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Grace heard about the Farmer family's affairs from the news. Although their tax evasion scandal had been covertly reported in the news before, with the Farmer family's ability, it was unlikely that the entire enterprise could not turn over just because of this matter.

Unless Jason was one of the driving forces. Otherwise, with the Farmer family's connections, they could always find several helpers and would not reach the point of being annihilated.

When she asked Jason about it, he simply replied, "Tasha Farmer picked on you. Of course, they deserve it."

"That's her problem. It has nothing to do with her family..."

"Her family's business was already full of problems. I simply exposed them first. Besides, business is business. People in the business world are not fools. Many are waiting for the Former family to slip up so that they can take over their convenience store chain's market share," said Jason.

Grace heard and understood somewhat.

Of course, she could also understand somewhat what

Jason did to the Farmer family was not only because Tasha Farmer picked on her, but also as a reminder to the business community in Emerald City. That way, no one would dare to pick on her like Tasha Farmer in the future. If they did... It meant they were not afraid to end up like the Farmer family.

"It feels like I'm always dragging you down. You have to protect me over and over again," said Grace as she bit her lip slightly. This was what happened to the Atkinson family last time and the same went for Tasha Farmer this time.

"If I don't protect you, then who should I protect? Besides, I don't think you're dragging me down," said Jason as he lifted his finger and caressed her lips. "Stop biting your lip. I love getting to protect you."

He was more than glad that she was willing to accept his protection. His greatest fear was that she would not let him.

protect her one day.

"I want to protect you for the rest of my life, all right?" He bent down gently, his dark eyes looking straight at her while his deep voice was like the night wind-cool and full of never-ending longing.

Grace was a little stunned. It was as if he had put himself at the bottom of the scale, waiting for her approval. He even

looked like he would do anything for it.

She was supposed to be the one to thank him, but now there was a misconception that it was the other way around.

How could she not love such a man?

“Sure,” Grace answered softly as she blushed. She felt a sudden longing in her heart. Would she one day be able to protect him?

She did not want to be the only one weak and protected. She wanted to stand in the same position as him so that they could protect each other.

His lips pressed gently onto hers, and his magnetic voice once again rang in her ear, “Grace...”

What she could only see was his bright eyes, which were now tinged with the most intense desire...

Well, one night of tossing around gave her back pain the next day.

Jason offered to ask for a day off for her, but she immediately refused.

“If you’re afraid of taking a day off and no one being at the restaurant to deliver the orders, I can get someone to take your place,” said Jason.

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“Don’t... It’s too much.” She was just a food delivery rider. If Emerald City’s Young Master Reed helped her find a

replacement for her day off, people would laugh their socks off if they heard about it.

She could only blame him for being so attractive that she got caught up in it.

Well, Grace finally understood that beauty distracted people.

“Grace! Grace?!” Kyla Corbyn’s voice rang in Grace’s ear, and Grace snapped out of her trance. “Ah. What’s wrong, Kyla?”

“I should be the one asking you what’s wrong. You seem to be in a daze today. Is there something wrong?” asked Kyla Corbyn.

“Ah, no,” said Grace, though she blushed again.

“By the way, how’s Mrs. Corbyn’s leg?” asked Grace.

Yesterday, Mrs. Corbyn fell and broke her leg, so Kyla Corbyn closed the shop early and rushed Mrs. Corbyn to the hospital.

“It’s not too serious. The doctor said she’ll have a minor operation tomorrow,” replied Kyla Corbyn.

“Tomorrow? Isn’t Nelson going to class tomorrow?” asked

Grace. Children with cochlear implants needed to attend classes to learn how to better adapt to their cochlear implants, and to understand what different pronunciations meant.

In other words, attending classes helped Nelson learn to listen, and speak more quickly.

“I’m afraid I won’t be able to take Nelson to class tomorrow.

After all, my mother’s surgery requires family members to be present,” said Kyla Corbyn.

“I’ll take Nelson to class tomorrow,” said Grace.

“You’ll take Nelson there?” Kyla Corbyn was stunned for a moment.

“Yes, tomorrow afternoon happens to be my day off anyway. I’ll take Nelson to class. Nelson’s making great progress, and he seems to look forward to every class,” said Grace.

After every class, the little one would speak excitedly in front of her and pronounce some simple words.

Being able to listen and speak opened a door for the little one, to have an experience he never had before.

“You don’t have to do that. Tomorrow afternoon is your day off,” said Kyla Corbyn.

“Accompanying Nelson to class is also relaxing for me,”

Grace said with a smile. “It’s settled. I’ll take Nelson tomorrow afternoon.”

Kyla Corbyn heard this and no longer refused. “Thank you, Grace!”

On Saturday afternoon, Jason and Grace stood in front of the car. They were staring at each other while Grace was accompanied by Nelson.

“Why are you here?” Grace asked in surprise. She did not expect to see Jason’s car waiting outside when she led Nelson.

out of the small restaurant.

“I came to pick you up after work. Didn’t you say you wanted to see a movie? It’s your day off today,” said Jason.

Grace suddenly remembered that the celebrity she liked, Howell Webb, had a movie coming out. She had seen the trailer online earlier and mentioned she wanted to see it.

Unexpectedly, he kept that in mind and came to take her to the cinema this afternoon.

Wait a minute! Grace suddenly seemed to think of something,

and her eyes widened. "It's... It's the movie premiere today.

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"Hmm. What, you don't like premieres?" Jason asked.

rhetorically.

"No, no." She shook her head quickly. The problem was the premiere. It was not what ordinary people could attend, and there would be celebrities.

This was so...

However, Grace managed to keep a lid on her fantasies as she had a mission today.

"I have to take Nelson to class, so I can't go," said Grace.

Jason's eyes fell on the little one beside Grace.

"Why does he need you to send him to class?" he asked. There was even a hint of jealousy in his tone.

"Kyla's mother hurt her leg and is having a minor operation this afternoon. Kyla has to go to the hospital to accompany her mother, so I volunteered to send Nelson to class today."

"..." Jason frowned a little at this. It seemed the little one standing next to Grace was not used to Jason's gaze, so he

leaned closer to Grace, clutching Grace's hand nervously with his little hands.

Grace naturally noticed the change in the little one's mood. She immediately stooped down to reassure him, saying, "Don't be scared, Nelson. This uncle is my friend, and he'll like your too."

Grace spoke as slowly as she could, matching her words with sign language to make the little one understand her better.

With that, Grace turned to Jason and said, "Be gentle with Nelson and smile more, or he'll be scared."

Jason raised his eyebrows slightly, she had already expressed his opinion on his behalf.

Perhaps she did not even notice that she was now speaking to him in a way that she had never done before. He would have been offended if she were a stranger, but since it was her, it

did not bother him.

He... Liked the casual way she was talking to him, with less care than usual. It was as if the invisible chasm between them was closing little by little.

“All right, I’ll do as you say,” replied Jason. Then, his face softened. A smile rose from the corners of his mouth as he tried to contain the invisible tension he emitted.

Nelson blinked and looked strangely at Jason. It seemed the uncle was less frightening now than before.

Relieved, Grace stood up and touched the little one’s head. “Now, let’s send Nelson to class first.”

Jason nodded, and the group got into the car. Grace gave the driver the address of the class and the car drove toward its

destination.

In the car, Nelson kept looking at Jason curiously with his black and white eyes. Jason gave the little guy a faint glance and wondered if Grace liked such a little thing. Human offspring were weak and dependent on adults for everything but surprisingly seemed to capture the hearts of some women.

Just like this little one here who had obviously captured

Grace’s heart.

Watching Grace lowering her head to ask the little one whether he was thirsty or whether he wanted a drink, Jason

felt left out.

He did not see anything cute about little children like Nelson, but for Grace, he could look harmless in front of him.

“What time does his class end?” asked Jason.

“Until four o’clock in the afternoon, two hours,” answered.

Grace.

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“That’s all right, then. The premiere is at five o’clock in the afternoon. We can still go to the premiere after his class is.

over.”

“Oh, can we?” Grace looked surprised, not expecting to be able to go to the premiere.

“Why not?” He could not help laughing and said, “If it’s too late, I can organize you another premiere if you want.”

Grace was stunned. Organizing another premiere for her alone was... Was just too much. However, come to think of it, if it was Jason, it was nothing for him.

Although she did not really want Jason to go through all the trouble to organize another premiere for her, her heart was flooded with some kind of sweetness because of his words. This was the kind of sweetness you felt when you were being cherished.

When the car reached its destination, Grace led Nelson out of the car by the hand. Jason followed Grace as they took Nelson to his classroom.

There were many children with cochlear implants here, and their parents led them into the classroom.

Jason thought they just had to leave the child in the classroom and hand him over to the teacher, but Grace sat down directly beside Nelson.

“The classes here need help and cooperation from the parents. Why don’t you just hang out outside? I’ll call you when class is over,” said Grace.

Jason pressed his thin lips together a little, pulled up a chair, and sat down beside the little one. “In that case, I’ll stay too.”

Grace smiled.

Although it was Grace and Jason’s first time coming here, the other parents knew Nelson, so they looked at Grace and Jason in confusion. After all, they were not the ones bringing Nelson to class before.

Jason, in particular, exuded an imposing aura and looked so good that it was hard not to notice him.

The parent of a child sitting in front of Nelson could not help asking, “Why didn’t Nelson’s mother accompany him to class today? You’re...”

“I’m Nelson’s aunt,” answered Grace. Nelson had always called her Aunty anyway.

“Then this is...” The parent turned to look at Jason.

It was hard not to notice a man like this. He was simply sitting there, but it was as if there was a spotlight on him that made.

people unable to take their eyes off him.

He was more eye-catching than those supermodels and celebrities on stage.

“He’s...” Grace pursed her lips, and her eyes met Jason’s—he looked like he was waiting for her answer.

“He’s my boyfriend.” Grace put it out there. This was Grace’s first time introducing Jason to a stranger this way.

When she said that, a light flickered in his bright amorous eyes.

as he smiled.

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Looking envious, the parent said, “He’s your boyfriend? It’s nice of your boyfriend to take a kid to class with you. If you get married and have kids, he’ll be a good father too. Men seldom have such patience nowadays. Just look at how many of the kids here are accompanied by their mothers.”

Kids... Grace could not help blushing a little. When her conversation with the parent was over, she lowered her head and looked at her flat stomach. All this time she had been taking medicine to condition her body, but she did not know if it was working.

However, it was still a ray of hope. At least, when it came to the topic of children, she would not be as desperate as before.

Suddenly, a whisper came into her ear. “I’ll be a good father when our baby is born.”

Grace was suddenly stunned. She turned her head and saw that Jason’s upper body had gotten close to her at some point. His face was close to her cheek. When she turned her head, his lips brushed against her cheek, causing her cheek to heat

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“I promise I’ll protect you and our child.” He would not let their

paternal love, and he also believed that she would give their child enough maternal love.

She would not be like his mother who used her child as a bargaining chip, and when she could not achieve her goal, even the bargaining chip was abandoned.

“We... We don’t even have kids yet and you’re already talking about it,” Grace said shyly as she could only feel her cheeks. burning up.

Jason said with great certainty, “We’ll surely have children if you want to!”

She stared at him. His voice was so sure as if he would do it for her even if it was the hardest thing in the world.

Their children... If possible, she hoped they would have a few!

“Aunt...” Nelson’s voice brought Grace to her senses. She realized that Nelson was looking up at her and Jason in confusion.

Grace quickly took her mind off the matter and told Nelson that she was fine in sign language. Her reddened face probably made the little one worried.

After a while, the teacher came to the classroom and began

the class. The parents would let the children touch some props. or perform some actions according to what was being taught to make them understand the meaning of the sounds.

Jason looked on. He helped Grace occasionally by giving her a hand. Slowly, Nelson seemed to become more and more accepting of Jason. He would even pronounce the word ‘Uncle’ in a shaky voice.

By the time the two-hour class was over, the little one was already interacting with Jason.

Grace was a bit surprised. Nelson was somewhat resistant to outsiders. According to Kyla, Nelson acting so close to her when he first met her was a special case and it had never happened before.

Nelson would never go near the customers in the restaurant. He would not even interact with the employees who had been working in the small restaurant for quite some time.

Most of the time, the grown-ups were eager to tease the little one, but he did not even bother.

Grace was amazed that Nelson would interact with Jason. ‘Can it be that... Uh, children like him?’ Grace thought to herself before bursting out laughing.

Anyway, it was good enough that he and Nelson got along well.

When they got back to the car, Grace took out her phone and saw a message from Kyla. A moment later, she looked up at Jason and asked, “Well... Can Nelson come with us to the premiere?”

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“Sure,” said Jason. It was no trouble for him to take one more. child to the premiere. “Are you sure he can understand a movie?”

Grace thought about it. It seemed that the main appeal of the film was that it was for both young and old, though Nelson. was a little younger and did not know much about sounds nor languages.

However, watching a movie... Um, was always a new

experience. Plus, she would be able to whisper hints or speak sign language to express what was happening on the screen.

Grace found it a lot more fun with that in mind! She looked forward to seeing Nelson watch the movie later.

Therefore, Grace spoke in sign language and asked the little one whether he had seen a movie before.

Then, the little one shook his head and said he had not seen. any.

“Why don’t you and I go watch a movie later?” asked Grace as she used sign language to speak. She was afraid the little one. would not understand.

Although the little one knew about movies only in the literal sense, his face was expectant.

Looking at Nelson’s excited face, Grace could not help feeling

a bit sorry. If only they were watching an animation with

Nelson today.

If Nelson was interested in movies, then she would watch

animated movies with him next time.

The car drove to the premiere, but it did not stop at the main

entrance. After all, there were quite a few reporters at the

main entrance right now. Jason knew that Grace did not like to

attract the news media’s attention.

Moreover, he had always disliked reporters himself.

A security guard was waiting at the side door. As soon as

Jason’s car arrived, he respectfully opened the car door.

Jason, Grace, and Nelson got out of the car and went inside.

There were no reporters inside, just celebratory wreaths in the

auditorium and guests in attendance.

As far as Grace could see, these people were all familiar-

top celebrities one would see on the screen, some well-known. local directors, and even some people you would normally

only see in political news.

Grace was stunned. Although Howell Webb was now quite popular, Howell Webb seemed to be far from having such an

impact.

On second thought, it suddenly became clear to her that the director of this film was one of the three famous directors in the industry. They had won many honors abroad.

This time, it was clear that many of the big shots attending the premiere were doing the director favors.

While Grace got a lot of attention at the last banquet, there was also a lot of chatter in the high society about how they should not offend Jason's new girlfriend.

However, at the end of the day, it was not something everyone knew about.

Now, Grace was lining up alongside Jason with a child. They were a sight that attracted a lot of attention.

In particular, those who knew Jason felt like their eyes were popping out.

What was going on? Why was Emerald City's fearsome Young Master Reed now attending such an event with a child?

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Besides, what about the woman with Young Master Reed?!

This situation was also likely to trigger gossip. Grace looked at the ambiguous glances on her and Nelson. She suddenly understood what others were thinking.

"Um... There seems to be a misunderstanding," Grace whispered to Jason.

Jason smiled. "Misunderstanding? What misunderstanding?" His voice sounded a little playful.

Um... Could he not see the way these people were looking at them? Grace blinked and stared at Jason, but those bright, amorous eyes were clear right now. It was so clear that he even... Looked innocent.

Grace could only grit her teeth and blush slightly, saying, "They think that Nelson is our child!"

"Then let them think that way," Jason said lightly.

Huh? Grace was stunned. Just let them think that way? Was this... Appropriate? "But..."

"There are no buts," he said. "We're going to have children. sooner or later. Is there any difference between them thinking we have a child a few years early and a few years later?"

"..." Well, she had nothing to refute his remarks.

"All right, let's get over there," said Jason before taking Nelson by the other hand and walking on.

This move reinforced the speculations about the relationship. between the three. A man and a woman holding a child's hand like that were obviously a family of three!

Jason did not announce to the public that he was married and had a three or four-year-old child.

Was it a secret marriage? Or was she just a lover? Was this child born out of wedlock? Suddenly, there were a lot of sympathetic looks at Grace.

However, there were more envious eyes than anything else. After all, a child could improve their mother's status. As long as she gave birth to his child, she would have a bright future! Even if she could not be the Reed family's lady of the house, at least she could live a rich life!

The director of the film knew Jason, though he was surprised when Jason's secretary approached him to ask for an invitation to the premiere.

Now that he saw Jason here with a woman and a child, even the director, who had gone through hell and back, was seriously taken aback.

"Welcome, Young Master Reed," greeted the director as he stepped forward enthusiastically. "These two are..." He glanced at Grace and Nelson.

"This is my girlfriend Grace and the other one is Nelson," answered Jason. He just introduced Nelson's name, but not his identity.

However, that way, it confirmed to some onlookers that the little one was Jason's illegitimate child.

After all, illegitimate children could not be introduced above board.

"Director Stevens, you made a nice casting this time. My girlfriend likes Howell Webb. Can my girlfriend meet Howell Webb after the premiere? She'd love to have a photo taken. with him and get an autograph or something," said Jason.

"Huh?" Director Stevens was stunned.

She liked Howell Webb? She wanted a photo and an autograph? Why did this... Sound like a groupie? Why did he feel that Jason's presence at the premiere of his movie today was only because he was trying to help his girlfriend fangirl over her favorite celebrity?!

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However, Director Stevens kept a smile on his face. He said, "No problem, no problem. I think Jaygshan will be happy to have such a fan."

After exchanging more pleasantries, the director left.

Grace was a little surprised. She did not expect Jason to help her meet Howell Webb and... Uh, fangirl.

"What's the matter?" He looked at the blank expression on her face. "Are you overjoyed to hear that you're going to take a photo with Howell Webb and get his autograph?"

“I’m happy. Uh, but not that kind of happy... It’s just...” She was a little incoherent for a moment. What pleased her most was not getting to see Howell Webb up close, getting a photo taken with him, and getting his autograph, but Jason’s casual gestures that made her feel cherished.

She was not just an extra, dispensable person or even a jay hated by her loved ones.

“Well, no matter what kind of happiness it is, as long as it’s your wish, I’ll help you realize it, whispered Jason as he leaned slightly to look at her at eye-level. “It’s just that the person you love most must be me, all right? You must never change that.”

His magnetic voice was like the whisper of a lover, there was a seductive undertone in it. His gaze was burning.

It was as if the casual whisper was a promise, and now he demanded her promise.

Grace could not help nodding her head. “Sure.” She thought that the person she loved most was already him. It was he who made her feel the feeling of being cherished and treasured.

It was he who made her understand that there was a person who would take her so seriously in this world and that there was someone who loved her so much!

Jason smiled with satisfaction. Nelson, sandwiched between them, threw back his little chin. His big, beautiful eyes were full of confusion. He was wondering what the grown-ups were saying.

However, um, having Aunt and Uncle holding his hands felt pretty good. He usually saw a lot of children having their hands held by their father and mother like this.

However, his hands were usually only held by his mother and grandmother.

He... Had wondered before what it would be like to be held by his father, but Mommy said Daddy was gone and far away in heaven.

Where was it? When he grew up, could he go there to look for Daddy?

Nelson often thought about this, but little did he know that his father was not up in the sky. In fact, Nelson would meet him

soon.

The auditorium for the premiere was naturally great. The stereo was awesome, and the seats were more spacious than ordinary theater seats.

To make it easier for the little one to see the screen, Grace asked him to sit with her so that she could explain to him what was going on.

However, when it was time to watch the film, the little one. blew Grace's mind.

The little one... Could understand most of the subtitles in the film, except for a few words.

Grace was completely dumbstruck. Uh... It seemed that

Nelson was far more intelligent than she could have imagined.

Although the child could understand the subtitles, he could not understand the story. He only had a preliminary understanding of the good fighting the bad.

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50, the little one watched with relish.

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Grace was relieved when she saw this. She was worried that Nelson was too young to watch the movie and would be bored. She even decided that if Nelson really could not understand the movie and did not want to stay here, she would carry him out of the auditorium.

Now, it was a happy ending for all!

Grace was finally able to focus on the film.

She must admit that the film was really good. The cast fitted their roles in the film, and the special effects were done beautifully. The plot was simple, but it did not feel dull.

Howell Webb was no longer being typecast, which was a transition for him and a challenge for his acting skills.

Grace looked on and thought Howell Webb performed well in the film.

After watching the emotional climax scene, Grace even burst into tears.

Even she was surprised when the tears came. She was not much of a crybaby. In the past, when Lina would cry her eyes out during a movie, she did not even shed a tear.

Although she would be moved by the film, she did not cry much.

However, she was now crying, partly because the film did.

great in making people emotional and partly because she seemed to see herself in the character.

She had gone from ordinary to someone with a bright future, but before she reached the peak, she was shot down into the darkest of places. She was now on her own, stepping into the light again.

Although all this was done humorously in the film, the pain still left Grace with a sense of empathy.

Just as she was about to take a tissue to wipe away her tears, a hand touched her face first.

Long fingers wiped away her tears. "Why are you crying?"

"No... Nothing. It's just a little too touching," said Grace, sniffing.

"Seeing you cry like this makes me regret taking you to see this movie." He frowned a little. He did not like to see her tears. because they would give him some kind of heartache.

Even if she said it was because the film was touching, he still did not like her to cry.

"I cried because it was a good movie. I laughed and cried." Grace explained, trying to wipe away her tears.

The next moment, he pressed her hand, and his face came close to hers while his lips kissed the tears on her face.

Grace was shocked. "Jay..."

"Don't move," he muttered.

"Some... Someone will see," she whispered.

The lights were off here in the auditorium. The only light source was the big screen in front. It was dark all around, so no one would probably notice them.

However... It was probably inevitable.

“If you don’t want people to see us, you should stay still,” he muttered, kissing away the tears from her face.

The tears were so salty to him.

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If he could, he hoped that she would never be sad or cry for the rest of her life!

Little by little, Jason kissed the tears on Grace’s face while she stiffened and dared not move. She was feeling only the heat where he had kissed her.

By the end of the film, Grace was a little dizzy. She watched

80% of the film carefully, but in the last 20%, because he was kissing her tears, she did not have the heart to watch that

part.

She just remembered the scene from the finale.

Nelson looked like he wanted more after finishing the film. It

was as if he wanted to continue beating the bad guy.

Grace touched the little one’s head and thought she had made the right decision to bring him to the premiere today.

“Do you want to meet the actor in the movie with me later? He’s the main character who beat the bad guy just now,” said Grace as she also signed, explaining to the little one.

“Sure,” Nelson’s mouth clearly uttered this time.

Grace was once again relieved. Nelson would speak more

and more in the future. Maybe it would not be long before he

could communicate like ordinary children.

Therefore, Grace took Nelson and followed Jason. They were led by the staff to the actors’ lounge.

They called it a lounge, but it was actually a big room that was like a small hall. Almost all the actors were in the lounge, and Howell Webb was of course among them.

The director had already spoken to Howell Webb, so he knew that Jason would bring his girlfriend over to take a photo with him and ask for his autograph.

Speaking of which, Howell Webb thought he had misheard the news when he first heard it.

The famous Young Master Reed in Emerald City had a girlfriend? This girlfriend was even his fan? Howell Webb had mixed feelings about this.

He never had the chance to meet someone like Jason up close, but now, thanks to a fan, he was going to meet the famous Young Master Reed.

“You’re Mr. Reed, aren’t you? Hello, I’m Howell Webb.” Howell Webb smiled as he stepped forward, then he turned his eyes

to Grace. He said, “I heard Director Stevens mention that you’re a fan. It’s really my pleasure. Hello.”

“Hello, I... I’ve seen the TV series you starred in a long time ago. Uh, it was when you first debuted. I didn’t think one day I’d be able to talk to you like this,” Grace said, suddenly a little nervous.

After all, someone she had only seen on TV and the big screen. was suddenly right before her eyes. It was hard not to feel a

little nervous.

“Thank you, thank you!” Howell Webb said with a smile, “Why don’t we have our photo taken first?”

“Sure,” said Grace, then she conveniently handed her phone to Jason who was at the side. “Take some photos for me, Jay. Uh,

take a few more.”

All of a sudden, the people around them, especially some actresses, felt a little jealous.

Young Master Reed as the photographer? She even said it so naturally?! If it was some other women, they could not wait to please him! Was she not afraid of making Young Master Reed

angry?

However, Jason just grabbed her phone and... Started taking photos!

All of a sudden, the actresses felt even more jealous.

Some people looked at Grace and did not find her attractive. She was at best comely, easy on the eyes, and just comfortable to look at.

However, in the entertainment industry, there were so many prettier women than Grace!