee now. It's Eve," Sheffield corrected him.

'Eve?' Evelyn's face darkened. The cat was still walking towards her. Sheffield turned around to look at Evelyn, who was standing completely still. "Eve, wait—" he paused. He realized that it would be confusing to use that name with both Evelyn and the cat in the room, and at the same time, he also thought that no one could replace Evelyn. "All right. We'll just call her Bailee. I don't want to change the name anymore. Evelyn, her name is Bailee. She might look huge, but she is very meek."

'Oh, it's Bailee, not Baby, ' Evelyn thought, but she didn't say anything.

Joshua decided to make fun of Sheffield. "Evelyn, the cat is his mistress. He spoils her to no end. He doesn't even stop her when she messes around with us," he teased.

The two men waited for a long time, but there was no movement from the woman. They thought that she was playing with Bailee, so they didn't pay much attention, and took all the food into the kitchen.

"Achoo!" Suddenly, a sneeze came from the living room.

Sheffield craned his head from the kitchen and asked, "Evelyn, did you catch a cold?"

She shook her head. "Sheffield..." Her voice was trembling.

Even Joshua, who was far away from the cat, sensed that there was something wrong with Evelyn this time.

The cat walked around her legs, staring at the motionless woman with her yellow eyes.

"Achoo!" Evelyn sneezed again.

As soon as Sheffield saw her reaction, he knew what was wrong. "Are you allergic to anything Nadia. "I'm having lunch outside. Let's talk about this when I get back."

There were two dishes with plum. Sheffield had also cooked the braised fish sticks with celery.

He sat next to Evelyn. Joshua had to sit alone, opposite to them.

Sheffield picked up a small slice of trotter and brought it to Evelyn's lips. "Taste this."

She was surprised. He smiled and said, "Don't worry. I haven't used the chopsticks yet. Eat."

Joshua covered his eyes dramatically. "I didn't see anything. I'm not seeing any of this romantic shit."

Evelyn picked up her bowl and said, "Put it in the bowl."

Sheffield insisted, "Open your mouth. Here... Be a good girl."

When Evelyn tried to protest, he took the opportunity and put the trotter into her mouth.

From under the table, Joshua kicked Sheffield's leg and said, "You didn't ask me to come here for lunch. You just wanted to show off your love for her, didn't you?"

Sheffield looked at him with a smug smile and said, "If you feel uncomfortable, feel free to leave anytime."

"Do you think I'm stupid? I waited for so long for this food. You think I will leave on an empty stomach? I'm not leaving. I'll be your third wheel. I don't care!" Joshua began to gulp down the rice.

Ignoring their banter, Evelyn focused on the delicious food.

She was in a good mood and ate a lot. She even drank up the whole bowl of soup which Sheffield had ladled for her.

[Chapter 839 The Parents Meeting](#)

After having their lunch, Sheffield checked Evelyn's legs once again. Luckily, they looked much better after the treatment and there was no trace of the allergy.

Placing the dirty dishes into the dishwasher, he said to Evelyn and Joshua, who were about to leave, "Wait!"

"Why? Don't you have to clean up? I'll drive her back to her office," Joshua said as he changed into his shoes.

Sheffield wiped his hands on a towel, grabbed his coat and walked towards them. "It's my job to drive her back."

Evelyn sighed. "I don't need either of you to drop me. Tayson is waiting for me downstairs."

"I don't care. Let him follow us. I need to attend to something anyway." He needed to get rid of the tattoo.

The three of them left the house together. Sheffield dropped Evelyn off at the company.

He opened the door for her. "Thank you," she said.

"Evelyn," he called just as she was about to leave.

She turned around and looked at him.

"Do miss me while I'm gone." With a wicked smile, he winked at her.

The corners of Evelyn's lips lifted into an unnoticeable smile. But in the end, she still rebuked, "Don't expect this to happen again. We are not going to be together."

Sheffield's smile remained. He leaned against the car door and waved at her. "I'll cook chicken wings with plum next time, or maybe some toast with brown sugar and plum."

Evelyn left without turning back.

It was not until her figure disappeared into the building that the smile on his face gradually faded away.

'Eve, no matter how much you push me away, I won't give up,' he swore.

To Evelyn's and Joshua's complete surprise, their parents met each other soon after that. They hadn't even told them the time and place of the meeting beforehand.

On the fifth floor of the Alioth Building

When Evelyn arrived at the building, she ran into Joshua, who had just gotten off work. "I'm sorry, Evelyn. It was probably my mom's idea. I had planned to put off the meeting between the two families, but my dad called your dad. I don't know what they talked about, but in the end, they decided to meet tonight," Joshua said.

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engaged so soon. I'm sorry. I hope you understand." Evelyn looked at Mr. and Mrs. Fan apologetically.

Penelope Dong was a little stunned, but soon tried to smooth things over. "Evelyn is right, Mr. Huo. We are being too pushy. We should let them be for now. Our children's feelings are more important than anything else."

"Evelyn, listen to me. Get engaged now. Love develops over time." It was rare for Carlos to be adamant in front of Evelyn.

Joshua took a deep breath and looked into Carlos' eyes. "Mr. Huo, thank you for approving of me. I'm truly honored. But Evelyn's feelings are important to me as well. How about we do what she desires?"

He had had absolutely no idea that Evelyn's father was Carlos Huo. He figured Sheffield wasn't aware either, that his future father-in-law was such a powerful man.

Joshua said a silent prayer for his best friend.

But when he stole a glance at Terilynn, he felt a dull pain in his temples. If he wanted to pursue the younger daughter, he had to deal with Carlos Huo too. He would end up having to go through the same test as Sheffield, and Joshua couldn't smile anymore just thinking about it.

'If I butter up the old man now, I might have a better chance in the future, ' he thought desperately.

Carlos stared at Evelyn unhappily, while Evelyn stared back at him stubbornly. The atmosphere in the private booth turned awkward and a little aggressive.

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It fell on Debbie to smooth things over. With a smile, she put her hand on Carlos' and said, "Honey, Mrs. Fan and Joshua are right. Getting engaged is a big deal. Think about Evelyn. Don't push her too hard."

Terilynn also spoke. "Dad, it's all your fault. Why are you giving Evelyn a hard time?"

Carlos cast a cold glance at Terilynn. Then, she fell into silence. He looked at Debbie and then turned to the waiter and demanded, "Serve the dishes."

While Evelyn was eating her dinner without thinking about it, Joshua whispered in her ear, "So what do you think of me?"

'What?' Confused, Evelyn asked, "Do you really plan to..."

Joshua knew what she wanted to say. He shook his head and said, "Of course not. It's just a question. It has nothing to do with our relationship." He knew she was Sheffield's woman. She was *persona non nookie*—off limits.

What he meant was, what did she think about him being her brother-in-law?

Evelyn looked at him up and down. Joshua was wearing a dark suit and his leather shoes glinted in the light. "You don't look like a prosecutor."

Every prosecutor she'd ever met had been super-serious. But just like Sheffield, Joshua was the opposite.

A look of amusement flashed across his face. "Then what do you think I look like?" Joshua asked with strong interest.

Evelyn cast a casual glance at him. "You look like... like... I don't know." she answered honestly.

When he heard this, Joshua was speechless.

Watching them whispering to each other, every elder was happy to see them getting on well. Everyone except Debbie, that was.

As the parents of both families were quite powerful, they were also busy—their dinner was over before long.

They hadn't reached an agreement on the date of engagement by the end. Evelyn was quite adamant about that.

After they parted, Joshua drove his parents home. Penelope turned to her son. "Josh, why does Evelyn not want to marry you?"

"Because we've only known each other a few days. Jeez, you guys! One blind date and you have us march

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As they got in the car, Evelyn asked Carlos in a cold voice, "Dad, why are you so eager to marry me off?"

Carlos never did anything without a reason.

Carlos didn't deny it.

His attitude annoyed Evelyn. "You're afraid I'll get back together with Sheffield, aren't you?"

"Yes!" Carlos admitted.

Evelyn was pissed off. "Look, I stopped seeing him, okay? Cause you wanted me to. Have you ever asked me if I want to be with Joshua?"

"Aren't you going out with him?" Since they were dating, it showed she didn't hate him. At least Carlos thought so.

"I tried going out with him because I didn't want to disappoint you. But now you're trying to marry us, after a few days. It's ridiculous!" The more Evelyn thought about it, the angrier she got. Carlos had never tried to mess with her dating life before. So why now? He even wanted to arrange her marriage.

Seeing Carlos and Evelyn turn on each other, Debbie covered his mouth and said to Evelyn, "Evelyn, your dad did what he thought was right. If you don't want to marry Joshua, then don't. It's fine. We can wait."

Carlos shook Debbie's hand off and said, "We can wait?" Carlos cast a cold glance at Evelyn and asked, "Evelyn, where were you this afternoon?"

Evelyn opened her mouth and stammered, "I was with Joshua. "

"And?" Carlos fixed his eyes on her, waiting for her response.