

## **Ex Convict 3571**

### Chapter 3571

The next day, during lunch with William, Jasper couldn't help but look at him from time to time.

As everyone in the dormitory had speculated, does William

like her? Not the childhood friend kind of like, but rather...a romantic interest?

Although she was still inexperienced in matters of the heart at 19 years old, she wasn't completely clueless either.

"What's wrong? Why have you been staring at my face all day?" William's voice suddenly rang out.

Jasper snapped out of her thoughts and realized she had been caught staring.

She hesitated for a moment before asking directly, "William, do you have someone you like?"

He was taken aback, not expecting her to ask such a question.

As she looked at him with an open and honest expression, it was clear she genuinely wondered about this.

Her clear and candid gaze made him feel as though telling

any lies in front of her would be a sacrilege.

"Yes," he admitted truthfully, his voice slightly hoarse.

Yes, he liked her. He had liked her for over a decade, ever since he first laid eyes on her. And as time went on and they experienced various ups and downs together, his feelings for her only grew stronger.

To him, she was his redemption, the person who saved him from the shadow of his mother. Even his decision to leave the Barlow family and become William instead of William was because of her.

Even his return to the Barlow family, from William to William, was due to his connection with her.

Just because he wants to become someone worthy of her, someone who can one day obtain what he truly desires!

"So... do I know the person you like?" she asked as her second question.

His eyes flickered slightly, "I know."

This answer made Jasper's heart inexplicably tense. Could it be true, as her roommate had guessed? Throughout their lives, she and him had almost nothing to hide from each other. Even when they were in different cities, they often had video

Among the people she knew, she had never seen

him particularly interested in any girl, and even their conversations rarely touched on other girls.

Jasper took a deep breath and asked her third question

directly, "So, do you like me?" She didn't want to beat around the bush or guess.

She wanted a clear answer.

He looked at her with a steady gaze, her question was unexpected yet expected.

Suddenly, he smiled and answered with a gentle voice, "It's you."

From beginning to end, it was only her!

Jasper stared blankly at the person in front of him, so... does he really like her?

They have been together for so long that sometimes they can even ignore each other's appearance.

The person in front of him has a handsome face, looks gentle and refined, and when he smiles, it reminds people of the spring breeze.

No wonder he is so popular in school.

But now he says that he likes her. So, how should she respond?

For a moment, Jasper and William found themselves staring at each other in silence.

"I admit that I like you, but I'm not expecting an immediate response from you." He spoke up, as if sensing her hesitation. "You can take your time to think it over and give me an answer later. And until you've made up your mind, you don't have to give me any answer at all."

She blinked her eyes and said, "But if that's the case, then you...you'll have to keep waiting, won't you?"

"I'm willing to wait, and you don't need to feel any burden," he said. "Jasper, between us, everything is still the same. In fact, nothing has changed. It's just that you now know that the person I like is you."

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"But... when did you start liking me?" She asked in confusion.

"It's been a long time, but if I had to say when I really made up my mind to like you, it would be during the time I lived with the Reed family." He replied.

She widened her eyes in surprise. Oh my god, he was only a few years old back then!

"You were still very young at that time, right?" She said in

disbelief.

“Well, very young,” he answered with a smile.

“But back then, could you be sure that your liking for me was a romantic one, between a boy and a girl?” she doubted, thinking that even if it was young love, it couldn’t have been that early.

“At that time, of course, the concept of ‘liking’ couldn’t have been so clear-cut. But even then, I had already decided that I wanted to be with you forever. As I grew up, I gradually understood what this feeling really meant,” William said.

Jasper stared at the person in front of her, feeling her heart

suddenly in disarray.

He had been speaking in a gentle voice all along, and there was no pressure in his words. But she couldn’t help feeling at a loss, and subconsciously didn’t want to disappoint or sadden the person in front of her.

But what kind of feelings does she have for him?

During afternoon class, Jasper kept thinking about this question.

After finishing the public class in the afternoon, Jasper walked out of the lecture hall and saw someone passing by the classroom door. He walked over and said, “I heard that Roger from the chemistry department got into trouble with some thugs outside. It seems like he was surrounded by them outside!”

When the name Roger entered his ears, Jasper immediately stopped the person and asked, “What did you say? Roger was surrounded by people outside?”

“Yeah, it seems like it happened in the alley on the next street. Some classmates saw it!”

“I heard that Roger provoked the girlfriend of that thug!”

“How could Roger be interested in her? It seems like the girl

was the one who actively pursued Roger!”

The other person and their companions were talking, while Jasper quickly ran towards the school gate.

When she arrived at the alley that others had mentioned, there were already many people gathered there, including

some students from Stanford University.

Jasper squeezed her way into the crowd and saw only Roger, who was confronting a dozen or so young men, some of

whom had tattoos on their bodies.

One of them, in particular, glared at Roger and said, "Today, you're going to kneel down and apologize to me. If you do, I'll forgive you. Otherwise, you can forget about studying at this school!"

Despite the other person's harsh words, Roger remained unfazed and calmly replied, "I already told you, I don't even know your friend. And as for her feelings towards me, I can't control that."

"What do you mean you don't know her? She came all the way to our school just for you and even confessed her feelings to you outside the library!" the other person shouted in anger.

Roger remained composed and said, "Do I have to know every person who likes me?"

"You...you think you can act tough just because of your looks?" the other person sneered,

"I don't have time to talk nonsense with you guys here. I'll say

it one more time, move aside!" he said.

As soon as he spoke, the thugs were instantly furious and attacked Roger directly. The surrounding crowd gasped in

shock.

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Upon seeing this, Jasper quickly dialed the emergency number and then, after some thought, quickly dialed his own bodyguard's number!

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Sure enough, after a moment, someone answered the phone on the other end, "Jasper, what's up?"

"Come and save someone! Hurry to my alley and help me save the person who was beaten!" Jasper said urgently.

After a moment of silence on the other end of the phone, the person spoke in a strange tone, "Jasper, are you sure you really want to save someone?"

"Of course I'm sure! Is there any reason not to?" Every minute wasted would mean more harm to Roger.

"But, that person shouldn't need saving."

"Huh?" Jasper was taken aback and turned his head to look down the alley. All around him were people lying on the ground, but Roger was still standing there unscathed.

Jasper blinked his eyes, wondering what was going on.

The bystanders around him were equally shocked.

Who would have thought that things would turn out this unexpectedly? The person they thought would be beaten badly was actually the one doing the beating.

One by one, the little hooligans were howling on the ground. Just then, a police car arrived and Jasper got out of the car with a police officer.

The onlookers immediately opened up a path for the police officer to walk into the alley. He looked at the hooligans lying on the ground and then at Roger, "Did you beat these people up?"

Before Roger could answer, a woman's voice suddenly rose, "I can testify that he acted in self-defense!"

In an instant, everyone's gaze was focused on Jasper, who had his hand raised and looked like a picture of justice.

Roger looked at Jasper, who looked dazzling in his righteousness, and felt a sharp pain in his eyes.

The whole group went into the police station, and Jasper, as a witness, also came to the station to give a statement.

After she finished giving her statement, she walked to the lobby of the police station and saw Roger coming out of the interrogation room.

"We have received testimony from multiple eyewitnesses that proves the other party initiated physical contact, so you are free to go," the police told Roger. "However, you need to keep your phone line open and be available to come back if necessary!"

Roger nodded in agreement.

At this moment, several injured thugs came out from the interrogation room and upon seeing Roger, they immediately shouted loudly, “We’re going to sue this kid! It wasn’t self-defense, he used excessive force!”

“If you want to accuse him of excessive self-defense, you can naturally file a lawsuit!” said a police officer. “This is a police station, not a place for you to cause trouble!”

A few thugs’ faces changed slightly. The leader walked up to Roger and stared at him fiercely, saying, “Kid, I remember you. You won’t have a good life from now on. Aren’t you a student at Stanford University? I’ll make sure you can’t stay at Stanford University anymore!”

Roger frowned, about to speak, when a figure stepped forward and blocked him. With an arrogant tone, the figure

said, “If you dare to cause trouble for him again in the future, believe me, I can make sure you won’t be able to stay in Emerald City!”

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Upon hearing this, the thugs’ eyes widened in disbelief.

The thug who had previously spoken with Jasper even gasped and his face became extremely ugly. In the end, he slinked away in embarrassment.

Roger looked at her and suddenly asked, “Did you call the police?”

She was taken aback and then looked a bit embarrassed.

“Um...I didn’t know you could easily take down those guys. If I had known you were so capable, I wouldn’t have called the police.”

“Then why did you help me just now? And why did you say those harsh words to them?” he continued to ask. “Is it because of my face?”

She stared at his handsome face in front of her, even though he didn’t seem to have suffered any injuries from the fight earlier. He still looked good.

If you didn’t see it with your own eyes, who would believe the brawl that happened in the alleyway earlier?

“No,” she answered him, “I’m helping you not because of your face. Even if you didn’t look anything like Lawrence, I would still help.”

His eyes flickered slightly. “Why?”

“Because I don’t want to see someone being bullied. I don’t want to see it and turn a blind eye, not help those people.” Jasper spoke, feeling a bit uneasy as she touched her nose under his gaze. “Although I know that saying these things

might make me sound ‘fake’, and even if I want to help others, it’s not just me, but the Reed family. But...if I see it, I will still do it.”

Because she didn’t want Lawrence’s situation to happen again.

If someone had reached out to help Lawrence when he had his accident, would everything be different now?

Roger didn’t say anything else, he just turned around and walked out of the police station.

“Hey, wait up!” Jasper hurried to catch up and left the police station with Roger.

As soon as they left the police station, a taxi passed by. Jasper quickly hailed it and pulled Roger’s hand to get in the taxi.

“Stanford University!” Jasper told the taxi driver the address.

“Have you had enough?” Roger’s voice echoed in the carriage.

Only then did Jasper realize that she had been holding onto his hand.

“Sorry.” She quickly let go of his hand, but there was a sticky feeling between her fingers.

Jasper lowered her head in confusion and looked at her fingertips.

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Is this considered a stroke of luck?

Jasper couldn't help but smile wryly.

Anyway, maybe he could use this tissue to find out if Roger was really Lawrence!

Back in the dorm room, Jasper put the blood-stained tissue in an antibacterial bag and gave it to William the next day.

"I'm not sure if this can still be considered a specimen, since it wasn't immediately placed in a sterile bag after being obtained," Jasper expressed his concern.

"Let's have the staff check it first before we decide what to do. If it's not usable, then we'll figure out a way to obtain a qualified sample next time," said William.

"Mhmm," Jasper responded, "William, could you please do that for me?"

"Not a bother," he said. Her matters were something he would never find troublesome.

With the sample in hand, William went directly to the most authoritative DNA testing center in Emerald City during his

free time.

As he stepped off the car and walked down the stairs, his footsteps involuntarily came to a halt.

Based on the estimated time for the appraisal, results should be available in about a week.

If Roger really is Lawrence, how will Jasper react when he finds out?

Perhaps he would do anything to make up for Lawrence, and if Lawrence were to express interest in dating Jasper, he might not refuse.

At this thought, his heart sank. If that were really the case, would he still have a chance?

As he thought about this, his heart sank. If it was really true, then... did he still have a chance?

But if he wanted to prove that Roger wasn't Lawrence, it was as simple as swapping out the specimen in his hand. The natural identification result would then be different!

and inwardly scolded himself for his own despicableness.

Jasper's willingness to entrust him with this thing was originally a sign of trust, but what about him? What was he really thinking?!

Even if Roger really was Lawrence, he wouldn't easily let Jasper go!

He has been making so much effort all these years, just so that Jasper will eventually fall in love with him, right?

And the person Jasper falls in love with wouldn't be a despicable guy, would they?

With this in mind, William lifted his feet again and walked towards the entrance of the appraisal office.

"In a week, we'll know the results," William said to Jasper.

"A week..." Jasper murmured, suddenly feeling like a week was a long time.

"It's just a week, it'll pass quickly," William said.

"By the way, there's a charity banquet in Emerald City this weekend. Are you going?" Jasper asked. Some celebrities and

popular stars would attend this charity banquet, and then donate some personal items for auction. All the proceeds from the auction would be donated to charity organizations.

"I'll be attending on behalf of the Barlow family," William said.

"Then I'll go too," Jasper said. "My older brother and younger sister don't want to go, but my dad wants me to accompany him and my mom. I didn't want to go originally, but if you're going, then I'll go too."

William smiled lightly, "If you really don't want to go, then don't go."

"No, if you go, I won't feel so bored," Jasper said.

Suddenly, a gust of wind blew and Jasper lowered his head, rubbing his eyes.

"What's wrong?" William asked.

"My eyes...seem to have sand in them," Jasper muttered.

"I'll take a look," William said hurriedly, holding up her chin with one hand and lifting her face to look at her closed eyes. "Which eye is it?"

"The left eye," she replied.

He gently opened her left eye and blew on it carefully, then asked, "Is it better now?"

"It still doesn't seem clean," she said.

So he continued to blow on it carefully.

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At this moment, the two of them were completely unaware of this scene, all of which was seen by another person.

Roger looked at the two people who were behaving intimately not far away, and his hand hanging by his side slowly tightened.

At this moment, he felt a strange feeling surging in his heart, feeling that the scene in front of him was so dazzling that it made him uncomfortable all over.

"What are you looking at?" A voice sounded beside him, and Roger turned his head to see that it was his classmate Jeffrey.

"Not much," he said casually.

At that moment, Jeffrey also noticed Jasper and William not far away and remarked, "Are you looking at those two? They really live up to their reputation as the prince and princess of the school."

"Prince and princess?"

"Yes, one is the heir of the Barlow family of Deer Capital, and the other is the eldest princess of the Reed family. They are a

good match in terms of family background and appearance, and they have been childhood sweethearts. By the way, I heard that you previously asked Jasper out. Is that true? Do you also have feelings for this princess of the Reed family?"

Roger rolled his eyes and said, "You're overthinking it."

"It's better if there isn't any," Jeffrey said. "I just don't want you to end up completely devoted to the princess and then suffer the pain of heartbreak."

Roger stared at Jeffrey with a half-smile on his face and replied, "How do you know it would be me who gets hurt and

suffers? Maybe it's someone else who will experience the pain and suffering."

"Hmm?" Jeffrey was momentarily stunned.

However, Roger had already lifted his foot and walked forward on his own, although his hand hanging by his side was clenched tighter.

The Emerald City charity event has always attracted many celebrities and stars, especially those who are currently popular, who consider attending the event as an honor.

When Jason, Grace, and Jasper arrived at the venue, they

naturally became the focus of attention, especially Jasper, who was wearing a delicate light pink dress and matching headpiece, looking like a fallen princess.

There were also many men's eyes on Jasper at the scene. After all, everyone understands that if they can win the favor of the Reed family princess, they can have a bright future in Emerald

City.

However, even though many men thought this way, no one really took the step to talk to Jasper.

This is because in Emerald City, everyone knows that there is a childhood friend by the side of the Reed family princess who is incomparable to ordinary people.

William approached Jasper and said, "You look very beautiful tonight."

"You look handsome too," Jasper said. William was wearing a black suit today, with his hair parted in the middle and a fringe falling on his forehead, giving him a mature yet youthful appearance.

## Chapter 3578

His facial features are naturally three-dimensional. If we were

to categorize him according to the current trends of "bold makeup" and "light makeup," he would fall under the category of "bold makeup."

Deep-set eyes, a straight nose, and sensual thin lips create a strong visual impact.

With deep-set eyes, a straight nose, and sexy thin lips, he gives a strong visual impact.

William greets Jason and Grace.

As they have known William since he was a child, they naturally trust him to take Jasper around the banquet hall.

Although his daughter has a somewhat rebellious personality, William himself has an unusual maturity for someone so

young.

Although it is a charity banquet, there are always people who come up to chat with the Reed family, and Jasper gets impatient with them. So, she pulls William along to a quieter area with fewer people.

“Do you want something to eat or drink? There’s still some time before the auction starts,” William said.

“I’ll go pick something myself,” Jasper replied.

The food area of the charity banquet was set up as a buffet for people to serve themselves.

However, as the two walked towards the food, they saw a woman with heavy makeup and a luxurious dress casually picking up a glass of champagne and throwing it in the face of another woman in plain clothes.

Although Jasper only saw the woman’s back at that moment, he could imagine how embarrassed she must have felt being splashed with champagne.

Jasper recognized the woman who was spraying champagne on people as a popular actress named Mabel Holt. However, her fame did not come from her acting skills, but rather from the powerful people backing her up since her debut.

Jasper wasn’t interested in the background of celebrities in the entertainment industry.

Another woman in elegant attire approached and lightly joked, “Oh, Miss. Holt, I wonder how my assistant managed to provoke you so much.”

Jasper also recognized the speaker as a famous actress named Angelica Kinsman, who had acted in many movies and TV shows. It was rumored that she was currently competing with Mabel for the lead role in a movie.

Of course, Jasper only knew all of this because of Tina’s interest in following celebrities. Sometimes, when they met up, Tina would chatter on and on about various topics related to famous people.

As soon as Angelica appeared, Mabel became even more angry. “Angelica, you did this on purpose, didn’t you? You deliberately had your assistant spill wine on my dress just to see me embarrassed.”

Angelica smiled slightly. “Miss Holt, you’ve got it all wrong. How could I possibly ask my assistant to do such a thing? But what I did see was Miss Holt not paying attention and bumping into my assistant, causing her to spill the wine on your dress. If Miss Holt doesn’t believe me, perhaps she can ask the photographers around here to check their footage. Maybe one of them captured the scene just now.”

“You...” Mabel glared at her, her face turning red. Of course she knew she had bumped into the assistant herself, but who was she? She was a famous actress. The assistant should have avoided her, shouldn’t she?

“This dress is a high-end custom-made Valentino, isn’t it? I

suppose Miss Holt borrowed it. Now that it’s been stained

with red wine, it's probably ruined. I wonder if Valentino will demand full compensation from Miss Holt. If they do, it could cost her millions," Angelica said with a smile.

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When she said this, Mabel became even angrier and vented all her anger on the small assistant in front of her. However, in this situation, she naturally couldn't do it herself, so she immediately gave a signal and the people around her understood.

After a moment, a waiter came with a tray full of food. However, when the waiter approached the small assistant, he seemed to slip accidentally and all the things on the tray fell on the assistant.

"It seems that you, this assistant, really attracts trouble. She always manages to get in people's way," Mabel said. "Maybe someone deliberately instructed her to do so, and the person behind her can be easily guessed."

"What did you say?" Angelica's face changed.

"Well, who knows what tomorrow's news will bring? Will it be about Assistant Angelica being hit and ruining a million-dollar dress, with a conspiracy behind it?" Mabel sneered.

Anyway, as long as we bribe the reporters, we can control how the news is written!

The two actresses were clearly using this assistant as a pawn in their fight. Even Jasper, who was standing nearby, frowned and felt uncomfortable.

She wasn't someone who liked to meddle in other people's business, but at this moment, she lifted her foot and walked towards the assistant.

William, who was standing beside her, followed suit.

The two actresses who were arguing and the people around them also noticed Jasper and William walking over.

They naturally recognized the two as the eldest princess of the Reed family and the son of the Barlow family.

So the two actresses quickly stopped their bickering and put on a smiling face to greet Jasper William.

"Miss Reed, Mr. Barlow, what a coincidence that you are also attending this charity event?"

"We have been wanting to meet you both for a long time. Would it be possible to have the honor of making friends?"

However, Jasper completely ignored the two and just looked at his disheveled assistant in shock, blurting out, "Veronica!"

Veronica was originally looking down, tidying up her messy

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And from the previous situation, it seems like they have a deep connection.

It wasn't until Jasper, Veronica, and William had all left that the two of them seemed to snap out of it.

Mabel couldn't help but say, "Who exactly are you, my assistant?!"

Angelica actually wanted to ask the same question, but in front of Mabel, she instead put on a smug smile and said, "It seems that Miss. Holt is in trouble now. I wonder if Miss.

Reed will be angry with you for treating my assistant that way earlier!"

Mabel's face changed and she said, "Don't you use your assistant as a scapegoat? You're not any better than me. Miss Reed might blame you first!"

Two women stared at each other, and after a moment, they both tacitly turned their heads and began to calculate their own thoughts in their minds.

Jasper and Veronica arrived at the lounge where there were all the necessary amenities for washing up. Jasper asked Veronica to go ahead and freshen up first.

"I'll have someone bring the clothes to be changed in a moment," said Jasper.

"Jasper, thank you," said Veronica.

"Sister Veronica, you're being too polite. Please go and clean up first," said Jasper.

Veronica nodded and walked into the restroom.

Jasper then walked out of the lounge and saw William standing outside. "I've sent someone to get Veronica's change of clothes," William said.

"I didn't expect Veronica to be Angelica's assistant. She should still be in college," Jasper muttered.

The Barlow and Reed families have had little contact in recent years.

Veronica only visits the Reed family before New Year each year, and is rarely seen otherwise.

She heard from her mom that although the Reed family



promised to cover all of Veronica's tuition fees, after she went to college, Veronica said she didn't need the Reed family to pay for her tuition anymore and didn't need any assistance from them, and she was very insistent on this point.

So, the Reed family couldn't say much more and could only express that if Veronica ever faced any difficulties in her life, she should feel free to come to them for help.

And later on, she also found out intermittently that Sister Veronica had been working hard to support herself through college.

She used to feel strange, wondering why she had to make life difficult when she could have lived easily.

Later, her father said to her, "Because sometimes, in some people's eyes, maintaining dignity is more important than enduring hardship!"

"She became an assistant. You can ask her yourself to

find out," said William. "But what about those two female celebrities earlier? What do you plan to do?"

"What to do?" Jasper hesitated for a moment. If it were her before, she would have thought about how to stand up for her sister Veronica.

But now, she knew that if she acted recklessly, it might actually cause unnecessary trouble for Veronica. After all, she could

protect Veronica for a while, but not all the time.

"Then let's find a way to let them know that our family has a good relationship with Veronica," Jasper said after thinking for a moment. In the eyes of outsiders, having the Reed family as a protective umbrella could also prevent some people from making trouble for Veronica.

"Okay, I got it. I'll help you with that," William said.

Jasper smiled and said, "Thank you, William!"

Just then, someone brought in the clothes that Veronica wanted to change into, and Jasper walked back into the lounge.

Jasper knocked on the bathroom door and said to Veronica inside, "Sis Veronica, I'm coming in. Please put the clothes in the changing room."

After saying that, she heard a "okay" from inside before walking in.