

The Billionaire Alpha's Contract Lover by Caesar Erickson

Chapter 1341

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The next day, after Taya woke up and saw Grace off, the first thing she did was call Harper.

"Did you go see Preston?"

"I did..."

Harper, who was eating breakfast, absentmindedly replied.

Taya couldn't quite understand Harper's indifferent tone, it seemed like she didn't care much about Preston.

"Did you two resolve your conflict?"

Edith had already told Griffon about the events leading up to Preston's car accident. Naturally, Taya also knew that Preston had driven drunk after seeing Harper and Jayden kiss.

Her thinking was that when two people have a conflict, and

the man gets hurt, the woman going to visit should help to ease things.

"His girlfriend is here, so there's nothing for me to handle."

When Taya heard that he had a girlfriend, she was

momentarily stunned.

"His girlfriend is...?"

Preston had never mentioned having a girlfriend before, and she hadn't seen any women around him lately.

“It’s still the same one, Elsie.”

The mention of Elsie snapped Taya out of her daze.

“If I had known this, I wouldn’t have called you...”

Seeing Preston’s first love in this kind of situation made Harper feel uncomfortable.

“I’m fine, don’t blame yourself.”

“Is it because of Elsie that your relationship has gotten worse?”

“It’s not just Elsie...”

“Hmm?”

Taya couldn’t quite understand. It wasn’t just Elsie, were there other people involved?

After thinking for a moment, Harper explained the whole story

to Taya.

After a moment of silence, Taya finally understood the whole situation. Her beautiful eyebrows furrowed slightly.

She couldn’t help but think that Preston getting into an accident for Harper meant that he still had strong feelings for her. And Harper’s obvious concern when she heard about

Preston’s accident showed that she still cared about him.

But Harper was currently dating Jayden, and if Taya spoke ill of him, it would put Harper in a difficult position.

Taya was torn and hesitant. After struggling internally for a while, she finally decided to speak the truth.

“Harper, even though Jayden is your boyfriend now, I still want

to say that Preston is not the kind of person who resorts to violence easily...”

Taya still remembered that rainy night five years ago, when

she was drenched and unable to get a taxi. It was Preston who stopped his car and let her in. He noticed she was cold and adjusted the air conditioning for her. In the end, he even gave her an umbrella. Throughout the entire experience, he was polite, courteous, and gentle.

Perhaps in the two years since Preston and Harper broke up, his temperament had changed somewhat, but deep down,

womanizer, he wasn't the type of person without manners. There must be some misunderstanding in all of this.

Chapter 1342

“Last time at Stella's villa, Jayden said a few words that angered Preston. This time in the hospital room, in a place where you couldn't see or hear, Jayden might have said something unpleasant. Otherwise, it was just a sentence asking him to attend the mating ceremony, and Preston got so

angry that he resorted to violence. It doesn't make sense.”

Taya's words gradually calmed Harper's restless heart.

She quieted down and carefully thought about it, and it

seemed to be true.

Preston didn't bother to complain, so when she asked, he

didn't feel like saying much.

And she knew Elsie wanted to mate Preston, so how could she

go and ask Elsie and expect to get the real answer?

She also let her lack of rationality blind her for a moment,
but...

“Jayden is my senior in school, he excelled academically back then. He doesn’t seem like a person who would lie, and it was
him who asked me to visit Preston.”

The saying “Those who are directly involved are confused, while onlookers see clearly” applies to Harper and Taya. In the past, Taya was deeply trapped, and it was Harper who constantly reminded her. Now, it’s Taya’s turn to help Harper analyze things clearly...

“When he asked you to visit Preston, it was indeed generous of him. But why did he wait for you to arrive before bringing a fruit basket and flowers to the hospital?”

A truly generous person wouldn’t go along, or when Harper planned to go, he would suggest going together or not allow her to go. These are things a genuine boyfriend can do. But after promising Harper, he went alone, even pulled Harper into the hospital room, and then avoided Harper and went back to find Preston. Is this really the right thing to do?

“Are you suggesting that Jayden did it on purpose?”

Taya couldn’t respond to this. She didn’t know if Jayden did it on purpose or if it was for the purpose of asserting his authority. Although doing so wasn’t wrong, Taya felt that he shouldn’t have done it when Preston was injured. It could have been at another time.

Seeing that Taya didn’t know how to evaluate it either, Harper decided not to ask further and planned to personally ask Jayden what he said to Preston.

Just as Harper ended the call with Taya, Mandy walked in with Jayden. “Jayden, have you had breakfast? Would you like me to get you some porridge?”

Jayden politely declined, “Thank you, Mandy. I’ve already had breakfast, so you don’t have to trouble yourself...”

Mandy liked polite young men like Jayden. Unlike Preston, who always acted like a young master and made Harper serve him.

After comparing them in her mind, Mandy smiled and brought him to the dining room. "Harper, Jayden came to see you early in the morning..."

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He was about to go find Harper, but when he saw her, he greeted her and asked her to sit down.

Mandy took away the leftover breakfast of Harper and brought two cups of coffee for them.

After Mandy finished her work, Harper looked at Jayden and said, "I was just about to go find you, but I didn't expect you to come."

Jayden didn't ask Harper why she wanted to find him. Instead, he reached out and held Harper's hands, sincerely apologizing to her:

"I'm sorry. I was too selfish yesterday. I actually wanted you to visit Preston on your own, but I couldn't control myself and wanted to go with you to see him. Maybe I was afraid that you would get hurt because of him and go back to him again. That's why I foolishly used this way to hold onto you. I didn't expect that my appearance would anger Preston. I'm really

sorry..."

In Jayden's eyes, there was a look of remorse. He seemed to have done something terribly wrong, appearing guilty and helpless.

Harper shifted her gaze away from his face and looked at the hands that held her. She wanted to pull them out, but he held them tightly in his palms.

He held onto her as if holding onto a lifeline, using all his strength, gripping tightly...

"Listen to me and then decide whether to let go of my hand."

Harper looked at Jayden, somewhat puzzled.

“What?”

Jayden took a deep breath and revealed everything.

“After I returned to the ward yesterday, I did say some unpleasant things to Preston.”

Harper thought she needed to question him before he would speak, but she didn’t expect him to admit it directly without waiting for her to ask. This left Harper unsure of how to react.

“Why did you say unpleasant things to him?”

A hint of anger slowly appeared on Jayden’s face.

“Because he doesn’t respect you. You were worried about him and rushed to see him, but what did he do? He spilled the

fruits we brought and told us to leave. I was very angry at that time and I also felt that it was unfair for you. Why can he let

his girlfriend provoke you, but you can’t bring your boyfriend to see him?”

“I was angry, so I used the excuse of delivering flowers to intentionally return to the ward and say a few things to him. I went there with anger, so naturally, the words I said were not very pleasant. But I really didn’t say anything too harsh. I just stated the fact that we get along well together. Who knew he couldn’t accept it...”

“Harper, Preston’s feelings for you are not just a mere desire. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have reacted that way. He clearly still wants to possess you. But I am your boyfriend now. With him lurking around us like this, how can I handle it?”

Jayden laid out his selfishness openly, making Harper, who even had some doubts about him, suddenly stand in his shoes and even empathize with Jayden’s thoughts and feelings. It seemed that what he did wasn’t that excessive...

“The reason why I didn’t tell the truth when Preston

questioned me was because of the situation at that time. It

really made it impossible for me to say it. You also know that his girlfriend was there. If I said that Preston loves you very much, what would his girlfriend think? It would embarrass all

four of us!"

misleading you and lying to you. If..."

At this point, Jayden suddenly paused, looked up at Harper, and his eyes were filled with tears.

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"If you think I'm despicable, then you can choose to break up with me. I have no complaints, just..."

He took a deep breath, tightened his grip on Harper's hand, holding it firmly in his palm.

"I've had a crush on you since high school, and my feelings for you have never changed. If it weren't for Preston, I wouldn't have become like this..."

He explained what happened yesterday, admitted his mistakes, and revealed his selfishness. Now he's choosing to retreat as a way to move forward...

"Now, whether or not to let go of my hand, it's up to you."

Harper stared into Jayden's clear and bright eyes, momentarily feeling confused.

"I..."

"I know that in your heart, you still have a preference for

Preston. If you let go of my hand and choose him, I won't have anything to say."

preference for Preston...

Yes, she couldn't let go of Preston, and being with Jayden was already unfair to him. It's not surprising that Jayden would say hurtful things to provoke Preston; it was all her fault...

"Senior, it's my fault for not completely breaking up with him. That's why you ended up doing things that weren't right. I..."

"You want to let go of my hand, don't you?"

The smile at the corner of Jayden's lips grew more bitter, as if he had already prepared himself to be abandoned, but felt incredibly sad because he couldn't bear it.

"It's alright. You and Preston be happy together. Just consider me a pa*sing cloud."

After saying that, he grabbed Harper's hand, gently pressed it against his cheek, and reluctantly let her go...

Seeing that Harper still didn't hold his hand back, the disappointment in Jayden's eyes was almost like falling into an abyss.

"Take care of yourself. I... I'll go first."

As he stood up, he accidentally bumped into the corner of the table. He rubbed his thigh in embarra*sment and fled, leaving

Harper with a tight grip on her hand.

Sitting in the restaurant, staring blankly at the table, Mandy's startled voice came from outside-

"Harper, come quickly! Jayden had an accident!"

Harper's heart skipped a beat, and she quickly got up and ran outside. At a glance, she saw Jayden's car crashed into a wall, the front of the car dented with thick smoke billowing.

She was shocked and hurriedly approached. Through the car window, she saw Jayden's face, slumped against the airbag, his hand gripping the steering wheel, but a long gash was cut open by the windshield, blood flowing profusely...

"Jayden!"

She desperately tried to pull open the car door, but it was locked and wouldn't budge. She could only frantically pound on the car window, trying to wake Jayden up.

"Jayden, don't fall asleep, quickly open the door!"

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Jayden, who still had a hint of consciousness, slightly moved his eyes and saw Harper desperately tapping on the car window. His awareness gradually became clearer...

He endured the intense pain on the back of his hand and raised it to press the unlock button.

As soon as the car door opened, Harper immediately went forward to support him.

"Senior, how are you?"

Jayden, who was helped out, leaned against the car door and sat on the ground.

"I'm fine..."

"Besides the cut on your hand, are you injured anywhere else?"

Harper was a bit anxious, inspecting his injuries up and down, but Jayden held Harper's hand.

"Don't worry, only my hand is injured, everything else is fine."

"Let's still go to the hospital for a check-up."

Harper helped him up, and Mandy beside them said, "I've already called an ambulance, it will be here soon."

“Mandy, go get the first aid kit and stop the bleeding first.”

Jayden was a surgeon, and if his hand was injured, how could he perform surgery in the future? His hand must not be ruined.

Mandy quickly fetched the hemostatic medicine and gauze. When Harper sprinkled the powder on the wound, Jayden let

out a hiss.

“Does it hurt? I’ll be more gentle.”

Harper’s movements gradually became gentler.

Looking at Harper, who was focused on stopping the bleeding, Jayden couldn’t help but hold her hand again.

“Harper, breaking up with you is so painful, I don’t know how I will spend my days without you in the future...”

The warmth between their fingertips caused Harper to slowly stop her movements.

She raised her eyes and looked at Jayden, seeing his messy hair, covered in cold sweat, completely different from when they first met, with his gentlemanly and refined demeanor. Harper knew that Jayden had become like this because of her...

He had used some means, including the retreat strategy just now, in order to keep her. Harper understood this clearly. But he also honestly explained the reason, it was because Preston

His way.

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Drops of blood from Jayden’s hand back fell onto Harper’s hand, making her hesitate for a long time. Then she raised her hand again and continued to help him stop the bleeding.

“Have you set a time to meet your parents?”

Hearing Harper suddenly ask this question, Jayden was a bit confused and glanced at her.

“Yes, it’s next month, they will return to the country.”

After saying that, Jayden added:

“Don’t worry, when I go back, I will call them and tell them not to come.”

After a few seconds of silence, Harper raised her head again and faced him.

“Since it’s been decided, don’t change it.”

Jayden was stunned for a moment, then quickly reacted.

“You... don’t plan on breaking up with me?”

Harper also decisively shook her head.

“No.”

She was not a person who treats relationships casually. Jayden

also hadn’t made any fundamental mistakes. It was only because of Preston’s presence that he had done something unscrupulous. It seemed unreasonable to abandon Jayden just because of that...

Chapter 1346

Jayden was so happy that Harper didn’t break up with him that he ignored the pain on his hand and hugged her tightly, holding her in his arms.

“I thought that after today, we would never have any connection again...”

He rested his chin on Harper’s shoulder and said sincerely:

“Thank you for choosing to forgive me...”

Harper didn't say anything, she just raised her hand and patted his back.

“Let's get you on the ambulance first.”

After Jayden was taken to the hospital and the Stella finished examining and stitching his wounds, Harper finally sat down by

his bedside.

“Preston has been wrongly accused, and I need to clear his name. I'm going to find him now, apologize, and then I won't see him anymore. Do you mind?”

Harper meant that she wanted to completely cut ties with Preston, and Jayden, being smart, naturally understood.

“I don't mind, but the one who should apologize is me, not you.”

“Please don't go.

Harper shook her head and Jayden's gaze dropped.

“I know that Preston is just like me, he doesn't want to see you and me together.”

Harper could feel the resentment in Jayden's heart.

She stared at Jayden's fair and handsome face and calmly said:

“Jayden, I really want to mate you. If I choose you, then it's you. Unless you betray me, I won't easily change my mind. So don't mind Preston anymore, don't provoke him. If you do it again next time, I won't forgive you.”

Harper made it clear that she was giving Jayden another chance, but if he repeated the same mistake, she wouldn't forgive him again...

Jayden, who understood, looked at Harper and nodded: “Alright, I promise you, I won't provoke him anymore.”

He used some methods, but so what? The person he wanted would stay by his side, and that was enough.

Jayden didn't think there was anything wrong with using some means to get what he wanted.

After clarifying things with Harper, Jayden got up and went to the hospital where Preston was.

Just as they got into the car, Taya called.

"Harper, did you ask Jayden? Did he tell you what offensive things he said to Preston?"

As Harper started the car, she replied to Taya:

"He didn't tell me exactly what offensive things he said, but it doesn't matter now. I have made up my mind."

Chapter 1347

Taya, who was holding the brush and drawing, paused for a moment when she heard this, then put down the pen and ruler, and reached out to pick up the phone.

"What do you mean you've thought it through?"

"I got angry with Preston before, that's why I agreed to date Jayden. I had selfish motives, but he was genuinely interested. In this period of time, except for when Preston shows up and he does something out of line, he has been good to me..."

Taya understood. Harper knew what Jayden had done, but chose to forgive him, but...

"What about Preston? He must be feeling really bad being misunderstood."

Taya implied that Harper should also consider Preston's feelings.

When Harper thought about how Preston was wrongly

accused, she felt a sense of guilt surging up inside her, but she tried her best to suppress it.

“Taya, when I agreed to mate Jayden, he had already set a date with his parents.

“I willingly agreed to be with Jayden. I can’t just push him away because of this.”

“I have to take responsibility and not deceive him and his parents, or else my conscience will feel guilty!”

Harper realized where the problem lay, but now she was no longer concerned about her own feelings.

Even if it were Taya, she couldn’t help Harper make the right judgment. After a few seconds of silence and hesitation, she still spoke up to advise Harper.

“You haven’t been dating Jayden for very long. How about talking to him some more and considering mating?”

It’s not that Jayden is not good, but Harper doesn’t seem to like him that much.

Of course, according to Harper, it’s better to mate someone who loves her than someone she loves.

That way, even if she ends up getting hurt or betrayed, she can leave without any complications.

No love, no pain.

Harper’s concept of

But as her sister, Taya still hopes that Harper can be happier.

Just like her, even though it was painful in the beginning, she chose to be with the person she loves, and their mated life is

happy.

At least, she is happy now. She will leave the future to bear whatever changes may come.

That's how Taya thinks, but Harper doesn't. After all, she has already experienced this kind of pain once.

"I know you're worried about me, but don't worry, I'll be fine."

Taya wanted to persuade her again, but Harper didn't want to talk about it anymore.

"You're so busy yourself, don't worry about me. Go prepare for your international court case."

Harper knew about Taya being sued by Jocelyn and having to go to the international court.

She herself was extremely busy, and it was too burdensome for her to care about her emotional issues.

With a few words, Harper dismissed Taya and made up an excuse to end the call.

Chapter 1348

Taya stared at the dark screen, feeling a bit down, and let out a heavy sigh.

Griffon, sitting on the couch and looking at financial data, waved to her when he heard her.

“Come here.”

Taya put down her phone, got up from her seat, and walked over to Griffon.

Once in front of him, the man extended his fair hand and pulled her waist, letting her sit on his lap.

“Did Harper choose to forgive Jayden?”

Taya hooked her arms around his neck and rested her head against his forehead.

“Babe, how did you know?”

After speaking, Taya loosened her grip on his neck and pinched his well-defined handsome face.

“Look at how foolish I am. You’re sitting across from me, so you

have ne

Griffon’ face was sculpted with such precision, every inch perfect.

Being pinched by Taya was like adding a few drops of color to a three-dimensional sculpture, making his cold and handsome face come alive.

Griffon’ face and hair were off-limits to everyone, except for Taya, who would often pinch his face and mess with his hair.

She didn’t have the courage to do this before, but after getting mated, he gave her a sense of security, which made

her dare to touch him.

Griffon, who was enjoying it, took hold of her hand as she

continued to ma*sage him, and looked up at Taya with clear eyes and a happy smile on his face.

“Even if I hadn’t heard, I still would have guessed.”

After rubbing her nose, Griffon lifted her up in his arms.

Suddenly airborne, Taya had to lift her legs and straddle his waist.

“Where are you taking me?”

While waiting at a red light, Harper saw a shop on the

street and remembered Preston saying that he loved orange-flavored gummy candies.

At that time, Harper was nestled in his arms, asking him why

he liked these kinds of things that little girls loved to eat.

He said that on the night she accidentally broke his bones, he relied on these gummy candies to endure the pain, and every

time he ate them, he would think of her.

Harper stared at the shop, hesitated for a few seconds,

parked the car, and went inside. It took her a while to find the orange-flavored gummy candies.

She bought a lot of gummy candies and carried them to the

hospital, taking a familiar route to Preston’s room...

There were many people inside, mostly Preston's friends, who were making a lot of noise and trying to make Preston laugh.

The person in the hospital bed, however, didn't have much of a reaction, only showing a change in expression when he saw her through the crowd.

Anthony saw her coming and quickly made an excuse to take his friends and leave.

Once they left, only Harper and Preston remained in the hospital room.

Preston didn't want to pay attention to her and simply closed his eyes.

Chapter 1349

After giving him a glance, Harper walked over and sat down in the seat where Anthony had just been sitting.

"I know you don't want to see me again, but please rest assured, I won't come again after this."

Preston's hand, which was placed under the blanket, tightened. slightly, but then seemed to relax quickly.

"What do you want from me?"

Seeing him speak calmly, a trace of apology appeared in Harper's eyes.

"I already know about the misunderstanding with Jayden, I'm sorry for letting you be misunderstood."

This belated apology from Harper made Preston's nose tingle with sourness.

Despite feeling extremely aggrieved, he forced himself to act as if nothing was wrong.

He had been going through these past two days like this, no one knew how much he was suffering.

But when Harper said, “let you be misunderstood,” a lot of his sadness dissipated.

“Do you now know what kind of pers

He glared at Harper, his grievances reflected in his reproachful gaze.

Harper nodded lightly, not saying anything more, and simply handed the candy in her hand to Preston.

“Your spine is injured, it must be more painful than when it was fractured. I bought a lot of orange-flavored candy for you. Eat one when it hurts.”

Looking at several bags of candy, Preston’s already sour nose became even more bitter.

They had been apart for almost two years, and Harper had never cared for or comforted him.

He almost thought that she had forgotten that he liked this flavor of candy, but she remembered.

After feeling a little better in his heart, Preston endured the bitter sense of grievance and lifted his delicate chin.

“Don’t think that buying some candy will make me feel better...”

Harper looked at Preston, who looked like a pup, and smiled, then took out a candy from the paper bag, unwrapped it, and offered it to him.

“I’m not a pup, I won’t eat it...”

Preston tightly pursed his lips and awkwardly

But when Harper tried to put it in his mouth several times, he obediently ate it.

Actually, he was just a pup, easily placated with a piece of candy.

Harper knew this, but she had never done it before. He felt truly aggrieved.

Harper stared at Preston as he leisurely ate the candy, unable to hold back her tears.

"I bought so many candies for you. If you accidentally get hurt in the future, take one out and eat it. But..."

After pausing for a moment, she took a deep breath.

"In the future, don't think of me anymore."

Preston had just tasted a hint of sweetness, but because of this sentence, it suddenly turned bitter and unbearable.

He stopped chewing, raised his eyes, and looked at the woman sitting in front of the hospital bed.

With just one glance, he saw her true intentions from her eyes.

"Even if you know that Jayden framed me, you have no intention of breaking up with him, right?!"

He thought she had found out the truth and bought candy to reconcile with him, but she had no intention of breaking up with Jayden at all.

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Chapter 1350

Staring at Preston's gradually reddening eyes, Harper unconsciously clenched her fists.

"Jayden didn't make a fundamental mistake, so I have no reason to break up with him. But I misunderstood you, it was my fault, that's why I came to apologize to you."

Preston felt like a fool. Just a piece of candy and he was appeased. In less than a minute, he had already forgiven her in his heart. But what did Harper bring him?!

“If there’s no fundamental mistake, you won’t break up with him? Do you have to wait for Jayden to cheat on you like your ex-husband before you’ll break up?”

“If that’s the case, Harper, I can-only say that you don’t know people well, and you’ll end up being abandoned, which is your own fault!”

Preston’s words were harsh.

That resounding voice struck Harper’s heart, causing the color to drain from her eyes.

“Preston, even if I end up being abandoned, that’s my business, it has nothing to do with you...”

Preston chuckled in anger.

“It has nothing to do with me? Fine then, go find Jayden, what are you doing sitting here?!”

Harper looked at Preston, who was starting to speak angrily again, and took another deep breath.

“I’m sitting here to tell you that we shouldn’t see each other anymore. Jayden would mind, and if he minds, he might do something bad. For your own good, after we meet today, let’s disappear from each other’s worlds...”

“For my own good...”

Preston, who was extremely disappointed in Harper, sneered.

“I said yesterday that I didn’t want to see you again. I’ve made it clear that I want a clean break. You didn’t have to come here to

say it again!”

After speaking, Preston forcefully raised his hand again and threw the bags of gummy candies at Harper.

“Take your candy and give it to your Jayden to eat. I don’t need it!”

Covered in candy, Harper didn’t get angry with Preston. She silently bent down, picking up the scattered candies one by one.

Watching her squatting on the ground, silently picking up the candies, Preston felt both angry and wronged.

“You know that I love you, right?”

Harper’s hand holding the candy tightened, but it quickly relaxed, returning to normal.

After putting the candy back in the bag and placing it on the bedside cabinet, she raised her eyes and looked at Preston, who was seething with anger.

“I know, but I’m already at the point of getting mated to Jayden. I can’t break my promise, I’m sorry.”

“Then what about me? What should I do?”

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Chapter 1351

Preston asked this question with a trembling voice, his pale face devoid of any color.

He could feel that this time, Harper was truly determined to cut ties with him completely. He couldn’t bear to lose her more than being angry at her...

He admits that he is worthless, but what can he do? He has fallen in love with Harper, with this woman who is so bad for him.

This is the first time that Preston has shown such a helpless and sorrowful expression in front of her, and Harper’s heart aches along with him.

“You’re a good person. You will definitely find someone who is more suitable for you in the future.”

Ignoring the pain in his spine, Preston reached out and

grabbed Harper, pulling her into his arms without any hesitation.

"No, there won't be anyone more suitable for me than you. I don't want anyone else, I only want you."

Preston held her tightly, as if wanting to blend her into his very bones, using all his strength.

"Harper, I only want you."

Harper had never felt such intense love from Preston before, it was the first time, and her heart couldn't bear the pain.

"I am selfish, I am not worthy of you."

She was very selfish.

The person she loved the most was always herself.

Because even if Preston had a girlfriend, he could still calmly say that he loved Harper.

She couldn't imagine being with Preston and seeing him embrace other women while professing his love for them.

Just thinking about such a scene made her feel terrified, so how could she dare to choose him? She believed that even if Jayden cheated on her, it wouldn't cost her half of her life, but Preston would.

So, in order to protect herself, she would remain selfish to the end...

She lifted her hand and gently patted Preston's back, just like when he sought comfort, she patiently comforted him.

"You must live a good life..."

Even if he hugged her with all his strength, Preston felt her getting farther and farther away from him.

He was a bit scared, so he tightened his arms and held Harper tightly in his embrace.

"I will hate you..."

He wasn't inherently bad, even if he hated her, how far could his hatred go?

Harper ran her fingers through the thick hair on the back of his head.

"Preston, we can't go back anymore..."

He thought that by holding her tightly, she wouldn't leave, but in the end, she still wanted to go. Preston slowly released Harper, weariness evident in his eyes after losing the love he couldn't have.

"Have you made up your mind?"

Chapter 1352

Harper, standing up straight, stood in front of the hospital bed and stared at him for a while before nodding gently.

She was always resolute, once she made a decision, it was difficult for her to change it. Preston knew her personality well.

But looking at Harper's determined expression, Preston's exhausted eyes gradually turned red...

"Then go."

He collapsed onto the hospital bed, turned his head, and looked out the window.

Staring at his pale yet still handsome profile, Harper mentally put an end to their intense and tumultuous five-year

relationship.

"Preston, goodbye."

After the sound of footsteps faded away, Preston turned his bloodshot eyes and looked at the receding figure that didn't even glance back, suddenly clenching his fists.

"Harper, if you walk out that door today, we will never have a chance again!"

This was his last opportunity, once missed, it would be gone.

Harper's steps paused for a very long time, but in the end, she picked up her pace and ran out of the ward.

"Harper!"

Watching her retreating figure, Preston forced himself up, wanting to chase after her, but the pain in his spine prevented him from moving.

"Harper..."

He collapsed onto the hospital bed, despairingly calling out her name, but that figure did not stop its footsteps despite his heart-wrenching cries.

Tears welled up in his eyes, embarrassingly rolling down and landing on the back of his hand.

Preston pulled up the blanket and covered his face.

Griffon and Taya outside the door witnessed it all.

After exchanging a glance, Taya tiptoed and whispered in his ear.

"Honey, I'll go and check on Harper. You can go in later and comfort Preston."

Preston seemed to be crying, it's better for Taya not to go at a time like this, so let Griffon handle it.

Griffon raised an eyebrow, "I've never comforted anyone before."

Taya glared at him, "I believe in you."

After saying that, she turned around, taking Peter with her to catch up with Harper.

When Harper ran out of the ward just now, she looked lost and confused. I wonder how she is now.

After Taya walked away, Griffon crossed his arms and leaned against the wall, waiting for the people inside to calm down. before stepping in.

As the tall and handsome man entered, he pulled out a chair in front of the hospital bed, crossed his long legs, and assumed a posture of scrutinizing a criminal.

"Besides losing in a pup-period toy snatch, I've never seen you cry."

From pup period to adulthood, Preston was always popular and a little bit of a bully. No one dared to make him cry. This was probably the first time, and Harper was quite formidable.

Preston lifted his bloodshot eyes, glanced at Griffon, and usually he would have retorted stubbornly, but this time he chose to remain silent.

Chapter 1353

Griffon, feeling a bit uncomfortable, lightly parted his thin lips. and spoke softly, thinking of his she-wolf's words.

"What difference does it make if you let them date for a while?"

If the person in front of him wasn't his own brother, Preston would have burst out swearing long ago.

"You're not good at comforting people. Just sit quietly with me for a while."

Griffon lowered his gaze and thought for a moment, seemingly unable to find any comforting words, so he remained silent.

After a while, the man couldn't help but speak again:

"Once they've dated for a while and realize they're not compatible, they'll naturally break up."

"Then you can go back to Harper after they break up. It'll be more effective than persistently pursuing her now."

"Griffon, please, stop talking..."

What Griffon said was indeed not very pleasant, but it was the truth.

After understanding the whole story, he felt that sooner or later, Jayden would make a mistake that Harper couldn't forgive.

After all, one's character is deeply rooted and can't be easily changed. Preston didn't need to rush things.

Griffon glanced at the candy on the bedside cabinet, picked one out, and placed it in Preston's palm.

"Sometimes, the more you try to hold onto something, the more you lose it. It's better to let go, and she'll come back on her own."

Preston lowered his gaze, looking at the orange candy in his hand, a bitter smile forming at the corner of his lips...

"Ever since we broke up, I've always been the one trying to reconcile, but I've never succeeded. What does that mean?"

Preston clenched the candy in his hand, his expression gradually calming down.

"It means she never loved me. Someone who doesn't love me won't come back."

Griffon didn't respond, he just propped his chin up and tilted his head slightly to look at him.

Preston stared at the candy for a while, then raised his head and asked Griffon.

"Do you think I'm at fault?"

Griffon blinked his eyelashes slightly, and in his cold eyes, there was a sense of insight into the world.

"Yes, you are at fault."

Preston looked at him, puzzled.

"What did I do wrong?"

"A long time ago, I told you not to play around."

But Preston, he was indiscriminate when it came to women.

How could Harper, who came from an orphanage and longed for a stable family, dare to be with him?

Looking into Griffon's clear and bright eyes, Preston seemed to

understand something...

"So, it's because of my past actions that she doesn't love me..."

"She's afraid."

Afraid?

What is there to be afraid of when it comes to loving someone?

Chapter 1354

Preston remained noncommittal, feeling that Harper simply didn't love him.

So, Preston, it's time to wake up and let go of someone who doesn't love you.

With this in mind, Preston unwrapped a piece of candy and put it in his mouth. It should have been sweet, but he tasted a bitter undertone.

After finishing the candy, he decided to let go of Harper and their complicated and painful past.

Once he swallowed the candy, he pushed aside any thoughts he shouldn't have and lifted his head, smiling at Griffon.

"I promise you, from now on, I'll work hard like you and stop messing around."

He seemed to have grown up all of a sudden, and his words were much more composed than before.

Griffon stared at this new version of Preston for a while before continuing the conversation.

"If you really want to work hard, then come learn management with me."

Griffon thought he would have to persuade Preston, but to his surprise, Preston didn't resist at all and simply nodded.

"Once I can move, give me more work to do."

Griffon knew that Preston was using work to numb himself, so he wouldn't feel the pain anymore, just like Griffon used to...

Thinking of how Preston was always there for him, caring for him when he was falling apart, Griffon reached out and placed his hand on Preston's shoulder.

"You will get what you want, don't rush it."

He gently patted Preston's shoulder.

"The person who hurt you will pay the price."

With those words, Griffon got up and left.

Andre, waiting at the door, handed him a wet wipe.

"Alpha, Jayden is at Stella's hospital."

Griffon nodded slightly and, accompanied by a group of bodyguards, headed straight to Stella's hospital and then

called Jayden into the director's office.

Jayden, with several layers of bandages on the back of his hand, pushed open the door to the director's office and saw

Griffon dressed in a black suit.

The man sat on the edge of the desk, his figure tall and straight. His hands were in his pockets, and his slightly turned profile was perfectly proportioned as if sculpted.

With flawless beauty, deep and three-dimensional features, and a face that resembled a painting, he was God 's favorite.

And yet, this favored pup exuded a noble and elegant aura with every move, just like Preston. It was an innate quality.

Upon seeing Griffon, Jayden couldn't help but admit that he felt inferior in front of Preston and intimidated in front of

Griffon.

"Do you know why I called for you?"

With a cold tone and an icy aura, Griffon's oppressive presence overwhelmed Jayden.

Jayden raised his eyes to meet Griffon's gaze and felt a sense of killing intent from those star-like eyes.

"I know."

Chapter 1355

Under the cold gaze of the man, Jayden, feeling the pressure, tightened his fists and took a step forward, walking up to

Griffon.

"Alpha called for me, is it to seek revenge for Preston?"

The gaze beneath Griffon' long and thick eyelashes was filled with a penetrating power that could pierce one's heart.

"It's not about revenge, I just want to ask Jayden how he intends to resolve the matter of intentionally provoking

Preston."

Griffon' deep and piercing gaze was filled with strong aggression.

Jayden couldn't sustain a prolonged gaze with such eyes, and after only a few seconds, he instinctively averted his gaze.

"Is it necessary for Alpha to intervene in such a small matter?"

Jayden felt uneasy inside, but he maintained a nonchalant expression on his face.

He knew very well that he was Harper's boyfriend, so no matter what he did to Preston, Griffon wouldn't lay a hand on him.

Taking into account Taya, he would give Harper a bit of leeway, allowing him to speak provocatively.

Griffon seemed to be able to see through his thoughts, as his thick eyelashes fluttered slightly, and a disdainful smile appeared in his beautiful eyes.

"I've always taken care of his matters since he was young. Any objections?"

"I dare not."

Jayden shook his head, while also revealing a contemptuous smile.

"Having a good big brother is nice."

His contempt was directed towards Preston. He believed that someone like Preston, a playboy, only lived under the protection of his pack.

If Preston didn't have his pack background or his looks and height, he wouldn't even be worth a single finger compared to him. It was a delusion for him to try to steal Harper.

His disdain didn't stir any emotions in Griffon's eyes. He didn't even want to explain further as it would be meaningless.

"I won't do anything to you for Harper's sake, but there must be an explanation for this matter. I believe Harper wouldn't mind."

Having his own leverage spoken so bluntly by Griffon did make Jayden somewhat embarrassed. It's no wonder he's the Alpha of Knight', he speaks with confidence.

"So, what do you want me to do?"

Griffon smirked.

"What do you think?"

This rhetorical question was equivalent to giving Jayden the power to choose, allowing him to willingly pay the price for what he had done.

But Jayden was not convinced...

"Alpha, if it were Silas who kept pursuing your wife to reconcile, what would you do?"

Stella and Andre, who were waiting nearby, looked at each other after hearing this, thinking that Jayden was too audacious to dare to bring up Silas.

That young man was Taya's first love, someone she had relied on for many years, and a taboo in Griffon's heart. He was an insurmountable obstacle in this lifetime.

As Harper's boyfriend, Jayden should be aware of these things.

Even if he wasn't aware, he should have noticed when Harper took him to meet Silas, right?

Did he really think Alpha Knight would spare him because of Harper and not lay a hand on him, just like with Silas?

Chapter 1356

If it were in the past, this sentence would have torn Griffon apart, but now that he has Taya, he seems much calmer.

"No one can be Silas."

What he means is that Silas is not like Preston. Silas would not appear before them after they got mated and beg for reconciliation. This metaphor does not exist.

"So, Alpha also thinks that what Preston did was wrong?"

Jayden is good at finding the key points of the problem. Even Stella and Andre wouldn't have asked such a question.

"I didn't say he was right."

Jayden wanted to get this kind of answer and couldn't help but show a triumphant smile.

"If Alpha thinks he was wrong, then why bother coming to me for trouble?"

"I came to you for the trouble you deliberately provoked with Preston. You better make that clear."

He doesn't care about Jayden and Harper's affairs. What he cares about is Jayden's manipulation and causing Preston to be misunderstood. But Jayden wants to mix everything together.

"The reason why I manipulated things is because he kept trying to reconcile with Harper. If I didn't do this, he would

have kept hovering around me and Harper. I had a reason for what I did, so he has to bear the

consequences. Am I right?"

At this point, Griffon finally understood why Harper chose to forgive Jayden.

"You're really good at arguing. You're wasting your talent being a doctor."

Jayden doesn't like it when people compare his personal behavior with his profession as a doctor.

"Alpha, being a doctor is my dream. Please don't make fun of me."

When Jayden said this, there was a polite smile on his face, as if Griffon had said something inappropriate and he was politely counterattacking.

Griffon wasn't actually mocking his profession. He just felt that from the moment he first saw Jayden, he felt that he was not genuine. He never expected to be proven right.

"You may have had a reason, but you shouldn't have used such methods. They're neither honorable nor upright."

Jayden shrugged nonchalantly.

"So what? At least it keeps Harper by my side, doesn't it?"

With his tone and gesture, it seemed as if he was saying, "Look, Preston is like a fool, always begging for reconciliation, not knowing any tricks. In the end, he was misunderstood and abandoned by eva. On the other hand, I played some little schemes and Harper chose me. That's the right way."

Chapter 1357

Griffon couldn't agree with Jayden's values, but he didn't argue with him either. He raised an eyebrow and asked him:

"So, how long do you think you can keep her?"

Jayden suddenly fell silent, as if he also understood that Harper's heart wasn't with him anymore. The leverage he once had suddenly became useless. Griffon, who had been sitting behind his desk the whole time, stood up slightly. He was ten centimeters taller than Jayden, and the overwhelming feeling of being looked down upon was suffocating.

Griffon took a step forward, and Jayden instinctively took a step back. It seemed that only by keeping a distance from him could he avoid being oppressed by his powerful aura.

Men who have been in high positions for a long time naturally have an inherent aggressiveness. Just a downward glance was enough to subdue Jayden, robbing him of even the courage to raise his head again.

"Regardless of how many reasonable excuses you have, they have nothing to do with me. All I know is that my brother has never been bullied like this before. I brought you here just to seek justice for him. If you understand, then come up with a solution directly. If you don't understand, then follow my rules." What were his rules?

Jayden had been working at his hospital for so long, so naturally, he had heard about them. It was said that Alpha, the boss, directly eliminates employees who commit major mistakes. Griffon, who possessed immense power, might very well make it impossible for him to survive in the medical field for the sake of his brother.

But Jayden really couldn't accept it!

Why could Preston get away with his misdeeds just because of his pack background?

And he, who only resorted to some tactics to keep his

girlfriend, would have to suffer retaliation?

Jayden deeply despised those who held unimaginable power and could crush everything with just their words!

“Even Harper has already forgiven me. Why does Alpha still cling to it?”

If it were someone else, they might have been swayed by Jayden’s words and even believed that he was not at fault, and that everything was Preston’s fault.

But sorry, the person standing in front of Jayden was not Harper, but the highly rational and composed Griffon.

“Jayden, I have already made myself clear. I won’t repeat it a second time. You have five minutes to think about it.”

In other words, Griffon believed in the principle of an eye for an eye and was determined to see it through. No matter what Jayden said, he wouldn’t waver even a bit.

Jayden became somewhat frustrated and clenched his fists.

“Didn’t you do the same thing as me back then? Didn’t you use some means to snatch Taya from Silas?”

Chapter 1358

If it was just mentioned once, it could be considered unintentional, but the second time, it was a blatant provocation.

The contradiction provoked by Jayden’s words is not just about falsely accusing Preston, but also a sarcastic remark about Alpha’s character.

Stella instinctively broke out in a cold sweat for Jayden and spoke up before Alpha got angry.

“Be careful with your words.”

Her implication was for Jayden to quickly apologize to Alpha, but Jayden pretended not to understand, clenched his fists, and gritted his teeth in defiance against Griffon.

“I heard that Silas and Taya were inseparable pup period sweethearts. They were a loving couple before they met you. So why did Taya mate you?”

“Jayden, you don’t know the whole story, so don’t speak recklessly!”

Stella seemed to be angered. She went from a reminder to a warning, using her position as the hospital director to warn Jayden not to openly provoke Alpha anymore!

Only then did Jayden look up, and when he saw Griffon’s icy eyes, he seemed to realize that he shouldn’t have said the latter part of his sentence. But the words were already spoken and couldn’t be taken back.

“I did indeed take Taya away from him.”

Just when Jayden thought Griffon would slap him or kick him in anger, he suddenly spoke up and calmly replied with that sentence.

It was precisely this sentence that made Jayden breathe a sigh of relief and gave him even more confidence to retaliate against Griffon.

“So you and I are the same kind of person.”

Griffon sneered, the curve of his lips filled with contempt.

“I’m different from you. I strive openly and honestly, not resorting to underhanded tactics behind closed doors.”

After Griffon finished speaking, he slightly lowered his head and arrogantly looked down upon

Jayden, who was shorter than him.

"I know you're feeling resentful, thinking that if you had the same background as me, taking Harper away would be as easy as taking candy from a baby. But you'll never understand that some people, even with their background, may not be able to win. Just so you know, Harper and my wife are of the same kind."

His words were profound, and Jayden didn't understand, but Stella did. Harper values character more than anything else. Once she sees Jayden's true nature, she will completely leave him. Even if he manages to snatch her temporarily, what does it matter? In the end, Harper will make the right choice based on her true feelings.

Jayden didn't reply and seemed to be thinking about how to respond. Lost in thought, Griffon took another step forward, exerting pressure on Jayden.

"Jayden, do you feel inferior to Preston in your heart?"

The man's cold and indifferent voice slowly entered Jayden's ears:

"Do you know why that is?"

Chapter 1359

Jayden heard this and clenched his fist again.

At first, he didn't think there was a gap between him and Preston. During the trip to the capital, when Preston bullied Harper, he deliberately provoked Preston by pulling Harper along. Preston had a group of friends who helped him, even when they were taken to the police station, he had friends to help him out, but he couldn't find a lawyer anywhere.

Anthony's words, about how with Jayden's background, he couldn't compete with the Knight pack, immediately planted

a seed of doubt in Jayden's mind. He still hasn't completely gotten rid of it, and he even feels more and more inferior to Preston. This invisible sense of inferiority makes him lack confidence in front of Harper.

Similarly, he can feel that Harper still has feelings for Preston, but she's afraid of getting hurt by being with him, so she settles for him instead.

Of course, before Harper started dating him, she made it clear that she was just using him to spite Preston, and that he said he didn't mind. But over time, he started to mind in the face of his own inferiority...

There's no way around it, human nature is so fickle, but...

Did he do something wrong?

Jayden firmly believes that he didn't do anything wrong, and confronts Griffon with his head held high.

"I don't have the wealth and background like him, nor do I have a brother who can settle everything. Naturally, I can't compare."

Griffon smirks and chuckles.

"Besides that, Preston doesn't need any tricks to gain Harper's sympathy."

He says this while looking at Jayden's bandaged hand.

Jayden didn't expect that his imitation of Preston's car accident would also be seen through by

Griffon, leaving him
with nowhere to hide.

In just a few words, Griffon sees through his thoughts.

When he feels extremely embarrassed, Griffon's disdainful voice resonates in his ears.

"The biggest difference between Preston and you is that he doesn't bother to use tricks to compete with you for Harper.

Otherwise, you wouldn't stand a chance against him."

This statement is quite condescending and makes Jayden feel uncomfortable.

It's like a thorn piercing his heart, stirring up the depths of his soul.

He knows very well that even if Preston is a playboy, he lives openly and carefree.

As for himself, he can only rely on tricks to get what he wants.

"Is there something wrong with that?"

"You're not wrong, but even if Preston was replaced with you, he wouldn't do such things."

The biggest difference is your nature.

It can be said that Preston is at fault for being a playboy, or for pursuing Harper, but in the face of Jayden's despicable tactics, he is not at fault.

Chapter 1360

Jayden's heart raced, and his lowered eyes betrayed his guilt.

He couldn't even meet Griffon's gaze because there were no secrets in front of him.

But Jayden, stubborn as ever, tried to negotiate with Griffon with words, as if it would help him regain his dignity.

"Preston is your cousin, so naturally you'll side with him."

"Of course."

Griffon didn't shy away at all, directly admitting it, which caught Jayden off guard.

Just as he was about to reprimand him with "birds of a feather," Griffon impatiently interrupted him.

"Two choices: either apologize to Preston in person, or leave this hospital."

It was only because of Harper's reputation that Griffon came up with this solution.

Likewise, if it weren't for Harper being Taya's good friend,

Griffon probably wouldn't even bother saying a word to Jayden.

Apologizing to Preston was impossible, leaving the hospital...

Jayden glanced at Stella, who signaled him to choose the former, triggering a subconscious resistance in Jayden.

"Harper has already apologized to Preston on my behalf."

Upon hearing this, Griffon looked down even more on Jayden.

"You dare to let a woman clean up the mess you made? The mistakes you made yourself?"

Griffon must have been extremely angry, hence the increasingly impolite words.

"Alpha asked me to apologize, but aren't you worried I might say something unpleasant to him again?"

Besides impatience, a hint of icy severity flashed in Griffon's eyes.

"I won't allow the same person to bully my brother in the same way twice."

In other words, if Jayden dare to do it again, what awaits him won't be as simple as leaving the hospital.

Jayden was working on an important report with Henry, and he couldn't leave until they obtained results.

Once they got those results, his position wouldn't be just that of an ordinary doctor anymore...

After carefully weighing his options, Jayden chose the former without hesitation for his own benefit.

"Fine, I'll go find him later and apologize."

It's just saying sorry, what's so embarra*sing about it?

Griffon saw Jayden, who was full of righteousness and morals, choose to apologize for his own benefit, and a mocking smile appeared on his handsome face.

"Jayden, you really know how to bend and stretch."

This was a sarcastic remark about him lacking backbone. Jayden accepted it, who would risk their own interests to show off their momentary abilities?

For Jayden, being able to adapt and compromise was the conduct of a gentleman. What could someone like Griffon, who only knew how to use his power, amount to?

"Well then, Alpha, I'll go find Preston."

just when jayden thought he could walk away unscathed with just his words, Griffon stopped him

"Jayden, after saying so much, don't you want to ask me how I won over Taya?"