Chapter 181 Once a Cheater Always a Cheater

The experts were helpless.

In the end, it was Madelyn who woke up on her own.

It was a beautiful spring night...

After Benjamin finished discussing with the experts, he heard Madelyn's voice as he arrived at the door of the ward. It sounded weak, but undeniably hers.

Benjamin's heart skipped a beat.

He had never felt such an urgent desire to see someone before.

He took a few quick steps forward and gently pushed open the door.

Madelyn was leaning against the headboard, talking to Camila. She looked thinner, and her coffee-colored hair cascaded over her slender shoulders, evoking a sense of pity... When she saw Benjamin, the smile on her face faded.

The atmosphere turned subtle...

Camila stood up uneasily. "You two talk. I'll be back in a moment."

But Madelyn tugged at her sleeve and whispered, "Mom, I want to eat soup."

Camila lovingly replied, "I'll go buy some for you! Wait for me."

Camila left...

Benjamin slowly walked into the ward and stood beside Madelyn. They were so close, yet he didn't dare touch her.

Longing for home, that was what he felt.

Madelyn remained calm and polite. "I heard you helped me find experts. Thank you, Mr. Clark."

"It's my pleasure."

He greedily stared at her, his voice hoarse and unrecognizable.

Madelyn looked back at him.

Then, she spoke slowly, "But there's really no need for us to be like this anymore! You don't have to take Vivian's words to heart. It's all in the past. Since the moment we broke up, none of those things have anything to do with you anymore!"

Benjamin was a lawyer, a top-notch one.

In the courtroom, he always had a quick response, but at this moment, he didn't know how to respond.

He broke up with Madelyn, thinking it was a dignified exit, but behind that facade was a lifetime of pain for her!

Benjamin walked out of the ward.

instead, he sat in his golden

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the attraction between two adults. Without the youthful excitement, he had always kept this emotion under control. He liked Madelyn, but he believed it wasn't deep love. At least, when they broke up, he casually

it was only after Madelyn took the check and walked out of his world that he

him, she could fall

apple bobbing up and down as he muttered to himself... He used to say that Madelyn couldn't handle games,

in the car

the cigarette, stepped out of

temperature. She wore loose-fitting hospital clothes, holding a thermometer in her mouth, looking particularly pitiful, like an injured

saw him coming, a hint

and read the temperature - thirty-six

looked up at

hoarse. "Come

to resist, he picked her up horizontally and walked out of the ward.

Madelyn was stunned.

regained her senses, she pounded his shoulder. "Benjamin, what are

blows meant nothing to him, Benjamin

thermometer and was also surprised when she saw them. "Mr.

ear, Benjamin quickly carried Madelyn to the car downstairs, fastened her seatbelt, and locked the car door.

was usually calm, couldn't hold

are you crazy?"

the road ahead, his voice

Madelyn stopped struggling...

"It's useless, Benjamin. Your actions won't change anything! I'd rather you have the audacity to write that check

to make a clean be consensual, a that what he say anything more. She turned her head away, looking out of the while, Benjamin drove off. Madelyn recognized that they were on the way to his flat. Indeed, half an hour later, he parked her into the moment the door opened, Madelyn froze, even The Morning Dew. a lake-blue vase, Couples' slippers... exactly the same as when she lived here before. He of her love a pang was this? Did he think these actions would move her? behind, kissing her tender earlobe. He spoke with extreme emotion, his voice husky. "Madelyn, let's start over! Let's live like we had shed all her tears still feels like crying. Only... not because she's moved, but because she's sad, because she's heartbroken. All these things remind her of what kind of emotions she had back then, how she loved the man, every time he Regret... How can that word define what she lost that night?

She lost loved ones, dreams, and trust in her lover!

On that darkest night, she was utterly disappointed with him!

Benjamin's gaze was affectionate. He knelt in front of her, holding a sparkling, perfect diamond ring, even more dazzling and flawless than before.

Madelyn's whole body stiffened.

In that moment, she lost all her strength.

Benjamin kissed her fingers, his voice hoarse: "Madelyn, I spent a week persuading that Zistin antique dealer to sell Morning Dew to me! If your foot doesn't recover, we'll play it at home! I'll play it for you! Madelyn... I beg you to let me take care of you for the rest of our lives!"

"Every year, I'll be with you on Valentine's Day."

"Christmas Day, birthdays, and New Year's Day... we'll celebrate them together!"

"You love children, and we'll have multiple children!"

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He wanted to be with her. He wanted to settle down!

He had never desired marriage like this before!

Benjamin held her fingertips and gently slipped the ring onto her ring finger... The ring fit perfectly on her finger.

But... Madelyn curled her fingertip back.

She wouldn't let him put the ring on her finger!

Benjamin froze, slowly raising his head...

Madelyn said calmly, "I'm touched, really! A man who does so much for me must have genuine intentions. But Benjamin... Once a cheater, always a cheater! Especially considering your history of infidelity! Benjamin, it's not possible between us anymore, not because of whether you love me or not, but... because I'm not willing to love you anymore."

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Benjamin slowly stood up.

He looked down at Madelyn...

In the morning light, there was a fine layer of fuzz on her cheeks, which made her look adorable. But her expression was resolute: "Take me back to the hospital. I don't want anyone to know this!"

Benjamin reached out and gently stroked her delicate cheek.

Suddenly, he grabbed the back of her head and forcefully kissed her lips, slipping inside before she could react...

He wanted to kiss her.

He wanted to awaken all her memories of his body!

He didn't believe... He didn't believe that Madelyn would forget all that!

A slap landed on his handsome face...

Madelyn's eyes were red, gasping for breath. "Benjamin, don't make me lose respect for you! We're impossible now and in the future... impossible, don't you understand?"

Chapter 182 How Can I Make You Forgive Me

Red marks appeared on Benjamin's face.

He didn't bother about the slap on his face. He only stared at Madelyn. His gaze was dark and gloomy like water.

Madelyn felt a heart-wrenching pain, making it difficult for her to breathe!

She wasn't made of wood, she could feel pain too.

The things she had desperately tried to forget were once again presented before her by Benjamin.

Madelyn's fair throat moved slightly.

She spoke with suppressed emotions, "Benjamin, there are things that can be bought with money, such as this Morning Dew, such as these decorations. As long as Mr. Clark wants it, there is nothing money can't buy! But emotions, once they're gone, they're gone. No matter how much money you spend, you can't bring them back!"

Benjamin gazed at her.

He still felt the same way about her as when he first met her - she was beautiful, and he wanted to possess her.

But... there were also some differences now.

As if, after this incident, Madelyn had become something indispensable in his life. He simply couldn't give her up. If he could, he wouldn't be in such a sorry state!

Benjamin struggled to speak, "How can I make you forgive me?"

He understood women, especially Madelyn!

He knew that she still had feelings for him. If she was angry or resentful, he was willing to compensate her, no matter the cost.

Madelyn felt that she couldn't continue talking to him any longer.

She lowered her gaze and smiled bitterly, "Benjamin, when I wanted to talk to you, you didn't give me a chance! Now, why do you think I should give you that chance? Take me back, I don't even have my phone with me!"

Benjamin pursed his thin lips.

In the end, he still sent her back to the hospital.

The car stopped...

Madelyn undid her seatbelt and wanted to get out of the car.

Benjamin grabbed her arm and looked at her intently, "I've invited the best experts. Perhaps they can find a way to treat your foot!"

Madelyn stared ahead expressionlessly.

"No need!"

forcefully broke free from his grasp, opened the door, and got out of the

but he held himself back when he

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afternoon, Benjamin was in a meeting at the office.

His phone rang.

from the medical expert team, so he made a gesture to

our treatment. We regret to inform you that we're returning home! Furthermore... based on

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held his

night, he went to the hospital, but

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was discharged from the hospital, William

see Madelyn and

spoke softly, "I have no intention of

William visibly paused.

looked so much like his Madeline and had a

can you give her a chance for the sake of Dad? I've asked Ben about it, but he refuses to intervene. Dad can only come and ask

in a

why he came

help, the Bennett family would proudly stand against

And... Dad?

up in Madelyn's eyes, "William, my Dad is

give

you. She has already taken a flight here. When the time comes, our whole family will gather together!

Let Eleanor go?

the whole

listening to a joke that had nothing to

up at William, and said, "Mr. Bennett, may I ask why my mother left you back then? How

face suddenly

that misunderstanding... was a

left in

Clark family and sought help

in the study room, and after

hearing him out, Alexander smiled.

with William. If it weren't for the last time he came seeking help, Ben and Madelyn would probably have been engaged and preparing to get married and have children. Such a good

it's clear that

this, it will only make matters worse! Young people tend to be

anxious and asked, "Do you have a

Alexander smiled again and said, "Well, there is a way, but I'm afraid it might hurt your pride."

William humbly sought advice.

While sipping his coffee, Alexander continued, "Eleanor's actions were extreme! According to normal legal procedures, she won't escape punishment for at least a year or so. So, why not go to a hospital and obtain a certificate stating she has a mental illness?"

William was stunned.

He looked at his old friend and never expected him to suggest such a method.

Issuing a certificate for mental illness...

As Alexander pondered, he realized that this might create no chance for Eleanor and Ben.

William had thought about it privately as well.

Madelyn was his own flesh and blood, but she was intelligent, outstanding, and sensible. Even if she missed out on Ben, she could find a good match. However, Eleanor was different. From a selfish perspective, he hoped Eleanor could end up with Ben!

Now, Alexander's attitude made it clear that the Clark family doesn't want Eleanor as their daughter-in-law!

William forced a smile after being stiff for a while and said, "Indeed, it could be a solution."

Alexander knew he wasn't pleased, so he spoke frankly.

"William, even if you care about your child, you need to have boundaries! Besides... Madelyn is your own flesh and blood. Who should be more important? Don't confuse your priorities, William! I have high hopes for Madelyn. Ben's mother also had someone read his fortune, and it is believed that his future partner must be born in the Year of the Rabbit!"

William understood the intentions of the Clark family.

They don't like Eleanor!

He couldn't help but feel heartache. Regardless of Eleanor's stubbornness, she was still his daughter.

Exhausted and in a rush, he asked someone to help him obtain the mental illness certificate.

Naturally, Eleanor was released.

Compared to a few days earlier, her former radiance dimmed a bit.

The police at the station told her, "You're lucky to have obtained a mental illness certificate! However... we will follow up on this. Ms. Bennett, you need to undergo treatment for at least half a month in a mental institution; otherwise, this certificate will be invalidated!"

Eleanor was furious!

She gritted her teeth, determined not to let Madelyn off the hook.

Then the police officer added, "It's best not to entertain dangerous thoughts. Ms. Green found out that you obtained a mental illness certificate, and she has already applied for a protection order from the court... This means you are not allowed to approach Ms. Green within a two-meter radius. If we receive any notifications, we will immediately bring you back to the mental institution!"

After finishing their conversation, the police officer escorted her into the car and said, "Let's go! Whether you're truly insane or faking it, you still need to go through the procedures at the mental institution!"

Eleanor struggled and became hysterical, "I want to see Benjamin!"

The escorting officer sneered, "Mr. Clark doesn't want to see you!"

Eleanor was completely stunned...

Chapter 183 Give It a Try with Me

After being discharged from the hospital, Madelyn took a trip to Oriapool.

She stayed there for a week, keeping Penelope company. But in the end, Penelope sent her back.

"There are so many things to deal with in Gredax. Don't just stay here and accompany me. I'm fine! There's sunshine, handsome guys, and many other beautiful things. Even the doctors look attractive." Penelope blinked.

Madelyn smiled lightly, "Alright, then I'll go back!"

Penelope accompanied her on the car ride.

Before she left, she held Madelyn's hands and whispered, "You've grown up! You're different now!"

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Madelyn had just arrived in Gredax when she received a call from Vivian, who asked her for a gift and also invited her to Grayson's birthday party.

Madelyn had just put down her luggage.

She sat on the sofa in her small flat and smiled, "I have prepared several gifts for you, but I won't go to the birthday party."

Vivian whispered, "Grayson didn't invite him!"

Madelyn knew exactly who "him" referred to, and after thinking a while, she finally agreed to go.

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On Friday night, Madelyn went home, changed into a dress, and then took a taxi to the clubhouse.

The private room was already lively.

Most of the people were Grayson's friends, and there were also a few of Vivian's classmates whom Madelyn knew.

Madelyn handed over the gifts - a pair of watches that were quite expensive and made in Oriapool.

Vivian looked at the watches with teary eyes and kept saying, "Too expensive! Madelyn, you're really generous to me!"

She called Grayson over.

Deep down, Grayson respected Madelyn.

Madelyn had stepped one foot into a wealthy family, but she withdrew herself in the end.

Grayson saw Benjamin desperately trying to reconcile, and if he were a woman, he wouldn't be able to resist. But Madelyn resisted, and for that, he respected her.

Grayson hugged Vivian's waist and said pleasingly, "I didn't lie, did I? I said I didn't invite him, and I'm annoyed with him too!"

be better

charming. Madelyn, if

pinched his waist, "What nonsense are you talking

for a beating again, and he made a gesture, arranging Madelyn next to

Bryson in such an

they were both adults now, and avoiding each other would be too

and Benjamin was well-known within the delicate face and complex emotions slid through his heart. He couldn't forget the ten days he spent again, but he was about to get married. a few words, Bryson's voice choked, "I'm getting married next her congratulations, "Congratulations, Bryson!" in his liked was right in front of him, lightly, "Thank you!" confessing to Vivian, watched others laughing and singing, envious of Vivian because Vivian dared to love and she had been caught up in a relationship and came and caused a and came over with a bottle of you bother me for drinking and fooling around outside anymore. As long as I give her money, a bunch of money, Elizabeth's mouth will be shut. When I get face turned pale. eyes and said, "Elizabeth is due to give birth in a few months. When should we go and get divorced? Hurry up and make room I have no said, "Alright, alright... Whenever is a Jackson left. cried. Madelyn wanted to comfort her, but she held Vivian and whispered, "Stop crying! Today is my birthday. Didn't we agree to have a didn't go in.

took her purse, and prepared to leave

you off!" Bryson immediately

Bryson... if you're getting married, treat your wife well and don't get involved with other women.

and

she was speaking from personal experience!

realized it and retracted his outstretched hand, smiling slightly.

"Please tell Vivian for me that

as she stepped out, she saw a familiar off-road vehicle parked at

It was David!

with a black

From the side, his legs were long and straight, which was attractive to girls.

Madelyn smiled and asked, "David, why are you here?"

David walked up to her, his gaze somewhat deep. "I just came back from a business trip and heard that you're here... How was your time here? Can I give you a ride home?"

Looking at his handsome and young face, Madelyn knew what David had in mind.

He liked her and wanted to pursue her.

After giving it some thought, Madelyn said, "David, I don't want to be in a relationship right now. Please don't waste your time..."

A slender finger pressed against her lips.

David's expression was unusually serious. "Pursuing a girl can only be described as romantic; there's no such thing as a waste... Madelyn, I know you don't want to be in a relationship right now, and you may not even like me in the future. But I want to give it a try, I want to try and see if we're compatible or not!"

Madelyn looked up at him.

At this moment, David appeared particularly mature and charming.

His voice slightly husky, David said, "I like you! I want to be with you! I'm different from Bryson... My entire family likes you, and there's no resistance between us. You just need to enjoy my pursuit! Madelyn, give me a chance!"

The night wind blew, lifting Madelyn's skirt.

She stood next to David. What a beautiful and romantic scene!

David lightly held her delicate shoulder and leaned in slowly.

He wanted to kiss her...

Madelyn evaded the kiss, but their noses touched instead, appearing intimate and ambiguous in the eyes of others.

Madelyn admitted that David's proposal tempted her. Starting a new relationship could indeed be the best way to heal wounds. However, she didn't want to take him lightly because David was someone she valued.

She gently spoke, "David, can you give me some time to think calmly?"

Looking down on her from above, David asked softly after a long while, "So, this isn't exactly a rejection, right?"

What Madelyn said was scattered by the wind...

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Not far away, a golden Bentley was parked.

Benjamin sat in the car, silently watching them. The streetlight illuminated his handsome face, revealing no emotions.

He watched as Madelyn gazed tenderly at David.

He watched as David opened the car door and supported Madelyn's waist, displaying his gallant demeanor.

He watched as Madelyn got into the front seat of David's car...

Did Madelyn accept David?

Are they going to be together?

... Benjamin's car remained parked outside Madelyn's building for the entire night.

Chapter 184 I'd Rather You Hate Me

Early in the morning, Madelyn took a walk with Snowy.

It was early summer, and she wore a white sportswear outfit, revealing a fair portion of her legs, which was quite eye-catching.

At least, Benjamin's Adam's apple rolled several times when he saw her.

He got out of the car and gazed deeply at her. "Walking the dog?"

Madelyn passed by him, holding Snowy's leash, and walked towards the lake.

Snowy turned back and barked at him a few times.

Benjamin lowered his head and lit a cigarette, following her silently.

Madelyn ignored him.

She walked the dog for an hour, had breakfast, and bought a pack of toast and milk on her way back.

While going upstairs...

Benjamin grabbed her wrist tightly. "You're with him now?"

Madelyn froze for a moment.

Then she understood. He saw it last night and had been following her all the way here!

Madelyn's face turned cold. "Mr. Clark, we've already broken up! My business has nothing to do with you, and I don't need to report everything to you!"

She forcefully broke free from his grip and quickly entered the flat.

Closing the door, she leaned against it.

Every time she saw Benjamin, her heart would ache. She couldn't remain indifferent, but... she didn't want to continue like this!

What did his repeated entanglements mean?

she also thought that she hadn't done anything wrong. Why should

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Madelyn rejected David, but he didn't

was smart, doing everything

five times a month, either having dinner at her place or giving some health supplements to Camila. Over

David coincidentally ran into Madelyn

small flat. But at nine o'clock, he

escorted him downstairs.

car, and she hesitated for a

David smiled.

attractive. Any girl would like him, and even Madelyn was slightly

be aware of it

Madelyn's ear, his voice full of allure. "You can't escape from me!" After saying that, he started the car

in

night breeze was

tree, gently closing

slender figure appeared, and Benjamin's

saw Madelyn's relaxed expression. He couldn't bear it anymore,

prepared

his arms. His embrace was so tight that it hurt her ribs. His breath

let

with all her strength.

he wanted more urgently. Madelyn was pressed against a big tree, their bodies touching and rubbing against each

too well, targeting all the vital

desperately find out if there was still a place for

he wanted to possess her completely.

across the face. After the hit, her body

her chin tightly again and kissed

Madelyn stopped struggling.

and vent his emotions. She gently turned her face away, tears glistening in the corners of her eyes. "Benjamin, don't make me hate you even more! Without David, there will be someone else. I will fall in love and get married. Do you want to follow me for the rest of your

Benjamin suddenly stopped.

against her neck, breathing heavily, his voice hoarse. "Madelyn, I'd rather you hate me! If you hate me, at least it means I still have a place in your heart. But you treat me as if I'm invisible. You know I'm

heart softened even a

a chance? Clearly, you still have feelings for me. When

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Madelyn's eyes became even more teary.

She gently closed her eyes. "Yes! Benjamin, I do have feelings for you. Isn't that a normal reaction for a mature woman? Even if I find a male prostitute, I can still have a physical reaction. What does that prove?"

Benjamin's face turned pale.

Madelyn stood up straight, facing him in the night breeze.

"Benjamin, it was you who did't want!" she said firmly.

"What's the point of saying all this now?"

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After saying that, Madelyn walked towards the flat.

After a few steps, she paused. "Don't come here anymore!"

Benjamin quietly watched Madelyn's back. At that moment, he knew Madelyn would never look back. No matter what he did, she wouldn't come back!

"Madelyn..."

He murmured her name, feeling dizzy.

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For the next half month, Benjamin was in a state of despair. Besides going to work, he spent his time lingering in clubs and drinking. He would often get drunk.

After enduring for half a month, Alexander personally intervened and brought his son back home.

A bucket of ice-cold water...

Splash! It poured from head to toe!

Benjamin suddenly sobered up. He wiped his face and said, "Dad!"

Alexander pointed at him and scolded, "What a disappointment you are! Is drinking useful? Does getting drunk bring women back to you? I bet Madelyn finds you even more repulsive when she sees you like this! Ben, is this how I taught you?... As a man, if you want something, go fight for it! go grab it! Are you less capable than others?"

Benjamin's face was gaunt, showing no emotion.

He fell silent for a while...

Then, he gently adjusted his shirt collar and said softly, "Dad, I know!"

Chapter 185 Give Her High-level of Importance

Alexander frowned, "What do you know?"

Benjamin brushed off the ice residue from his body, his expression momentarily dazed.

After a long pause, he hoarsely spoke up, "Dad, since I broke up with Eleanor, I had no intention of loving anyone again, and I thought I would never fall in love with anyone else! When I first got together with Madelyn, I thought it was just... just a game of mutual consent. I knew Madelyn liked me, but I didn't plan on a long-term commitment!"

Alexander threw an ashtray at him in anger.

He was so furious that his eyebrows twitched, "You're playing with a girl's emotions!"

Benjamin didn't dodge... A trickle of crimson blood flowed down his noble features from his forehead.

Brianna, who was hiding outside the door, felt heartbroken.

"Alexander!"

Alexander showed no mercy, "Don't plead for this bastard! He has grown up, yet he knows how to play with women? Where did he learn this bad habit? ... Today, I won't let him get away with it!"

Brianna dared not plead anymore.

Alexander lit a cigarette and blew out a smoke ring, "Why aren't you saying anything? You are capable of doing such things, so why are you too ashamed to admit it? Mr. Clark, you must be so proud of yourself strutting around outside! Let me tell you, in the past, someone like you would be called a hoodlum. It wouldn't be a bad thing if you get shot. How can you think you are an honor for the Clark family?"

Benjamin stared directly at his father.

He looked lost, "Dad, I never expected that I would fall in love with Madelyn! It was only after she left that I realized how desperately I wanted to salvage our relationship. I did things I wouldn't have done before, but she doesn't want me anymore! Dad... I don't know what to do to make her come back!"

Alexander hadn't had a chance to give advice yet...

Benjamin's expression suddenly became resolute, "But I won't stand by and watch her be with someone else."

"David is not an option for her!"

"No one is!"

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After Benjamin finished speaking, he turned around and left!

Brianna wanted to stop him.

Alexander spoke in a deep voice, "Let him go. He's twenty-nine years old; he knows what he should do!" Beautiful Brianna was filled with worry.

Could it be that Ben has taken the wrong path? His words just now sounded not good!

But Alexander was quite satisfied.

what you want, what you desire. Do you want him to hide and

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fierce king in the legal

frequent complaints filed against the Clark family.

Ben's reputation like this, I think he's really going to

They've been pursuing him from one end

looked at her son in

Handsome, sexy...

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was full of
the use if he's still
passed, and it was time for Madelyn to receive the "Top Ten Outstanding Youth in Gredax"
to attend the
been sad for a long time, but today she felt unusually happy.
collar several times, feeling that one side needed smoothing out, while the other
"Mom, it's already
it's not perfect enough! Today is your
Madelyn nodded.
whispered, "Ms. Green, it's time for you to go on
arm around Camila's shoulder, "Take
clothes. Go on, go on. I promise to
on stage with
she saw the presenter on stage, her smile
other than Alexander presenting
stations live broadcasting. And there was Alexander, staring at her with a pleasant smile, affectionately
in an
knew about the Clark family, the wealthiest family in the north, who almost had a daughter-in-law
than Madelyn right in front of
society dramas, conflicts escalate and relationships are shattered, making it truly unexpected to witness
such an amicable
couldn't force a smile.
Alexander had used some connections to help her
flashes aimed at her,
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proved that Alexander is just as "impudent" as his son. After presenting the award, he didn't let Madelyn go and even put his arm around her shoulder, as if he were an elder, asking the media to take often that we get to present an award to a younger family member! I'm delighted!"

up on stage to receive the award.

the photos and put them in my office!"

good photos of our Maddie. Girls love to look beautiful!"

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media was once again buzzing

member, put

could hardly force a

in control of the situation.

staying would imply

is still

After some filming, Alexander finally let go of Madelyn, but he publicly smiled and said, "To celebrate your achievement, I have specially prepared the best coffee for you. Try it later, and if you like it, take some home."

Madelyn understood that Alexander wanted to talk to her.

She had no way to refuse such a powerful businessman. If he made a slight move, her small Music Center could cease to exist.

The award ceremony ended.

The secretary of the Clark Group personally came to pick up Madelyn.

It was her second time in this office, a place symbolizing power.

It was here that she had agreed to Alexander's conditions and expressed her willingness to go to Edoford. As she stepped in again, a wave of emotions washed over her.

Compared to the first time, Alexander seemed even more kind and caring.

He brewed coffee for Madelyn and sat across from her. After the coffee was served, they got down to business.

Alexander went straight to the point, "I know you've been wronged! But I want to say a few words to you from the heart about marriage... every couple goes through ups and downs. Ben was at fault, but he has repented. He went through a period of extreme foolishness and decadence, which pained his mother and me greatly, but we were even more furious!"

Madelyn remained silent.

Alexander continued, "It's all Ben's fault!"

He picked up a thick file from the coffee table and pushed it gently toward Madelyn.

Madelyn looked up.

Alexander, whose face was handsome and shrewd, still smiled. "My secretary told me that your Music Center is doing very well. Madelyn... I have great hopes for you. These are all the Clark family's real estate properties, estimated to be worth billions. Ben's mother doesn't care about these things, so I want to entrust them to you for management."

The control over billions of wealth was indeed tempting.

These generous conditions also represented trust. It was difficult for someone like Alexander, a shrewd businessman, to hand over such important matters.

It is impossible for Madelyn to not be moved at all.

She stared at the file, knowing that as soon as she signed, her wealth would instantly multiply. She might even become the richest woman in Gredax.

But she refused.

She spoke with difficulty, "Mr. Clark, these things are indeed enticing! However, what I want is not a prestigious family. I only want a husband who belongs to me completely. The various experiences I went through with him have made it impossible for me to trust him again. Therefore... I'm sorry, and I can only say that I am not worthy."

After saying this, Madelyn stood up.

She bowed to Alexander, feeling grateful to this man who had always treated her kindly.

Madelyn left.

Alexander's secretary came in quietly and asked gently, "Should we try to keep Ms. Green?"

Alexander waved his hand.

Pointing to the file on the coffee table, he said to the secretary, "She is quite impressive. No wonder Ben couldn't let her go!"

The secretary nodded with a smile.

Alexander chuckled, "A girl like her deserves to be the daughter-in-law of our Clark family."

Chapter 186 Only He Can Make Her Cry!

As Madelyn was about to leave, she ran into Benjamin at the elevator entrance. He was holding a file, looking like he was there for a business discussion.

Benjamin walked out of the elevator while Madelyn stepped in.

He stopped the elevator doors from closing with his hand.

It had been a while since they last saw each other, and he missed her so much. But in the end, he just pretended to be calm and asked, "How have you been lately?"

Madelyn was leaning against the elevator wall.

Madelyn felt she was too weak to say anything as their eyes met. After a moment, she softly replied, "Not bad."

Benjamin was gazing at her.

In a husky voice, he spoke, "I'll be attending the celebration banquet tonight. Are you...going to dance with David?"

Madelyn paused.

In fact, she hadn't invited David, and she wasn't his date. However, if David were to show up, dancing with him was also part of normal social interaction.

Madelyn chose not to deny it.

Benjamin just kept smiling and didn't show any signs of displeasure. Instead, he said affectionately, "Have a great time!"

After saying that, he left.

Madelyn felt a shiver down her spine.

Somehow she thought Benjamin, who appeared so composed, was even more formidable than when he was persistently pursuing her. The way he looked at her indicated that he hadn't given up, but he pretended he didn't care about it at all.

She almost didn't want to attend the banquet.

However, as one of the ten outstanding young persons, she had already attracted attention earlier in the day. The influential figures in Gredax wouldn't let her skip the banquet. With just a few phone calls. She had to show up anyway.

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The banquet took place on the 32nd floor of the Diamond Hotel.

Prominent figures who were dressed formally and elegantly filled the room.

It was a good opportunity to expand her social network, and Madelyn wouldn't give it up for personal reasons. Holding a glass of champagne, she socialized with other guests.

and asked him to introduce Madelyn to

confident and had easy manners.

gaze on her from the

the railing, he quietly stared at Madelyn, though the emotions in his eyes were so strong that even Vivian could tell he was in

looks, it seems

to look at

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He often looked at her
socialites were peeking at him...
Gredax secretly fantasized about sleeping with Mr. Clark.
ignored his gaze, acting
draw a line between her and Benjamin and let everyone know that she had
of the banquet, David came to her.
and it had been a week since
over, he looked over to
gracefully raised his champagne glass
made the hearts of the women in the room skip a beat. Vivian whispered to Madelyn, "Aside from being
а
coughed and said, "Should I
pleaded for mercy.
was standing in front of her and extended his invitation to Madelyn, "Ms. Green, may
face with
serious,
smiled, placed her hand in David's, and accepted his invitation.
was watching, and she knew he was probably seething with anger. But she didn't want to change who
with David, they
dance floor and then
How dramatic!
Mr. Clark fight with David and take Ms. Green
Gredax
in white carpet. He was mature and handsome, literally
words to the young pianist who then stepped
the black and white keys, and skillfully
Madelyn's favorite song!
eyes, filled with deep affection, were
already
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made

dancing with someone else while he was accompanying her on the piano and gazing at her with loving eyes, which no women could resist...Benjamin had captured the hearts of all

he said, he effortlessly got whatever he

herself

continue dancing!

nice evening, a delightful

Why did Benjamin always make her cry?

Why... did no one else but him have the power to do this?

Tears shimmered in Madelyn's eyes when she realized that.

And there he sat in front of the piano, the starter of all this, still gazing at her tenderly. He asked gently, "Madelyn, are you having a good time tonight?"

Madelyn's heart raced in her chest.

She told herself not to lose control. She couldn't... let herself cry before so many people!

Trembling, she mustered a smile and replied, "If Mr. Clark would kindly stop bothering me, I believe I would be even happier!"

Benjamin lowered his gaze and gave a light smile.

"I can't do it! Madelyn, seeing you dance with someone else made me angry! But I didn't know what to do, so I played the piano for you. I wanted to see you smile! Did I upset you? If you're not happy, I can change. I'll do whatever it takes to make you happy."

His seemingly considerate words left everyone astonished!

Vivian pinched her thigh, feeling sorry for Madelyn!

How did her friend end up with such a difficult man? He was so scheming, wasn't he?

If they didn't know any better, they would think Madelyn had betrayed Benjamin!

Madelyn turned away and left.

At that moment, she forgot everything and forgot they were on the live broadcast. All she wanted was to escape from Benjamin!

As she walked away, tears welled up in her eyes.

Benjamin caught up with her before she went into the elevator. He asked, "Are you angry?" he asked, trying to hold her back.

Madelyn shook off his hand.

She turned to him and asked, "What's the meaning of this, Benjamin? Please, with your status, there are plenty of young women throwing themselves at you. Can't you just leave me alone? I can't handle this anymore, okay? I'm begging you, let me go!"

Benjamin pushed her into the elevator and closed the doors behind them, leaving those who were watching them outside.

Inside the confined space, there were just the two of them.

Madelyn couldn't hold back her tears...

Benjamin's heart skipped a beat. He gently wiped away her tears and spoke softly, "Many women desire me, but I want nobody but you, Madelyn... Please don't make me angry. Otherwise, I don't know what I might do! By the way... Has David stopped bothering you lately?"

Madelyn's eyes widened suddenly.

Benjamin's voice still sounded very gentle, "I just used some tactics to keep him busy, so he wouldn't have time for you. Madelyn, maybe soon, or...something else might happen to him. I can't promise that!"

Chapter 187 This is Benjamin's doing!

Madelyn was trembling with anger.

Filled with frustration and wrath, she asked, "Is this what you want, Benjamin? Do you have to push me to the point where I have no friends and no family?"

Benjamin sneered.

"And what kind of friend is David to you?"

"Everyone can see through his intentions towards you!"

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Madelyn knew that Benjamin wasn't joking. When he set his mind on something, he would go to great lengths to achieve it. If he said he would deal with David, he meant it.

Madelyn couldn't afford to take any risks.

David was her friend and had helped her several times. She would rather distance herself from him than involve him in this.

But resentment was festering in her heart!

She hadn't done anything wrong. She had simply fallen in love with him. Little did she know that love could also turn out to be a sin. If that was the case, she wished she had never loved Benjamin in the first place!

Madelyn lowered her head and smiled.

She muttered, "You don't love me. You're angry because your precious toy is taken away from you! Benjamin...love isn't about possession. If you love someone, set them free!"

Stone-faced, Benjamin asked, "Like David?... What kind of love is that if I don't want to have you?"

At least, that's how he saw it.

If he desired something, he should go after and get it!

Madelyn fell silent.

Benjamin took a step forward and reached out to touch her face, but she avoided his hand.

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"Now you won't even let me touch you?"

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Benjamin withdrew his hand and adjusted his shirt while meeting her gaze in the mirror.

The elevator doors opened.

David was standing outside and looked at Madelyn with tender eyes, saying, "Let me take you home."

Madelyn's body stiffened.

She thought of Benjamin's warning.

But David gently put his arm around her shoulder and whispered, "You look like you're about to cry. Let's go back."

Madelyn didn't know what was the right thing to do.

But in the end, she looked at David and got into the car with him.

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in the hotel

stood under the dim light and smiled as

wouldn't let him come

patiently wait for her to return to

..

to have a talk with

a cigarette and took a puff. He asked, "Is there anything you want to say

head and looked at him, saying,

"Because of Benjamin?"

didn't deny deserved a was smoking traffic light turned green, he pressed the accelerator and drove Madelyn back I fought with Daniel at the restaurant. I knew Benjamin had feelings for you, and I gave up because I couldn't compete with him, and neither could looked at her and added, "Even if was lost promises to David, yet he was willing to take such risks for her. If she were in her early twenties, she would stand by 25, she "David!" eyes. She wanted to apologize, but she had also wasn't a her so worried, fight between men. I'm willing to do anything for you, and you Madelyn not feel guilty? apartment and sat quietly on the small sofa. curled up by her side... for half the night, in the end, the following two weeks, she didn't see in the financial news, she often came across headlines featuring David's company Oralas Technologies. Most of them were negative, and there Vivian and asked her out the afternoon, Vivian who looked great sat down across from Madelyn. She said, "What a smiled and asked, "Is it that obvious?" "Of course!" took a sip before replying, "Grayson mentioned that David's company is struggling. They're facing

financial issues and legal

Madelyn paused.

of helplessness washed over

smile, she asked, "This is Benjamin's doing, isn't it?"

directly answer her question. Instead, she held Madelyn's hand and said, "Benjamin is exceedingly astute. David falls far behind him in terms of power

tried before.

wouldn't give up

the coffee in the cup, Madelyn was lost in thought for

held Madelyn's hand

David would be in vain. His aim wasn't to be with Madelyn; he was simply fighting for her

capable of stopping this

Madelyn decided not to hail a cab. Instead, she walked

Bentley Continental was parked in front of her apartment.

door of the passenger seat was left open as if he

approached, he looked up and

and asked, "Benjamin, what exactly are

his cigarette and

feeling sorry

to assure me that you won't see or talk to David. Is that

was shocked by

He had set a trap for David which nearly made David's company go bankrupt, and he did that only to stop her from seeing David?

"Benjamin, you've gone too far."

Benjamin stared at her for a moment and scoffed, "I haven't even asked you to come back to me and live with me, and you think I've crossed the line?"

"Living together?"

Benjamin kindly clarified, "I mean eating and sleeping together."

Madelyn suddenly became quiet and sat beside him in an unusually tranquil manner.

Benjamin was gazing at her profile...

It had been days since he last saw her. If it weren't for David, she wouldn't have gotten into his car or even spoken to him.

Benjamin felt jealous!

Finally, Madelyn made a move. She opened the mini-fridge in the car, grabbed a can of ice-cold cola and pulled the can's tab with her hand... And Benjamin just watched and didn't attempt to stop her.

The icy cola spilled directly onto his pants.

The freezing sensation made Benjamin almost jump out of his seat!

He looked at her deeply.

Madelyn gritted her teeth and said, "Benjamin, you can clean that with your own hands!"

With those words, she opened the car door and tried to get off, but Benjamin grabbed her and locked the door. He said in a husky voice, "You've spilled the coke on my pants, and now you want to run away? Aren't you responsible for cleaning them?"

Madelyn tried to pull her hand out of his grip, but she failed. He forced her to wipe the stain off his pants... As she was wiping, Benjamin's Adam's apple bobbed slightly. He asked, "Madelyn, did you do that on purpose?"

She shook his hand off.

Benjamin continued to stare at her and was trying to suppress his emotions.

Their gazes were meaningful.

Benjamin spoke softly, "Madelyn, it's been a long time since we had sex. I've missed you."

Tears welled up in Madelyn's eyes...

Everyone has sexual needs, but how could Benjamin say he wanted her after breaking her heart? Once again, she felt that they were not equal in this relationship.

She slightly tilted her head and tried to maintain her composure.

With all her strength, she calmly replied, "I'm sorry, but I don't want that."

She expected him to get angry...

To her surprise, Benjamin didn't show anger. Instead, he gently caressed her tender cheek, just like he had done so many times before!

His tenderness made Madelyn's heart ache!

Benjamin said, "The glass of this car is tainted. Madelyn, I want you so badly!"

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Madelyn was taken aback.

Then he held her in his arms tightly.

She gritted her teeth and asked, "Benjamin, what are you doing?"

He held her slender waist and whispered huskily, "Don't resist, or I can't promise I'm going to do anything to you. Be a good girl... It's your fault for spilling cola on me. I only intended to come and see you! Madelyn... I miss you so much..."

Madelyn couldn't escape.

She could only turn her face away and chose not to look or listen...

Chapter 188 Are You Satisfied Now?

After a long while...

Benjamin's moaning gradually stopped.

Inside the car, it was tense.

Madelyn was forced to lie on his shoulder, and her eyes were watery. Even though he hadn't really done anything to her, he was a total jerk!

Feeling humiliated, she asked, "Benjamin, could you let me go?"

Benjamin's slender fingers gently ran through her brown hair and eventually rested on her shoulder, trying to foster romantic intimacy.

Madelyn didn't move, for every move would make her even more embarrassed.

Once Benjamin quenched his desire, he turned his head and tried to kiss her...

Madelyn evaded his kiss and said, "I want to get off the car!"

Benjamin lifted her hair and looked at her delicate, porcelain-like face. After he was pleased, he was very considerate and caring. He said, "Your dress got stained. Let me clean it for you."

Madelyn wanted to do it by herself at first, but as she glanced at the dress, she gave up.

Benjamin meticulously wiped away the mark on her dress.

Then, he said in a low voice, "Madelyn, let's go back to how we used to be."

Madelyn slowly moved back to the passenger seat, and her face remained expressionless as if he was the only one that took the earlier tenderness seriously. She stared ahead and said coldly, "Being in a love triangle is suffocating."

Benjamin explained, "I don't love her."

Madelyn gave a mocking smile.

She said slowly, "Benjamin, as long as the bond between the Clark and Bennett families remains, you will always have contact with Eleanor. Just like her divorce case, can you stay out of it?"

Benjamin remained silent.

Madelyn found it pointless and just said calmly, "I want to get out of the car."

This time, Benjamin didn't stop her. He opened the car door for her. Suddenly a gust of fresh air rushed in, and he felt a sharp pang in his lungs.

Without looking back, Madelyn walked away.

Back at her apartment, Snowy wagged its tail and came to Madelyn. She poured some dog food into the bowl, saying, "Take your time eating."

She then headed to the bathroom to take a shower.

threw the dress tainted by Benjamin into the trash bin.

tingle that she realized it was already

to make a phone

like to meet with you."

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the Clarks' mansion...

seemed that Madelyn had finally

glistened

husband's hand and said, "You should make a good impression on her tomorrow and put in a good word for Ben. You can also bring Eloise along with you. I can tell Madelyn really likes Eloise and dotes

one year older

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would marry into their family. However, she came to complain about

politely bid farewell

was

and he said,

and within half an hour, Benjamin

by Alexander's furious shouting, "I told you to compete, not to target

amidst the broken pieces...

forehead was

away the blood, he replied slowly, "Dad, didn't you

Alexander was furious.

he ever taught

others. After their last conversation, he thought Ben

to scold "Did Madelyn hummed in response. to worry about us. I'll take care glared at him. you, you need to stop being a jerk. Don't scare Madelyn away. She came by earlier, and it looked father. How could he not want his son to strong-willed women can be moved by persistent suitors. Be nodded and walked called smiled and replied, suddenly he paused and chuckled, "Ben did a secretary was I face Owen in the future? The younger generation should compete for a girl's love through their own means. We elders can only play dumb attentively served him and my son, and he knows what he should secretary was Benjamin drove to Madelyn's the

Madelyn saw him through the peephole but hesitated to open the door. Benjamin said coldly, "I have a document in my hand that you might want to see. If you don't open the door, I promise I'll make it public right away."

Madelyn had to open the door.

After the door was opened, their eyes met, and they stood there in silence for a long time.

Benjamin gazed at her deeply.

He even asked her gently, "Have you come to my father? Is it to get rid of me and save David?"

That familiar sense of helplessness washed over Madelyn once more.

She was truly exhausted.

Almost pleadingly, she spoke to him, "There is nothing between me and David! Benjamin, can't you let me have normal social interactions and normal friendships?"

"But I can't help but feel jealous."

Benjamin stood at the doorway and said softly, "I know you and him can never be together, because deep down, you still have feelings for me. But every time I see him walking you home and helping you into the car, it bothers me."

He handed her the document.

"Take a look at this. I believe you will make the right choice."

Madelyn knew he was capable of anything now, so she quickly opened it.

With just one glance, her face turned pale.

It contained evidence of Owen's misconduct, and if any of it was leaked, it would ruin Owen's career as a lawyer and even destroy his reputation.

Madelyn clenched her fist.

She looked up at him in disbelief and asked, "Benjamin! Have you lost your mind?"

Benjamin reached out, gently caressed her face, and said with a smile, "I know how much you respect Owen and care for Florence. You want them to have a good life, don't you?"

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Madelyn stood there and stared at the document in silence.

Tears dripped down her cheeks.

She felt she was losing something precious, like... her freedom!

Her tears blurred the words on the page.

Her eyes in tears, she looked up at him and forced a faint smile, saying, "Benjamin, you win! I promise you, from now on, I won't see David or have any contact with him... Are you satisfied? If so, then just leave!"

She didn't want to see him!

She didn't want anything to do with him.

Benjamin remained still, and she repeated, "Mr. Clark...rest assured. From now on, I won't meet anyone you dislike. I will seek your approval before meeting with anyone. Are you satisfied?"

Chapter 189 Popular Nicolas

Madelyn's words dripped with sarcasm.

Benjamin felt his heart aching. He lowered his head and, after a long pause, he called out her name, "Madelyn..."

Madelyn made no response.

She tore the document into pieces silently.

Then, she looked at him as if he were a stranger and said, "Benjamin, I hope you'll keep your promise!"

He gazed at her, as he made a phone call to put an end to all the suppression against Oralas Technologies.

It was over...

Benjamin watched her back and wanted to reach out and touch her, but Madelyn's body stiffened instantly. He withdrew his hand and said with a forced smile, "I won't touch you! Madelyn, could you make me a meal?"

Madelyn didn't respond.

Benjamin couldn't help but hug her from behind. He rested his chin on her shoulder and muttered, "Please make me a meal. It's been so long since I had a proper meal. I can't sleep well at night when you're not by my side."

He was always... thinking of her!

Madelyn pushed him away.

She stood in the dark by the window and spoke in a hushed tone, "Benjamin, when I wanted to love you with all my heart, you didn't give me a chance. Now I don't want it anymore! And... I can never see David again, but I cannot be with you anymore. If you try to force me, I won't mind perishing together!"

She turned her head and said, "Mr. Clark, I believe public figures like you value their privacy, and even a single slip could tarnish your impeccable image, don't you think?"

Benjamin wasn't surprised.

After spending so much time together, it was natural for her to know some things. Of course, if those things were revealed to the public, they wouldn't cause much harm.

But now, seeing her so furious, he was willing to take a step back.

"I'll leave now... Remember to have your meal!" His tone was gentle as if he had changed into a tender and affectionate lover, and the threats from earlier tonight had never happened.

Before he left, Benjamin lightly caressed her back.

Madelyn froze and found his touch disgusted.

He paused and said in a husky voice, "Madelyn, I know you resent me, but I don't regret it!"

Madelyn sneered.

Of course, he had no regrets because he hadn't lost anything...

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The next day, Madelyn went to the Music Center and immersed herself in work.

Benjamin called several times, but she didn't answer.

He often sent flowers and ordered exquisite meals from fancy restaurants, but Madelyn never accepted them.

A week later, Vivian called.

"Madelyn, David is going to the South for a business venture. His flight will take off at two o'clock this afternoon! According to Grayson, he won't be back for at least one or two years, maybe even longer!"

Madelyn held her phone and stood by the floor-to-ceiling window.

She hummed.

Vivian asked, "Do... Do you want to go and bid him farewell?"

Madelyn tilted her head slightly, and after a moment, she replied, "No, there's no need. Please convey my regards...Never mind."

Vivian sighed.

still standing and gazing at the blue sky

David was leaving...

forget that on that darkest of nights, it was David who walked to her and filled her heart with hope and love. She also remembered his words when she was feeling lost, "Madelyn, let's give love a

David a

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"Ms. Green, the applicant for the driver is here. Should I bring

"Please, let him come in."

receptionist blushed and hurriedly left, which made Madelyn confused. Why did she blush

knew the reason.

in. Immediately, his long legs caught

had almond-shaped eyes, a prominent

like a model!

have come to the wrong place. We are hiring

tossed a folder onto her desk.

the fucking job I'm applying

The fucking...

at his file.

from Esrand, having a height of about six feet, with measurements

said, "Mr. Zachary, due

car driver. Offering to drive

Madelyn frowned.

dollars, and we don't provide accommodation. Take it or leave

that he wouldn't accept such an offer.

surprise, Nicolas

dollars a month without accommodation, are

to other

"Given your appearance, 10 thousand dollars a month wouldn't be a

got angry and retorted, "Damn! I'm not a rent

too small for such an important figure like him. If he were to stay, no female staff member in the Music

secretary blushed, feeling sorry for

that I am willing to drive for you.

carrying a lunchbox

lunch to Madelyn and saw a tall and incredibly handsome man standing in

He was radiant from

couldn't contain her

be Ms. Green's mother! Why did you come all the way here on such a hot day? Don't worry, I'm Ms. Green's driver. If you ever call, I'll be there to pick you up in an instant! Don't get

face beaming with

must be really good at acting!

monthly salary is only 1 thousand dollars, and I have

stared at her with trusting eyes. Camila

quickly answered on behalf of

a bit sad

was such a good-looking and sweet boy!

puppy eyes. Camila's heart softened, and she said, "I still have a vacant room. Let Nicolas stay

was against

stranger with an unknown background to live

when she left, she was very happy and insisted that Madelyn must hire

that Camila was in a

been in low spirits. Having someone as cheerful as him around

some documents and said, "Go and have a medical examination this afternoon. If everything is fine, you can

swinging his legs,

examination? I'm healthy as fuck!"

said, "Please get Mr. Zachary out

saying, "Alright, alright, I'm going... Will you come with

"Dorothy..."

okay, I'll go by

added, "I'll be waiting for

her and said, "I'll show you

. . .

me Ms. Green, and if you say a curse

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back and said to her with with indescribable emotions in

Madelyn had complex feelings.

She could tell that Nicolas came from a privileged background. Just his shoes alone were worth thousands of dollars, and the watch on his wrist was a rare collector's item from Patek Philippe. So she wasn't worried that he might harm Camila.

He probably was a runaway from a wealthy family.

The next day...

Nicolas came over with his medical report.

He leaned against Madelyn's desk and said, "Everything is perfect!"

Madelyn glanced at him and ordered, "Back off!"

Nicolas took a step back and said in a lazy voice, "From now on, I'll work for Ms. Green. I'll be there whenever needed...I'll do anything you ask. And, of course, I excel at driving. I have great skills. Would Ms. Green like to give it a try?"

Madelyn said expressionlessly, "Besides chauffeuring for me, the company also has a delivery truck for transporting equipment. There will be designated personnel to coordinate with you."

"What the hell! You are treating me like a workhorse!"

"Have you ever seen someone as good-looking as me doing manual labor?"

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"There's a popular nightclub called the Black Horse Club nearby. They're always hiring!"

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Nicolas leaned in and said to her seductively, "Not just anyone can touch my body."

He winked playfully.

Madelyn spoke sincerely, "Actually, you'd be a great fit for working there. I believe that within two months, you'll become a sensation in Gredax and be the top in the industry. It's a waste of your talents to work for me."

Nicolas seemed dissatisfied.

He took out his phone and made a call, "Camila, Ms. Green wants me to become a gigolo!"

Madelyn was shocked.

How did he get Camila's number? This guy...

As a result, Camila stood by Nicolas and scolded Madelyn. She also asked her to bring Nicolas home for dinner and invited Nicolas to spend the night over.

After hanging up, Madelyn lowered her head and continued reading the documents.

After a while, she said, "The faucet in the second-floor restroom is broken. Go and fix it."

Nicolas swung his long legs.

Damn it! She was getting back at him!

While he was repairing the faucet, he accidentally got his shirt soaked. He just walked through the Music Center shirtless. All the young female teachers blushed, but couldn't resist glancing at him from time to time.

His v-taper waist, muscular rear, and impressive six-pack abs!

Really pleasing to the eye!

His upper body naked, Nicolas settled into the driver's seat of Madelyn's car. Almost immediately, he complained, "This car is too cheap for my standards! You want me to drive it?"

Madelyn was sitting in the back and browsing the documents. Hearing his words, she calmly replied, "The delivery truck is cheaper!"

Seeing him shirtless, she ordered, "Put your shirt back on!"

"It's too wet to wear."

"Did you send me to fix the faucet on purpose because you wanted to see me naked...for free!"

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Madelyn furrowed her brow and asked, "Did you forget to get a mental health check during your medical examination?"

Nicolas started the car.

After a while, he retorted, "Should I also get a check-up in urology for Ms. Green?"

Madelyn wished she could fire him right now!

He had such a foul mouth!

She decided that after tonight, she would entrust him to take care of Camila exclusively.

Chapter 190 Old Sweetheart?

A champagne-colored BMW slowly drove into the neighborhood where Camila lived.

Camila had prepared dinner in advance and greeted them with a smile when they returned together. "I'll cook another dish real quick."

Madelyn handed her a box of chocolate.

Camila loved eating them.

Camila accepted it and glanced at Nicolas. He looked so spirited and energetic.

Nicolas was particularly well-behaved in front of Camila. He addressed her as "Mrs. Logan" and even offered to help in the kitchen. Camila couldn't bear to let him, so she smiled and told him to take a shower first.

Nicolas immediately picked up his luggage and went into the small room. His skilled manner made Madelyn suspect that Nicolas might be a relative from Camila's side of the family.

Camila finished cooking, and Nicolas came out of the room still wet.

He looked good in anything, especially with his long legs.

He sat next to Camila, picking up food for her and serving her rice, just like a loving son. Madelyn felt some aversion toward certain aspects of him, but she couldn't deny that he knew how to make Camila happy. Seeing Camila's joy, Madelyn couldn't help but feel happy too.

While they were having dinner, the doorbell rang.

"I'll go and answer the door," Nicolas volunteered.

Camila whispered softly, "This boy is really good, enthusiastic and polite." Madelyn smiled.

On the other side, Nicolas opened the door to find a middle-aged refined man and an old lady outside.

"Who are you looking for?"

William came with his mother and wife. When he saw the person who opened the door, he was momentarily stunned.

Did he come to the wrong place?

No, he didn't!

He asked politely, "Is Madelyn home?" Hearing his voice, Madelyn felt repulsed, but Camila gently pressed her hand and said, "Guests have arrived! Your father always taught you that we must not neglect courtesy." Madelyn forced a smile. Camila welcomed the Bennett family inside without offering any further comment. Madame Bennett had a look as if she was about to cry, "My precious granddaughter lives in such a house! Sob... William, you are not a good father."

William remained silent, his face gloomy. Madelyn's expression remained indifferent. "I'm doing fine! Mr. Bennett, you don't need to feel guilty!" Camila poured them coffee. Madame Bennett wanted to hold Madelyn's hand, but Madelyn avoided it.

The old lady looked heartbroken, "Why won't you acknowledge your roots? William has countless properties, and if you come back, all these things will be left to you and Eleanor. Your father and I would never favor one over the other." Madelyn felt numb hearing those words.

These people only wanted their own flesh and blood and didn't care about the pain she had to face in front of Eleanor. They didn't really want to take her in; they just wanted her to reconcile with Eleanor.

Madelyn was expressionless... Nicolas looked at her and then took a toothpick in his mouth, saying to Madame Bennett, "Only a few pennies, and you're acting like this?"

William's wife was displeased.

probably an employee, sneering,

down the

billion right now, want some?"

wife was trembling with anger.

said before that her upbringing is too complicated. She's not suitable for the Bennett

"Madelyn, is he really okay to stay here?"

my feet can no longer drive. Do you have

complicated or simple, I can't climb up to

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don't disturb

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gave him a sharp look. Who said they

wolf-dog had quite a fierce temper. With him here, guarding the Logan family, the Bennett family wouldn't be able to cause

Madelyn found him more agreeable!

drive because of her foot, did

best doctors to treat you... You possess my finest genes. Once your

a cold

you're looking for an

to explain, but Nicolas urged them to leave, "Go, go! We didn't make your dinner. It's unbelievable. One after another. But you can't be so

who was born and raised in Esrand,

seemed a

trace of warmth. Constance noticed his thoughts and gently stroked his arm. "We still have Eleanor, William. Eleanor is our true child! Raising is more important than giving birth. Madelyn

thought of Eleanor and felt a hint of tenderness

to have a good future after the divorce. If that could happen... their family

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Madelyn remained

proactively, "They won't be allowed

for her, but she wasn't blind. The Bennett family didn't care much about Madelyn, and they patted Camila's hand. "Mom,

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Camila, behaving affectionately, "That's right, Mrs. Logan, don't get upset. With me by your side, I guarantee you'll live a comfortable and radiant

but burst

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was somewhat worried, so she

little wolf-dog managed to

prepared to go to work. But as soon as she went

coughed lightly. "Just

said, "But Mrs. Logan asked me to accompany

dwell on

spoke softly, "Go to the music studio on

gesture and stepped on the accelerator.

if it were a moving overtaking machine. The journey that should have taken half an hour was

the car, opened the door for Madelyn, and complained, "Can you sit next to me from now on? Sitting in the back is making me feel old.

Madelyn looked at him, "I am your boss!"

She stepped into the elevator and turned around, "I won't need the car in the morning. Go back and accompany my mom. Go grocery shopping and chat with her!"

Nicolas leaned against the elevator, wearing an evil smile, "I got it. You want to possess me. You want me to get closer to your mom first, and then you can make your move! Ms. Green, confess your feelings early so that we can avoid unnecessary detours."

Madelyn stepped into the elevator and threw a sentence at him.

"Go get a psychiatric evaluation!"

Nicolas was like, "Damn!"

But he obediently went, and even brought back a receipt to request reimbursement. "Look, I'm perfectly normal! By the way, I also got a check-up about my male ability... Special vitality. Do you want to take a look?"

Madelyn ignored him.

She looked at an invitation in front of her, which was Bryson's wedding invitation.

On Saturday evening.

She couldn't believe that Bryson would invite her to his wedding, especially after her unpleasant encounter with Felicity. Just when Madelyn was puzzled, Bryson called her personally. He said it was Grayson's request this time. Grayson and Vivian got together and Grayson wanted to bring Vivian to the Wyatt family's wedding banquet. He wanted Madelyn to accompany them, preferably. Madelyn hung up the phone and touched her forehead, feeling helpless but unable to refuse.

Nicolas tapped the table, quite dissatisfied, "Wedding? Your old sweetheart?"

Madelyn didn't want to talk to him about these things.

In a cold voice, she said, "There's a piano that needs to be moved to the headquarter. Go and help!"

Nicolas ground his white teeth, "Ms. Green, you really know how to use people. I've given my all for you... I don't care, I want to attend the wedding of your old sweetheart and enjoy the free food and drinks. You have to compensate me!"

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Bravo Legal Firm.

A big shot came today, Tyler Zachary, the richest man in the south of Esrand. Tyler sat in Benjamin's office, exchanging pleasantries, "Ben, you're doing great here!"

Benjamin humbly replied, "It's nothing compared to Mr. Zachary!"

Tyler made a few more modest remarks before stating his purpose, "Ben, I won't beat around the bush. I came to Gredax for two reasons. First, I want to attend the Wyatt family's wedding. Second, I'm here to find my wayward son, Nicolas. He left home quietly, leaving a note saying he came to Gredax to do something big. I'm worried that he doesn't have any money with him!"

Benjamin thought of the little wolf dog.

He smiled faintly, "It's good for young people to experience some hardships. Mr. Zachary, don't worry!"

Tyler sighed, "That's easy to say, but I'm always worried he might go astray... Ben, you're familiar with Gredax, do me a favor and look for Nicolas!"

Benjamin still had a smile on his face. "Of course."

Tyler was impatient but genuinely missed his son. He sighed softly, "I don't know where Nicolas is now, and whether he's wandering the streets... Anyway, let's meet at the Wyatt family's wedding on Saturday!"

Benjamin saw him off politely.

After Tyler left, Paisley entered. "Mr. Clark, should we check Nicolas' information now? He must be using electronic devices, and I believe we can find something within half a day!"

Benjamin took a sip of coffee.

He smiled lightly, "Mr. Zachary spoils his son too much. Boys need to go through something themselves."