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I Will Get You in This Life

Emmeline glanced at Benjamin, who was still beside her.

But Benjamin had already heard Abel's voice on the phone.

This man was claiming her as his lover.

Benjamin took a step towards the stairs.

Emmeline quickly kissed him over the phone.

On the other end, Abel also gave a kiss.

Although Benjamin had already walked several steps, he could still hear the sweet kissing sound. His heart was suddenly pierced with pain.

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Janie quickly covered her mouth and looked at Abel.

Abel was talking face-to-face with Emmeline.

He touched Emmeline's smooth, shiny, long hair, full of love and indulgence.

"Benjamin," Janie said with infinite envy, "When will you treat me like that?"

Benjamin looked back at the affectionate couple and said to Janie, "Maybe in the next life."

"I won't wait for the next life," Janie said fiercely, "In this life, I will get you."

When he heard it, Benjamin scoffed and laughed.

He might have been attracted to the girl before him if he had not fallen in love with Emmeline four years ago.

"Benjamin," Abel walked over, "Do you know a good place to eat?"

"I was just thinking about that," Benjamin asked Janie, "Do you know a good place?"

"Of course, it's Fifteen Avery Park," Janie's beautiful eyes twinkled.

With two attractive men standing before her, she was truly captivated.

Looking at them also improved her mood.

She seemed to have to hold on to Emmeline because there were so many good men around her.

The two big bosses in Struyria, among the best, were both at her beck and call.

"Emma," Abel reached out to hold Emmeline's hand, "How about Fifteen Avery Park for dinner?"

"Sure," Emmeline nodded, "Let's go there."

"Okay," Abel called to Benjamin, "Let's go, Benjamin."

Janie went to hold Benjamin's arms.

Janie quickly covered her mouth and looked at Abel.

Luca was about to follow his boss, but Emmeline stopped him.

"Luca, don't come with us," Emmeline said.

Luca was taken aback. Is she looking down on me?

Emmeline could read Luca's mind.

"Everyone has left, and Sam is feeling bored alone. Can you stay and be with her and help her close the door?"

Luca immediately widened his eyes. Is she doing this on purpose? Can she see through my thoughts? Oh my gosh, this is so embarrassing!

Sam's face also turned red, and she said shyly, "Emma, I don't need anyone else. I can manage on my own."

"Before, when I wasn't home, Daisy could keep you company," Emmeline said. "But now that you're alone, I feel bad about it."

"But there's no need to ask Luca to stay," Sam said, lowering her head and speaking softly.

"Really?" Emmeline raised her voice and asked.

Sam quickly glanced at Luca and then lowered her head without saying a word.

"I give the orders here," Emmeline deliberately put on a stern face, "That's settled then. With more than a dozen bodyguards from two families, we won't miss Luca."

Abel seemed to understand Emmeline's intentions.

He said to Luca, "You just listen to Emma. Stay with Sam here."

His boss had given an order, and Luca naturally dared not say anything.

“Okay, Mr. Abel. I’ll do it,” Luca replied.

Sam’s face turned red

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Marriage-Seeking Advertisement

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“Then please introduce her to me,” Emmeline said. “I’ll ask her to design my wedding dress, so I don’t have to worry about it.”

“Okay,” Janie said. “Although time is a bit short, it’s completely doable. I’ll make an appointment with her tomorrow.”

“Great,” Emmeline nodded happily. “Thank you in advance, Janie.”

“Never mind,” Janie smiled. “On your wedding day, let me be your bridesmaid.”

“You’re too late for that,” Emmeline laughed, “Endymion and Hesperus are already bridesmaids.”

“What?” Janie exclaimed. “Two handsome kids as bridesmaids?”

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"I think it's a good idea," Janie said, "Just thinking about it makes me want to hug one."

Emmeline said, "I also think it's so lovely."

"Is he the best man for the wedding Timmy and Helios?" Benjamin asked, "I have no chance to compete with them anymore."

Abel laughed, "Benjamin, do you still want to be my best man?"

"Why?" Benjamin glanced at him, "Do you think I'm too old?"

"Hahaha," Abel could not help but laugh, "You're not old. I'm just afraid you'll steal the show."

"When I get married someday, you can be my best man and steal the show back," Benjamin suggested.

"But then they will think I'm too old," Abel joked, "I've seen the best men whose children are already four or five years old."

"That's why I won't compete this time," Benjamin said, "The little kids are so cute."

"That's true," Abel laughed, "All four of them look like tiny me."

Benjamin enviously said, "With these four lovely kids, you must be drunk today, Abel!"

"Sure," Abel replied cheerfully, "You too, Benjamin!"

"Great!" Benjamin said, "Let's make a pact not to return home until drunk!"

The waiter served the dishes, and everyone started eating.

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Abel took care of Emmeline, while Benjamin took care of Janie.

Although Janie was not his girlfriend, he still had to be a gentleman.

After serving Emmeline some lamb, Abel raised his glass and said, "Benjamin, let's have a drink."

Benjamin raised his glass and said, "Sure, let's drink."

Emmeline and Janie were drinking juice but raised their glasses to join them.

Abel and Benjamin each took a big gulp of the strong liquor in their glasses.

Suddenly, a shot on the screen caught Emmeline's eye during the rotation of advertisements.

"Adrien?"

A handsome and dashing Adrien appeared on the screen, causing everyone's attention to turn to the display.

Her exclamation made everyone's eyes focus on the white-suited Adrien.

Then, music started playing, and a female voiceover recited the advertisement's romantic lines.

In front of them was an advertisement for Adrien's marriage-seeking.

"Abel," Emmeline said, "Is Adrien serious about getting a wife on TV?"

Abel replied, "I think he is joking, but now it seems he's serious."

All four of them put down their chopsticks and looked at the advertisement.

Suddenly, the camera turned to a photo of Emmeline, startling all four of them.

Emmeline was startled, "Why is there a photo of me?"

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The True Lady of the Murphy Family

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Abel said, "I'll give Adrien a call later. I also think the portrait filter idea kills two birds with one stone."

Just like that, they moved past the minor altercation and Abel continued to serve Emmeline food.

"This one's done. You can have it, Emma. It's hot though, so be careful." Benjamin said as he took out a piece of meat from the pot, intending to give it to Emmeline.

However, after some thought, he decided to put it in Janie's bowl instead.

Even though Abel wasn't the jealous type, it may cause him some discomfort to see another man take care of Emmeline.

Benjamin surmised it was best not to provoke him.

At the same time, in the Murphy family in Altney.

Evelyn was watching Adrien's search ad for a marriage candidate on her phone.

She never expected that the second child of Struyria's Ryker family to be such a dashing young man as well.

Even more surprising was the fact that the woman he admired was Emmeline Louise.

Emmeline was Abel's wife, which pretty much made her Adrien's sister-in-law.

Since he couldn't really covet his brother's wife, Adrien wanted to find someone who bore her resemblance instead. The more they looked alike, the better.

Evelyn smiled as she suddenly remembered her long-lost, slightly younger sister Lizbeth.

It was Lizbeth's sudden appearance that had threatened her position as the lady of the Murphy family.

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After all, Lizbeth was the true lady of the Murphy family, whereas Evelyn was just an infant her mother had mistakenly taken.

Evelyn didn't like Lizbeth. Like a thorn in her eye, she loathed her entire existence.

However, when she tried to sell Lizbeth into the Imperial Palace previously, Abel saved her.

After that, Lizbeth went with Flynn to Struyria to thank Abel personally.

When they returned, Lizbeth told Evelyn that Abel was still single, and that the woman he loved already had a child with another man.

There were even talks of an arranged marriage between Evelyn and Abel at the time.

When she heard this, Evelyn thought that she had an opportunity, so she went all the way to Struyria to seek out Abel personally.

Little did she expect to find that he already had a wife and kids.

Looking at Adrien's search ad for a marriage candidate now, Evelyn suddenly thought of something.

Smiling, she got up and walked over to the room next door, where Lizbeth was in the middle of a lesson with her home tutor.

Having lived her whole life in the boondocks, she desperately needed to catch up in regards to her education.

Evelyn knocked on the door, "Liz, you there?"

Lizbeth opened the door, and said, "Evelyn?"

"Ok, we'll stop the lesson here for today. You can go home," Evelyn told the tutor.

Eager to get off early, the tutor quickly bade them goodbye.

Lizbeth asked, "Is something wrong, Evelyn? Why did you send my tutor home?"

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I'll Guard Her With My Life

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Evelyn was a little distressed, and said, "Who, me? Abel already has Emmeline. Why would I want to get close to him?"

Lizbeth scoffed, "They're not married, so you still have a chance. Those were your own words."

"..." Evelyn fell silent.

Twirling her hair, Lizbeth continued, "Don't be mad that I hit the nail on the spot. Tell you what. I'll go and get to know this Adrien for myself. Who knows? Something good might come out of it."

Evelyn was ecstatic, "So you're agreeing to it then? Adrien's marriage candidate exhibition is in three days. You sign up now, and I'll go with you to the exhibition, okay?"

Lizbeth was very outgoing, "Yeah sure. You can sign up for me then."

Evelyn said, "Alright. I'm sure that Adrien will like you the minute he sees you."

"As for you, I'm assuming you'll just be watching Abel helplessly from the sidelines then?"

"..."

Evelyn's expression darkened as she said grimly, "That's alright. I'm satisfied just getting a few glimpses of him from the crowd."

Back over at Fifteen Avery Park.

Both Benjamin and Abel had finished their meal, and over the course of it, drank a lot of alcohol.

As a result, the two of them were a little tipsy.

Benjamin narrowed his eyes in a drunken stupor and said, "Emma, after this, I'll get your dowry ready and send you off with a bang."

Abel joked in an inebriated manner, "I'm the one who's marrying her with a bang. Aren't you envious of me, Benjamin?"

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Putting his hands over Abel's shoulder, Benjamin replied, "Of course I am! That's why you absolutely have to protect Emma and keep her safe from any sort of harm."

Abel said, "Of course. Emma is my wife. I'll guard her with my life!"

Benjamin responded, "Then that puts me at ease. Otherwise, I'll take her back from you before you know it."

"You wouldn't!"

"You want to test me on that?"

Emmeline separated the two of them and said, "Okay break it up! You two have drunk too much. It's giving me goosebumps to watch two grown men hugging it out so publicly!"

Benjamin laughed, "Abel and I are two feathers of a flock."

Abel giggled, "No, it's two flocks of a feather."

Emmeline was feeling a headache coming as she wondered why she had let them drink so much in the first place.

Grabbing on to Benjamin's arm, Janie said, "Mr. Benjamin, let me take you home. Just look at you. You can barely walk straight."

Benjamin responded, "I can still drink with Abel. We can go three more rounds, no problem!"

With his face flushed red and his eyes barely open, Abel asked, "Should we continue then?"

Clearly displeased, Emmeline chimed in, "Oh no you don't. Any more and the two of you will be sleeping on the table."

Abel said, "Alright, guess that plan's a bust. I don't want to upset my sweet Emma."

Benjamin agreed, "Me neither."

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Abel, You Animal!

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Emmeline struggled under him and said, "We can't. I'm still at that time of the month."

Abel frowned, "What a bad timing to have your period."

Emmeline consoled him, "It's just another two to three days. Be patient."

Abel hugged her tighter, "But you're my wife. It's torture to only be able to hug you like this everyday."

Emmeline pinched his cheeks, "Just wait a while longer. When it happens, I'll be the one to make the first move, not you."

Abel smiled, "Then I'll patiently wait for my dear wife to suck me bone dry."

Emmeline teased, "Rest assured I'll gobble you up. There won't be a single piece of you left once I'm done."

"That's turning me on. No I can't, it's getting even hotter now!"

Abel stumbled onto his feet and dashed straight into the bathroom.

In mere seconds, Emmeline could hear the faucet running. It seemed like he was taking a cold shower.

She immediately rushed to the door and warned, "Abel! You can't take a cold shower so soon. You'll catch a cold."

However, the water continued to run on the inside. It seemed like Abel was enjoying himself.

Emmeline opened the bathroom door and yelled, "Did you hear me?!"

Just then, right in front of her eyes was a massive creature standing firmly upright.

"Ahh!" She screamed as she quickly backed away and leapt onto the bed, covering herself under the blanket.

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Abel, he's so big!

Not long after, Abel came out of the shower, wrapped in a towel.

There were beads of water still dripping from his hair.

His toned physique presented a tantalizing sight for the eyes.

Emmeline peeked from the edge of the blanket.

There was a towel around his waist, and the massive creature was nowhere to be seen.

She sighed in relief.

Abel playfully teased, "What are you afraid of? It's not like you've never used it before."

Emmeline's face instantly flushed, "...Abel, you animal!"

Acting as if he was about to take the towel off, Abel responded, "An animal, am I? Maybe I should start behaving like one then!"

"Ahh!" Emmeline screamed as she immediately pulled the blanket over herself.

However, Abel simply lay over the blanket. Hugging the lady underneath it, he said, "I'm fine now. Do you want me to make you some warm tea?"

Emmeline mumbled, "I think I should make you a bowl of hot soup instead. I'm afraid you'll get a migraine later at night."

Abel agreed, "Yeah, my head is a little foggy right now."

Emmeline removed the blanket and got up. "Just wait for a while," she said as she headed towards the kitchen.

Suddenly, Abel's strong hands grabbed her by the waist and pulled her in, placing her above his thigh.

He gently pecked Emmeline on the lips and said, "Thanks, babe."

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Emmeline and Benjamin's Relationship

With flushed cheeks, Emmeline pushed Abel away and rushed into the kitchen.

Just when she entered the kitchen, she noticed Abel following behind.

He held her by the waist and hugged her from behind.

Emmeline teased, "What a clingy boy you are. Since when did the Hellish Asura become so needy?"

"I'm only clingy for you, and I don't want you to leave my side for even a single second." Abel said as he leaned forward and pressed his chin on Emmeline's shoulder.

Emmeline felt a little ticklish and the urge to laugh, but her heart was also feeling very warm.

Once the soup was done, Emmeline watched as Abel finished it.

Abel then cleaned his own bowl and washed his hands. After which, he lifted Emmeline up by the waist.

Hugging him, Emmeline said, "I still need to take a shower. You can go to bed."

"Let me help you shower. I can't sleep if you're not around." Abel said as he carried her to the bathroom.

Emmeline rejected the idea, "Not a chance. I don't want you to take another cold shower. You'll catch a cold."

Abel placed her down and pinched her nose, "I can control myself. Don't underestimate your husband."

He undressed Emmeline, turned on the shower and adjusted the temperature.

Emmeline simply watched him by the side.

Seeing her petite body enveloped in the steamy shower, Abel recalled the sight from five years ago.

His body couldn't help getting excited.

However, he was still able to control himself.

After he gently helped Emmeline with her shower, he wrapped her in a towel and carried her over to the couch.

He then took out the hairdryer and started blow drying her hair.

With flushed cheeks, Emmalina pushed Abal away and rushed into the kitchen.

Just when she entered the kitchen, she noticed Abal following behind.

She held her by the waist and hugged her from behind.

Emmalina teased, "What a clingy boy you are. Since when did the Hellish Asura become so needy?"

"I'm only clingy for you, and I don't want you to leave my side for even a single second." Abal said as he leaned forward and pressed his chin on Emmalina's shoulder.

Emmalina felt a little ticklish and she urged to laugh, but her heart was also feeling very warm.

Once the soup was done, Emmalina watched as Abal finished it.

Abal then cleaned his own bowl and washed his hands. After which, he lifted Emmalina up by the waist.

Hugging him, Emmalina said, "I still need to take a shower. You can go to bed."

"Let me help you shower. I can't sleep if you're not around." Abal said as he carried her to the bathroom.

Emmalina rejected the idea, "Not a chance. I don't want you to take another cold shower. You'll catch a cold."

Abal placed her down and pinched her nose, "I can control myself. Don't underestimate your husband."

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Emmeline suddenly felt a wave of fatigue as her tiny body slowly went limp on Abel.

Once her hair was dry, she fell asleep in Abel's embrace.

Abel carried her over to the bed and tucked her in.

Still feeling the excitement, he lay on the outside of the blanket, hugging Emmeline.

"Goodnight, babe." Abel gently kissed her cheek.

“Goodnight, hubby.” Emmeline mumbled drowsily.

Hearing her call him hubby, Abel felt a warmth surrounding his body. He hugged Emmeline even tighter.

The fullness in his heart felt much better than sating his lust.

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Meanwhile, in Glenbrook.

It was Janie’s first time stepping inside.

This was the most luxurious among all the high-rise villas in the area.

However, for all its opulence, the villa was seeped with a faint chill.

Janie knew that Benjamin was the only person staying here.

But perhaps the place wouldn’t seem so desolate if it were to have a lady of the house one day.

Janie fantasized about such prospects.

She carried the slightly drowsy Benjamin up the flight of marble stairs.

Suddenly, a middle-aged woman came out from the kitchen. She seemed to be the nanny.

She asked, “Mr. Benjamin is back?”

Janie replied, “Yes, but he’s a little drunk.”

The middle-aged woman responded, “Why don’t I take care of him then? I’m the nanny here.”

Janie said, “It’s alright. I can take care of him. Can you just tell me where his room is? I’ll take him there.”

The nanny answered, “It’s the first room on the second floor.”

Emmeline suddenly felt a wave of fatigue as her tiny body slowly went limp on Abel.

Closely examining Janie, she added, “It’s the first time Mr. Benjamin has allowed another woman to enter the premises.”

Puzzled, Janie asked, “Another? Who else is there?”

“Why, Ms. Louise of course.”

“As in Emmeline Louise?”

“Yes, only Ms. Louise and no one else.”

Janie frowned slightly.

It seemed like Emmeline and Benjamin were much closer than she thought.

But what exactly was their relationship?

Janie didn’t dare to ask the nanny such a forward question in front of Benjamin.

The nanny said, "I'll go make some soup. Miss, can I trouble you to escort Mr. Benjamin to his room?"

"Yes, absolutely. Please go ahead and make your soup."

It was Janie's first time here, so she spoke formally and didn't want to offend the nanny.

She got up to the second floor and entered the first room.

It was a bedroom that had its own living room built in.

The design had a foreign touch to it, its interior being both modern and lavish.

However, there was a sense of emptiness in the room that was almost chilling.

It was no wonder Benjamin would sometimes have a lonely expression on his face.

It would be weirder if he didn't feel alone staying in a room like this.

Janie carried Benjamin through the living room and into the bedroom.

Inside was a large, white mattress.

Janie carried Benjamin over.

Suddenly, Benjamin toppled over, taking Janie with him as he collapsed on the bed.

Hugging her, Benjamin said, "Emma, I truly wish for you and Abel to be happy. But why is it that my heart hurts so much?"

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Janie was at a loss for words as she thought, He thinks I'm Emmeline?

"Emma, do you know how I feel..."

Janie could see tears streaming down the corner of Benjamin's eyes.

She felt her heart fluttering, but also equally bitter.

This was the first time Benjamin was holding her in his embrace like this, so she was nervous.

However, he thought of her as Emmeline.

That was why she felt bitter.

Being in Benjamin's embrace was such a captivating feeling. Janie felt as though she was surrounded by warmth.

For a moment, she found herself craving his embrace desperately, not wanting to get up.

However, the deep longing he had for Emmeline was painful for her.

"Mr. Benjamin, you've drunk too much..."

"Emma, was I wrong? Should I have held you close..."

“I thought that we could be together forever. I didn’t think you would fall in love with the children’s father at first sight. Abel, he’s such a lucky man...”

“Emma, I wish we could go back to Reykjavik, to Adelmars Island. I can be by your side, taking care of you and the kids, with nothing to worry about...”

“Emma, why don’t we just let someone else manage the Adelmars Group? The two of us can just go back to those days, okay...?”

As Benjamin mumbled in his drunken stupor, Janie felt her body getting colder the more she listened on.

Was Benjamin’s love for Emmeline actually this deep?

He also mentioned Reykjavik and Adelmars Island?

The two of them had come from there? Janie was at a loss for words as she thought, He thinks I’m Emmeline?

Did this mean the two of them had been living together before this?

Janie felt a chill run down her spine.

Emmeline, Benjamin, what is going on between the two of you?

Just as Janie was lost in her thoughts, Benjamin flipped over and pressed her underneath.

“Ben...” Before Janie could resist, Benjamin leaned in and sealed her lips with a deep kiss.

After some initial resistance, Janie went limp before Benjamin’s kiss.

His kiss was soft and deep, carrying a passionate sense of longing.

Janie couldn’t resist.

She knew that Benjamin was just drunk and thinking she was Emmeline, but she didn’t want to reject him.

She craved his embrace, his kisses, as well as the affection that wasn’t directed at her.

“Benjamin...”

Janie moaned as she put her arms around Benjamin’s neck.

“Emma...”

In his stupor, Benjamin started taking off Janie’s clothes.

Janie made some resistance at first, but then she pulled him in even tighter.

“Benjamin, it’s okay. I don’t blame you for mistaking me for Emmeline.”

“Benjamin, you know that I love you...”

With all her clothes removed, Benjamin pulled the dainty figure into his embrace, becoming even more infatuated.

Tears welling in his eyes, he mumbled, “Emma, Emma...”

The two bodies tussled together with fingers interlocked.

After a long while, Benjamin finally gave into his fatigue and fell asleep.

Janie curled into his embrace, hugging him by the waist as she too dozed off.

The nanny knocked on the door a couple times, but there was no answer.

She simply placed the soup by the door and went back downstairs.

The next morning, Benjamin opened his eyes.

He had drank too much alcohol the night before and not enough water, so he was feeling dehydrated.

There was also a dull pain in his head, but just when he wanted to massage his temples, he realized his hand was stuck.

Benjamin then realized that there was a soft figure in his embrace.

She was using his arm as a pillow.

“Ahh!” Benjamin screamed in horror.

Who is this?

Why is she sleeping in my arms?

He quickly pulled his arm out, sweeping the woman off.

Janie!

At that moment, Janie also woke up.

Benjamin said nervously, “W-why are you here? H-how did we end up sleeping together?”

Janie blushed, her eyes slightly drooping as she said, “You drank too much last night. I couldn’t fight you back, so you... did this...”

“How could this happen?!” Benjamin leapt off the bed and noticed that he wasn’t wearing any clothes.

He then jumped back just as quickly and covered himself with the blanket.

Janie spoke in a stutter, “Mr. Benjamin, I... Last night, you... W-we...”

She nodded her head in embarrassment.

Benjamin suddenly yelled, “Get out! Get out right now!”

Janie started tearing up, “Mr. Benjamin... how could you?”

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“Get out! Do you hear me?!” Benjamin shouted.

Janie was taken aback. She did not expect Benjamin to have such a big reaction. It was as if he was not the one who took away her first time. Moreover, it seemed like Benjamin regretted it.

“Benjamin, weren’t you saving your first time for Emmeline? Are you regretting it now?” Janie said angrily

Benjamin stayed silent.

“Why didn’t you complain when you touched me all over last night? If it wasn’t for you saying that you love and want me, I wouldn’t have allowed you to do all that!” Janie knew she was lying, but she did not know how else to react.

She knew that Benjamin had regarded her as Emmeline from the very beginning. She willingly accepted it because she had longed for this man and did not care who he took her as. However, she knew she had become his woman, so this might be the only chance for her to get a hold of this man.

Janie lifted the blanket, exposing their bodies.

“You’re crazy! What are you doing?!” Benjamin used a pillow to cover his body and said with bloodshot eyes.

“Yes, I’m crazy! See what’s there on the bed!” Janie said with teary eyes.

Benjamin lowered his head and saw some blood on the bed sheets.

“Damn it!” He held his forehead, looking troubled. “Get out! Do you hear me?!” Benjamin shouted.

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“I know you love Emmeline, but I don’t mind because I love you. I’m willing to stay by your side even if I’m to only be Emmeline’s shadow.”

“You don’t deserve it!” Benjamin said through gritted teeth.

Janie was taken aback. “Is Emmeline so noble in your heart?”

“That’s my business.” Benjamin pulled the blanket over and continued coldly, “You should leave first. I want to be alone.”

“Then I...”

“I’ll take responsibility for you, but you need to disappear from my sight right now,” Benjamin said in a low voice.

Janie nodded quietly.

If Benjamin said he would take responsibility, he would definitely keep his word. It seemed like she would slowly become his woman. However, this man needed some time to calm down and accept reality.

Janie revealed a sweet smile. She got out of bed, quickly wore her clothes, and left.

The nanny was cleaning the staircase when she saw Janie coming over, so she quickly greeted Janie.
“Good morning, Ms. Eastwood.”

“Morning,” Janie replied as she stroked her hair.

She wanted the nanny to see that she had become Benjamin’s woman.

Sure enough, the nanny said, “I’ll make breakfast for you, Ms. Eastwood.”

“No need. I’m busy, so I’ll leave first,” Janie said.

“Alright, I’ll send you off,” the nanny replied.

“Nanny, what’s Emmeline and Mr. Benjamin’s relationship?” Janie stopped and asked.

“Well... I really don’t know, but they seem to be close.” The nanny shook her head.

“They’re not a couple?”

“Of course not.”

“I see.”

Janie looked toward the bedroom and said, “Ask Mr. Benjamin what he wants to eat and make him breakfast.”

“Alright, Ms. Eastwood.”

As Janie walked down the stairs, she already thought that she was the lady of the house.

Emmeline slowly woke up and saw that Abel was not by her side. However, she remembered that he had been hugging her the whole night.

As she got up and opened the bedroom door, she heard Abel humming in the kitchen.

Abel was actually humming while cooking? It seemed like he was in a good mood even though he slept in hunger last night.

Emmeline smiled as she quietly went to the kitchen and hugged him from behind.

“Good morning, Hubby.”

“How sweet. You’re already calling me ‘Hubby’?” Abel put down the spoon in his hand and turned around to hug her.

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“I need to get used to it,” Emmeline said as she pouted.

“Then I need to reward you. Say, what do you want? I’ll get it for you.” Abel kissed her lips.

“I want...”

Emmeline’s bright eyes blinked a few times before she said, “Once my body is recovered, I want you!”

Abel froze for a moment, feeling excited in his heart. However, he soon calmed down and said, "That'll be easy to achieve, but not with your current situation, so say something else you want."

"I only want you. Nothing else!" Emmeline leaned on his back and said cutely.

"Why don't we do it now?" Abel knew she was teasing him deliberately, but he immediately took off his apron. "This is easy, so I'll satisfy you!"

"No! I'm just kidding!" Emmeline ran away while laughing.

"I knew you were just acting cute!" Abel pinched her little nose and continued, "It doesn't count if you say you want me. I'm yours either way, so say something else. Otherwise, won't you be wasting your chance?"

"Then I'll say it when I think of something. Take it as you owe me something!" Emmeline said mischievously.

"Alright, I'll take note! Go to the dining room and wait for me to finish cooking. Then, we can eat together." Abel kissed her lips lightly.

"I don't want to. I want to accompany you here!" Emmeline leaned on his back again. "I need to get used to it," Emmeline said as she pouted.

Abel held the spoon to stir the oatmeal with one hand while he used his other hand to pat her hand. "Who was the one who made fun of me for being cheesy last night? There's someone who's cheesier than me here."

"What can I do? I can't ever get tired of you, Hubby!" Emmeline pouted and said.

"Then you can continue being cheesy for our whole life. I won't get tired of it," Abel replied.

Their breakfast was ready. Then, Emmeline called Sam and Luca, who were in the cafe on the first floor.

The four of them had their meal together. Sam and Luca looked much closer now. The way they spoke to each other was also more natural and no longer reserved. It seemed like there was some development between them.

Ring, ring! Emmeline's phone rang. She picked it up and saw that it was Janie who called. She remembered that Janie sent Benjamin back home when he had drunk too much last night, so she quickly answered the call.

"Morning, Janie."

"Morning, Emma." Janie's voice sounded a little unnatural.

After leaving Glenbrook, Janie returned to her apartment, so she did not know how Benjamin was now. She was not in the mood to go to work.

She had promised to accompany Emmeline to order a wedding dress last night, and she had to keep her word. She then washed up and changed before calling Emmeline.

"Janie, I just wanted to ask you. Was Benjamin alright last night?" Emmeline asked.

Janie replied after some hesitance, "He's fine."

"That's great. Benjamin drank quite a lot last night, so I was worried." Emmeline let out a breath of relief.

"Aren't you afraid that Mr. Abel would get jealous if you worry about Benjamin?" Janie laughed, but she was also testing Emmeline.

"Abel isn't that petty. He's right beside me now," Emmeline replied.

"You really make people envious, Emma. You have a good husband like Mr. Abel and a loyal friend like Benjamin," said Janie.

"You need to hurry up with Janie. He's pretty nice," Emmeline said.

"Do you support me and Benjamin being together?"

"Nonsense, of course, I'll support you. You're the only girl by Benjamin's side, so you must seize the chance."

Seize the chance? Does last night count?

Janie teared up, feeling her heart ache a little. Benjamin did not have other women around him, and she suddenly became his woman, was she considered lucky?

"Thanks for your encouragement, Emma. I'll try my best." Janie felt better now.

"Mmmh, good luck!" Emmeline smiled.

"Emma, I've made an appointment with a wedding dress designer for you. Is the time alright with you?" Janie asked.

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Yep, I don't have anything else to do today," Emmeline replied.

"Where should I meet you? I'll accompany you there," Janie said.

"I'm at Nightfall Cafe, so why don't you come over?" Emmeline asked.

"Sure," Janie agreed happily. She was really grateful to Emmeline.

No matter why Benjamin wanted her, at least it broke through their previous deadlock. She trusted Benjamin's words that he would take responsibility for her. This meant this man would be hers from now on, right?

Janie gradually became happier.

After putting down her phone, Emmeline said to Abel, "Janie is going to accompany me to order a wedding dress."

"Mmhm, I was planning to accompany you originally," Abel said.

“You should go handle the Ryker Group. Janie and I will be fine. Besides, we can even chit-chat and go shopping together.”

“Ask Luca to follow you,” Abel said.

Luca immediately pushed away his plate and stood up. “Yes, Mr. Abel!”

“There’s no need. Why are you so worried about me? It’s not like I can’t go out alone.”

Abel then remembered that his Wifey was very skilled.

“Why haven’t you used the card I gave you last time? You can buy whatever you like. If you don’t spend my money, I’ll think that making money is meaningless.” “Yep, I don’t have anything else to do today,” Emmeline replied.

“Then I’ll use it more often!” Emmeline winked mischievously.

“Sure! Do your best!” Abel nodded heavily.

Seeing his serious expression, Emmeline laughed. If Luca and Sam were not there, she would have hugged him and kissed him.

One hour later, Emmeline and Janie arrived at the bridal store. They first looked at the various customized designs at the exhibition hall on the first floor.

“Emma, what do you think of this design? Your neckline looks good, so this wedding dress can accentuate your beauty.” Janie pointed at an off-shoulder wedding dress.

Emmeline took a closer look, but it was not that eye-catching to her.

“What about this? The fishtail style can show off your curves.”

Emmeline shook her head again.

“Miss, we can customize it based on the elements you like,” an attendant said.

“Ms. Louise doesn’t like these designs. I’ve made an appointment with your boss, the top designer.”

“Our boss?” the servant asked.

Those who could make an appointment with their boss to customize a dress must be rich. Otherwise, their boss would not accept their order.

Emmeline was about to stop Janie from saying it, but she had already spoken.

“This is Ms. Louise of the Ryker family, and she’s preparing to get married.”

“Ms. Louise of the Ryker family? This means that you’re Mr. Abel’s wife, right?” the attendant asked in surprise.

“Yes,” Janie admitted it for Emmeline, feeling a little proud too.

“Janie, there’s no need to tell her,” Emmeline whispered.

“When you get married, the whole country will know. You can’t hide it no matter what.” Janie laughed.

Seeing the envious eyes of two customers there, Emmeline said, "Let's go upstairs."

As they walked up the stairs, someone cast a look behind them.

"Is that Ms. Louise of the Ryker family?" Evelyn asked the attendant.

"Ms. Louise? Evelyn, did you see Emmeline?" Lizbeth, who was by Evelyn's side, asked.

"Mmhm, she went upstairs just as we stepped in," Evelyn replied.

"Yes, Miss. It's Ms. Louise of the Ryker family. I heard that she'll be getting married soon."

"They're not married yet? Their children are already 4 years old!"

"Evelyn, is Abel not married yet? Then, my marriage..." Lizbeth pouted.

"Didn't you hear that they're getting married? How can you still think about that?" Evelyn rolled her eyes.