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Reporters were snapping photos non-stop of the big screen on stage and the current situation of Chloe, Lance, Keira, and Carolina.

At this point, they didn't even know what questions to ask, and they didn't really want to ask any questions either.

What else could they say?

These photos had already proven everything!

No wonder Miss Chloe had only asked about Mr. Jewell returning to the country half a year ago and then stopped talking.

So that's how it was!

Even the reporters who loved a good scandal couldn't bear to watch.

"Nobody has any evidence of Mr. Jewell from Zenith Capital Group and Miss Chloe's relationship, but even if there was evidence, their relationship could only have started half a year ago. Keira and Lance been together for over three years, and they're still playing innocent here."

"Yeah, looking back, Keira's behavior just now, when she confronted Miss Chloe, was simply ridiculous! She's shameless herself, but accusing others of being shameless? I'm just speechless!"

Keira's mind was in complete chaos at this moment, and she was trying her best to calm herself down. But the unbearable voices from the audience were disturbing her thoughts.

She couldn't calm down at all.

Chloe looked at the reaction of the entire venue and smiled contentedly.
She still stood in the center, her hands supporting both sides of the controller, and her cold voice came through the microphone.
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As soon as her voice rang out, everyone's gaze turned to her.
Her curly hair naturally draped over her shoulders, and she had a very imposing face with a smile.
The bright white light enveloped her, making her delicate features look even more noble and beautiful.
The whole noisy venue became quiet instantly, all quietly looking at the woman on stage who easily attracted everyone's gaze.
Chloe's cold eyes blinked gently, then closed and slowly opened.
Just this silent action expressed her helplessness at the moment, and even the faint sadness she couldn't hide.
Keira's frowning.
Was Chloe acting?
After being silent for a few seconds, Chloe sneered, then spoke again in a cold and indifferent tone,
"If you all could be a bit more honest and show me some respect, it wouldn't have turned into this mess

"I spent three years studying abroad, and you all ignored me. I returned to the country for three years, and you still never showed any concern for me. I've been to the Summers family's house less than three times... Grandma, as you said, I am still a member of the Summers family. So, you wanted me to stay calm, so I came today and I did... And you... One by one, treating me like a fool..."

Carolina's already pale face became even uglier after Chloe said those words!

Keira stood there, trembling with anger, her teeth clenching tightly against the inside of her mouth, a strong taste of blood bursting out, but she didn't notice.

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Tve never seen Miss Chloe before, not at Pulse Entertainment's annual party or any other occasion. It's always Keira who represents the Summers family! I've never even heard of Miss Chloe! They said they sent her abroad for her own good, but didn't give a damn about her for six years. Now they need her and call her back to take responsibility! How despicable!

"Take responsibility?"

"Yeah, didn't Miss Chloe just get asked by the Summers family to make sacrifices for the family? Isn't it obvious? Think about it, Keira is a hot star right now, at the peak of her career if it's exposed that she's meddling in other people's relationships..."

"Holy crap... Miss Chloe's fiancé got stolen by her own sister, and now she has to stand here and announce the cancellation of the engagement herself? How could she do this? Her fiancé and sister both betrayed her, and now she has to take responsibility, helping them solve the problem. Is she a fool?"

"If she doesn't want to, someone will force her to! Didn't you notice that photo just now? The birthday photo, do you know who's in it?"

"Lance, Keira, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Olson, and... Ms. Petry?!"

Yes! She already knew about the relationship between Lance and Keira, and both the Olson and Summers families have accepted their relationship! Just now, Miss Chloe mentioned that Ms. Petry asked her to think about everyone! The Summers family can't handle any more scandals now. Instead of exposing the scandal of their most beloved granddaughter ruining her sister's engagement, it's better to let their less loved granddaughter cancel the engagement directly."

"So Miss Chloe came! She's already in so much pain, and now she has to step up and take responsibility to help them solve the problem... My God, Miss Chloe values family so much, how could the Summers family do such a thing?!"

"Yeah, and just now, when Ms. Petry mentioned Mr. Jewell, judging by Miss Chloe's reaction, she's not familiar with this Mr. Jewell, and she's not even sure about Mr. Jewell's return to the country six months ago. Ms. Petry is obviously trying to push her to Mr. Jewell on this occasion. She thinks Miss Chloe will definitely think about everyone and not embarrass her at time, so she puts the label of betrayal on her again. If I had such a heartless grandmother, I might want to die!"

"I've never seen such shameless people in my life!"

In an instant, everyone's attitude towards Chloe changed dramatically.

Just because she's part of the Summers family, she was forced to take on everything for everyone's sake, unilaterally proposing to cancel the engagement!

But then her own grandmother pushed her to Mr. Jewell and forced the label of betrayal on her.

Due to the marriage between the Olson family and the Summers family, and Chloe's betrayal, the Summers family owed the Olson family, so it's only natural for their most beloved granddaughter Keira to marry Lance.

In the end, Keira became the one who sacrificed the most for the Summers family.

With a little thought, all these things are obvious.

Then, everyone started to recall every word Chloe said on stage-
"We've grown up together, with over a decade of friendship, and we've been together since we were 18, with nearly eight years of love"
"My relationship with Lance is no longer sustainable, and this engagement is a constraint for both of us. Breaking the engagement will set him free, and set me free too"
Now that they thought about it, every word was filled with pain!
However, all these things seemed so reasonable!
But Keira was stunned!
It turned out that Chloe had been pretending all along!
She had been enduring!
All of this, everyone's actions, were following her plan!
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Every word, every sentence, every expression she made was like bait, luring them into the trap she had set up beforehand.
She seemed so submissive, so helpless, which lowered everyone's guard. And just when they thought she'd definitely obey them, bam! She hit them with the deadliest blow!
What a sneaky bitch!
She planned everything so meticulously!

Neither the Summers family nor the Olson family could've imagined that Chloe had such a huge bargaining chip in her hands.
How on earth did she get those photos?
Carolina narrowed her eyes, staring at Chloe.
Was her granddaughter really this terrifying?
From the very beginning, she had been scheming everything, plotting against everyone present.
Everything they said, every action they took, every reaction of everyone in the room she foresaw it all!
In the end, she made them all the laughing stock with just one sentence.
And her, even though she felt something was off from the start, she let her guard down because of Chloe's compliance.
From beginning to end, her gaze, her expressions, were flawless!
She lived for so long, yet she fell into her own granddaughter's trap!
How deep could her scheming be at such a young age?
"Carolina, you really impressed me tonight! We are both your granddaughters, but your partiality is truly eye—opening! I don't understand why you're trying so hard to protect Keira, but remember, one day, I'll make you regret it!"
Chloe's words from not long ago suddenly echoed in her mind, sending a chill down her spine.

At this point, she started to believe in the meaning behind those words.
Faced with this unexpected chaos, everyone was freaking out.
Especially the Summers family, who wanted Chloe to take all the blame and minimize the negative impact.
But now, it's backfiring big time.
Keira's face remained pale for a long time. Enduring all the harsh comments, she glared at Chloe, wishing she could kill her directly.
Seeing Chloe's calm demeanor with a touch of victorious attitude, Keira gritted her teeth.
But she still managed to keep her last bit of sanity.
"Chole, you're so cruel."
Keira suddenly spoke, her already frail appearance now even paler, making her look more pitiful.
Her voice was soft and airy, and being the shining star she was, she drew everyone's attention on this eye–catching stage.
Hearing her words, Chloe's face only showed a cold smile.
She didn't say anything, but everyone could see her arrogant and prideful attitude, as if she was granting them the right to speak.
Keira clenched her teeth, hating Chloe, hating everything about her!

She took a deep breath, clasped her hands tightly, and said:

"So, you planned from the beginning to embarrass all of us in this kind of situation? You had everything plotted and prepared all these things. Don't you think everything went too smoothly? Sis, Pulse Entertainment is everything to the Summers family..."

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Keira's words got everyone in the room thinking.

The people there were either journalists or businessmen. As businessmen, they all understood one principle: how to operate to maximize profits and minimize risks.

And to achieve that, some sacrifices were necessary.

So, it seems that Ms. Petry's decision tonight was also for the company's benefit, which seems understandable.

Looking at the situation now, everything seems to be going in Chloe's favor, which is indeed too smooth...

The audience started whispering again, and the looks at Chloe changed again.

However, Chloe just smiled faintly and said softly:

First of all, those photos were not brought by me tonight. Secondly, so what if I did bring them? Pulse Entertainment is everything to the Summers family? Humph."

Chloe just chuckled lightly in the end, without saying anything else.

But suddenly, there was laughter from the audience.

"Exactly, if you guys did something wrong, why can't others expose it? What kind of logic is that?"
"That's right!If you didn't seduce your sister's fiance, there wouldn't be such a big joke tonight! Now you're blaming Miss Chole for not considering the company's interests? What a joke!*
Keira's face turned even paler.
Chloe just laughed again:
"Just now, you said that everything was planned by me, and everything went too smoothly tonight, right?"
Chloe paused, then nodded with a smile, "Yeah, I think it went really smoothly too!"
Keira breathed a sigh of relief, "You admit it?!"
Chloe's long eyelashes cast a small shadow on her pale face, "What's wrong with admitting that?"
"You"
This time, not only Keira, but even Lance, who had been standing quietly, turned his gaze to her.
However, Chloe just blinked, her bright eyes full of laughter, and her face still indifferent.
"So, may I ask, did I make Ms. Petry come on stage with me? Did I make Ms. Petry say that I broke off the engagement because I was with Mr. Jewell? Did I make you come on stage to question me why I betrayed Lance? Or did I make the two of you get together in the first place?"
Everyone fell silent at these words.

Chloe continued, "Things did go smoothly, but I have to thank you guys for that. Even without a script, you cooperated so well with me."
Keira's face changed again, her lips tightly clenched, almost bursting with anger.
That's true, Keira is indeed a good actor, she can perform so well even without a script!"
"No, it's because Miss Chloe is such a powerful director!"
"This is so exciting! If I invest in making movies in the future, I must invite Miss Chloe as the director."
Chloe smiled and then added, "Then I have to thank you for your appreciation first."
Everyone laughed.
Keira felt even more embarrassed.
After a while, Chloe said lightly.
"Anyway, Ms. Petry's actions tonight really disappointed me, and I guess the Summers family doesn't value me as a family. In that case, I can take this opportunity to cut ties with them. After all, for so many years, you've never really treated me as a member of the Summers family.
"Also, I hereby announce the termination of my engagement with Mr. Olson. From now on, we have nothing to do with each other, and we'll deal with our own affairs! I can give up eight years of love, so I can also give up more than a decade of friendship! Don't ever appear in front of me asking for

forgiveness, I will never forgive you!"

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Lance's face turned pale at this moment, and he involuntarily stiffened, clutching Keira's hand, his eyes following Chloe's figure as she left the stage, unable to look away.

Keira could clearly feel something was off with him. She bit her lip hard and broke free from Lance's embrace, wobbling towards the edge of the stage, shouting at Chloe's retreating figure "Sis, you can't force love. Lance has always been struggling in pain, and I feel guilty towards you too. All these years, I've wanted to tell you the truth... I'm sorry, it's all my fault. Yes, I can't control my feelings, it's me..."

"Enough, Keira! Don't say anymore. It's my fault. I'm the one who should apologize to Chloe, not you!"

"No, Lance, it's me, all me..."

Lance walked up and held the crying Keira in his arms, his face full of heartache and guilt.

Chloe stopped, turned around, and looked at the two people who seemed to be acting. She said coldly, "What's the point of saying all this? Do you want my blessings?" Chloe nodded, "A frivolous woman and an irresponsible man, you two really are a match! I wish you happily ever after!"

Just as Chloe's words fell, the big screen on stage suddenly flashed, and suddenly two cartoon children wearing red vests and bare butts appeared, shaking their butts.

At the same time, a child's sharp voice rang out-

"Congratulations to Miss Keira and Mr. Lance for finally ending their secret affair!"

The child's innocent and shrill voice echoed throughout the venue!

The whole room fell silent!

Chloe was stunned.

OMG
Whose idea was this?
Don't tell her it was Damon
His perfect image in her mind would be ruined!
Was he really that crazy?
A few seconds later, there was a sudden "bang" of fireworks exploding in the big screen, and the bursting sound echoed throughout the venue, with big letters at the top banner –
Celebration!
Chloe couldn't help but laugh softly.
Who could be so creative?
Who could make her laugh like this?
Please don't let it be Damon!
It would be so funny!
She could hardly imagine that Damon's perfect face would do such a thing!
Chloe's laughter successfully triggered laughter from everyone.

The next moment, the whole venue burst into laughter again.
"Who came up with this hilarious idea!"
"A frivolous woman and an irresponsible man are indeed a perfect match!"
"We'll all benefit, I really want to laugh out loud, we can't bear the damage from bad men and wicked women!"
Keira and Lance's faces changed instantly, not knowing what expression to make.
Chloe glanced at them and then smiled at them from a distance, saying, "Congratulations."
The laughter around them grew even louder.
Chloe just left the two words and turned away.
At this point, Carolina finally reacted and rushed off the stage.
"Stop!"
Her sharp voice rang out, but Chloe seemed not to hear it and walked straight towards the exit.
However, four tall bodyguards suddenly blocked her way.
Carolina walked towards her, angrily saying, "You are a member of the Summers family, do you really want to cut off blood ties just like that?"
Chloe's face was cold, about to speak, when suddenly a group of black-clad bodyguards rushed in. They easily subdued the four bodyguards and protected Chloe.

At the same time, a cold and stern voice came from the entrance of the banquet.
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"She can do whatever she wants."
Chloe's heart suddenly started pounding like crazy. That voice-
He's back!
But, wasn't he on a business trip in the U Country?
He said he'd be in the U Country for at least a week, but it hasn't even been a week yet!  Chapter 186
She reassured herself that she might have heard wrong, but she couldn't help but hope.
In the end, she couldn't help but take a few steps towards the entrance and saw the man she hadn't seen for six days walking towards her!
He was wearing a tidy black suit, tall and straight, with a handsome face. He looked very noble, and even the white collar of his shirt exuded an indescribable air of elegance.
The man seemed to see her too, and a slight smile appeared on his calm and deep face, making Chloe's eyes a little wet and her mood even more excited.
It really is him!
Walking next to Damon, Nate looked very uneasy.

Not only was he almost drowned by the strong love between the two, but he also felt very awkward.
Was he an invisible man?
He was right next to the man, alive and well.
Miss Chloe, could you spare some of your attention for others?
Everyone was scared by the sudden influx of dozens of bodyguards.
Before they could react, the four tall bodyguards just now had fallen to the ground.
And even those who didn't know anything could tell that the person who had just beaten them had been specially trained.
It took Carolina a long time to come back to her senses.
She frowned and then continued to walk forward.
Chloe was surrounded by dozens of bodyguards.
Her eyes followed Damon closely from far to near, and as he got closer, her expression became clearer. Because of the height difference, her slender neck had unknowingly risen.
Until Damon stood in front of her, she still looked up, unable to believe the handsome face of the man.
Seeing Chloe's shocked and bewildered look, Damon's deep black eyes were filled with an even deeper smile.

"You how"
Chloe mumbled, but before she could finish, Damon leaned forward slightly, and his handsome face got closer and closer to her, and he slowly kissed her.
Chloe's eyes became more and more dazed, the warmth and touch of his lips transmitted to her brain through her own.
It's him.
Nate, who had been standing by, had long turned away, walked past the bodyguards, and went to the front.
The kiss was short but passionate.
Damon let go of Chloe and looked at her with a smile.
Chloe finally regained her senses, gently touching her lips that had just been kissed, still feeling the man's touch.
"Why did you suddenly"
Damon's voice was full of deep joy, deep and warm.
*Just now, when you looked up at me, it was like you were asking for a kiss."
Chloe's ears turned red, "What nonsense are you talking about? I didn't!"
Damon suddenly leaned in closer to her again, his dark eyes filled with teasing.

"Are you sure?"
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Chloe's eyes were evasive, and she asked softly, "Sure about what?"
Damon smiled and said, "Seems like one kiss isn't enough for you to recognize me. Guess I'll have to kiss you more times!"
He moved closer to Chloe after saying that.
Chloe quickly dodged and, with a hand on his chest, laughed lightly, "Stop messing around"
"Ms. Petry, please stop!"
Nate's voice sounded serious, and two men in black suits immediately stood behind him.
Their eyes were emotionless, like cold blooded warriors, ready to make anyone pay for any inappropriate behavior.
Everyone could see that these men were not to be messed with.
Carolina also stopped in her tracks, frowning and staring at Nate.
"Who are you?" she asked.
Nate's eyebrows furrowed slightly, and he glanced coldly at Carolina, "You're not in a position to ask us questions."
His icy voice was full of contempt and disdain, and his arrogant attitude made Carolina's anger rise again.

"Who let you in? We've booked this place for the evening. Please leave!" she said. The corner of Nate's mouth twitched, "are you sure you want to bring up the booking issue?" Carolina fell silent, not answering immediately. Given the situation, it was clear that the newcomers were not to be trifled with. Unsure of their identity, Carolina didn't want to offend them recklessly. Despite disliking Nate's arrogance and rudeness, she held back. At this point, everyone started to gather around out of curiosity, Keira, somewhat anxious, pulled Lance towards the scene. Her gaze fell on the tall bodyguards, and she craned her neck to see inside but couldn't catch a glimpse of Chloe. She got nervous, and her eyes fell on Nate, whom she vaguely remembered. He was the one who had broken Amelia's arm at New World Plaza last time. So, the man speaking earlier was his boss? Who could it be? Keira thought for a moment and then smiled at Nate, "Sir, there might be some misunderstanding here. May I ask who you are?" Seeing Keira's pretend gentleness, Nate felt disdainful. He just stared coldly at her, watching her flaunt herself like a peacock.



controlled his strength because she was a woman, the slap was still powerful. Keira felt stinging pain in her mouth, the collision of her lips and teeth obviously causing them to bleed, filling her mouth with a metallic taste.
She even felt her lips swelling up, the pain unbearable.
"Keira!"
Both Lance and Carolina, who were closest to her, shouted in shock and anger.
Lance rushed over and held Keira in his arms.
"Keira
are you okay?!"
He tried to move her hand covering her mouth, but Keira used all her strength to keep her mouth covered, refusing to let go.
"No don't look at me"
She must look so ugly now!
Lance knew how much Keira cared about her look, and he could imagine the consequences of that slap.
He looked up furiously, his handsome face dark with anger.
"You…

The tall bodyguard was already very strong, having gone through special training. Although he had

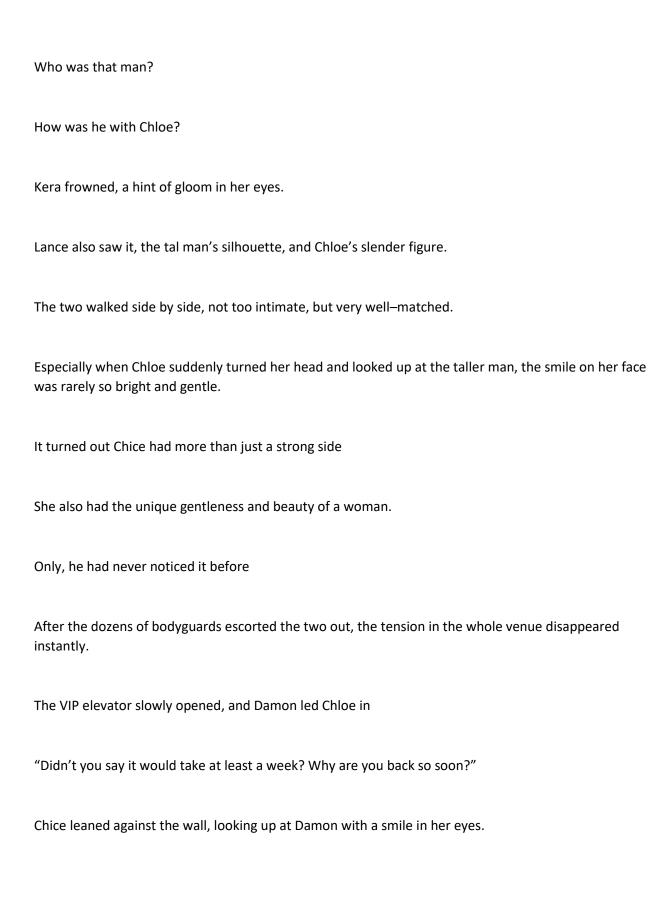
However, as soon as he opened his mouth, Nate's angry and stern voice rang out towards Keira. "This is just a lesson for you. If I hear you frame Miss Chloe again, I'll make you regret it!" Perhaps it was because he had spent so much time with Damon, but he could sense the cold aura emanating from Chloe even with so many people in between them. The overwhelming pressure was impossible to ignore. He couldn't let anyone bully or demean Miss Chloe! He had learned this soon after meeting Ms. Summers, and he reacted the moment he felt Mr. Harper's anger. Everyone was stunned by Nate's words. "You... what's the difference between you and a bunch of gangsters? How can you hit a woman like this?" Viviana had suffered enough humiliation tonight, but seeing her precious daughter slapped twice, how could she not be heartbroken? She angrily pointed at Nate, but clearly didn't dare to approach him. Nate glared at her coldly and said in a harsh voice: "We have never restrained ourselves when dealing with immoral people! Hitting a woman is not good,

but it doesn't mean we can't, especially when it comes to a malicious woman like



Carolina's face Ant and she showed
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Damon seemed to have antepated Carola's maction. He dost bother to say anything more to hert
Het werd his head to bok at the woman standing beside hist
4though the woman want short among as she could only reach his chin
Wever she got obse to him and looked at hen she had to raise her head just like before the perfect
timing for a kiss.
The Net ofference between him and her should be just right
Damon reached out and stroked Ches long hat rarely seeing her with her hair down like this
Se was smp beautiful
Chibe was a bit sh
She had thought that in such a station, she would feel sad because of the ruthlessness of the Summers
family, or be sarcastic about their actions.
But at this moment she was just shy by this man's gaze.
Damon's face was absolute stunning with a unique gentleness, staring at her closely, like an invisible bond, trapping her in place, unable to move.
This mark arence was too strong she couldn't focus on anything else now.
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Just being stared at with such eyes how many women could withstand it?
She slightly tied her head feeling uneasy, and hooked her hair behind her ear.
Her delicate smooth ear was exposed and her smooth forehead was faintly visible among her hair, covered with a soft glow from the lights.
Damon's hand in her har appled a little force
Nate he suddenly spoke up, his eyes never leaving Chloe's face.
"Yes st
You stay here
Yes
Damon faxed Chibes hair for her, and finally whispered.
Lets go
Chice didnt want to stay here any longer, so she naturally wouldn't refuse to leave now!
About a dozen bodyguards started moving, turning around, and walking towards the exit.
Kera still had her mouth covered, but she looked at the entrance and saw two silhouettes through the crowd.
The man was dressed in a sharp suit, tall and straight, his back exuding nobility and authority.



Damon stared at her face for a while, then his deep voice slowly sounded.
"Let's not talk about that for now
After that, his tall figure slowly approached her!
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Chloe instinctively pressed her back even tighter against the wall, looking a bit stiff.
Damon's warm fingers gently brushed across her fair and clean face, finally stopping at her jaw. He hooked her chin with his fingers, pulling her face back and slowly lifting it, forcing her to
look into his eyes.
Chloe could only stare at him.
Damon's deep eyes stared into hers, as if trying to see right through her.
"Do you know what I want to do?"
Chloe nodded slightly, a hint of a smile in her eyes. "I think I have an idea."
Damon's fingers caressed her chin, chuckling lightly. "Tell me, what do I want to do?"
"Kiss me"
Damon, laughing, said, "Alright

Chloe hesitated for a moment, quickly realizing he might have misunderstood something, and hurriedly said.
1 mean, you want to
She tried to explain hastily, speaking quickly, but before she could clarify, the man kissed her.
Cool and soft
Her body shivered slightly, her hands pressed tightly against the wall behind her, her body tense.
He gently caressed her lips, tracing her beautiful lip shape with the tip of his tongue.
His cool and pleasant scent filled her nostrils, and Chloe's heart suddenly relaxed deeply, her tense body gradually easing.
Suddenly, a strong arm wrapped around her waist, and his tongue pressed forcefully, prying open her teeth without hesitation, slowly swirling in her mouth, entangling with her tongue. Chloe's head gradually started to heat up, tilting back to receive the man's increasingly domineering and intense kiss, her timid tongue gradually beginning to respond to him.
The kiss involuntarily intensified, especially when the woman in his arms softened and began to shyly respond to him.
This woman's influence on him had reached an incredible level.
He couldn't help but want to get close to her, kiss her, hold her, even if she was just by his side, appearing in his sight, it was enough.
She was addictive, more dangerous than alcohol.

He shouldn't get addicted, shouldn't get infatuated, shouldn't get too deep.
Someone once gave him these consolations and warnings, but whom?
He forgot, and didn't want to remember.
As long as she was in it too, he didn't mind.
Let her be his weakness, how could he, Damon, not even able to protect his own Achilles heel?
Damon kissed passionately, giving her air whenever she couldn't catch her breath, continuing this deep kiss.
When the elevator slowly descended to the underground parking lot, Damon finally let her go.
Chloe clung tightly to his shirt, gasping for breath, her thin lips now reddened and swollen,
Her heart was pounding fiercely, her head feeling a bit numb and confused from the brief lack of oxygen or the intensity.
A deep, captivating voice sounded in Chloe's ear, "Do you know now how much I've missed you?"
Chloe heard it loud and clear.
Chloe's legs were still a bit weak, but she still gathered the strength to stand on her tiptoes and tightly wrap her arms around Damon's neck.
"I missed you too."

Damon's hands wrapped around her waist, his tall body bent slightly, allowing her to easily embrace
him.