## For Dinner 301

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Cindy Clarke had a good grasp of the heat, even though it was not fully cooked, it didn't taste raw.

There was a soft texture still carrying some milky flavor.

The contrast with the tender and smooth texture of the eggs was immense. The fried rice was distinct, grain by grain, springy to the tooth, carrying a sour-sweet flavor of tomatoes.

These contrasting tastes mingled together. While being entirely different, they seemed to blend perfectly in the mouth.

Finally, Adrian Zhekova took a sip of the miso soup, sending the last bit of fried rice into his stomach.

"Did you add milk to these eggs?" Adrian Zhekova asked.

"I added a tiny bit of light cream," Cindy indicated with her fingers, it was really not much, "If there is too much, it would smell unpleasantly milky and even become nauseating. Therefore, I only added a bit to enhance the aroma."

"The light cream is thicker than milk, which can make the egg solution denser, solidify better at the bottom, and the part in the middle that does not need to solidify, it remains soft and slightly undercooked because of its thickness." Cindy explained.

Cindy had intentionally reduced the portion for Morgan Zhekova, which was just right for him.

After finishing his meal, Morgan was full, but he was still eyeing the dishes greedily.

He watched as Adrian and Cindy were eating, unfortunately, he was too full to eat anymore.

"Cindy, what are we going to eat for lunch today?" This little fellow, having just finished his breakfast, his belly still full and round, was already thinking about what to eat for lunch. It reminded Cindy of the thing she had discussed with Adrian, that they were going to tell the little guy about today. Also, there was the promise she made to Adrian, about going back to his place. They might not even be home for lunch. Cindy looked at Adrian, waiting for his opinion. "Morgan, after your meal, clean up a bit. We have something to tell you," said Adrian, directly. Morgan, young but smart, was quite mischievous. So, Adrian didn't treat him like a typical child. He conversed with him like an adult, treating Morgan as an equal. Morgan, with his big round eyes, first looked at Cindy, then at Adrian. Finally, his eyes returned to Cindy's face: "Cindy, so you finally found a stepdad for me!" "Cough! Cough-cough-cough!" Cindy was just stuffing the last mouthful of fried rice and did not expect Morgan to say such a thing. Cindy was choked all at once, having food lodged in her throat. Adrian hurriedly picked up the soup to feed her.

Adrian felt relieved to see Cindy feeling better after drinking the soup, and then he said to the little guy helplessly: "What stepdad? What nonsense are you talking about?"
Morgan pouted, thinking to himself that Adrian's feelings for Cindy were evident.
Isn't he trying to be his stepdad? Or does he want to be one of those scumbag men?
Cindy finished eating as well.
She cleared up the plates, put them in the dishwasher, and then returned.
By then, Adrian had brought Morgan to the living room.
As Cindy was not present, Adrian didn't start speaking right away.
He waited until Cindy returned.
Cindy sat next to Morgan.
Adrian, however, stood up and sat directly on the coffee table, facing them.
It would be more convenient this way when it was time to talk.
Cindy looked at Adrian, seeing Adrian nod at her.
Morgan noticed all these.
The two made him a bit nervous.

At that moment, Cindy said, "Morgan, you can't call him Uncle anymore."
Seeing the little fellow looking back at her with an especially puzzled look.
Cindy, with a fluttering heart, smiled gently at him, "He is your dad." Who would have thought? Morgan didn't appear shocked at all
Chapter 302: I Won 't Go with You
Instead, they saw him exhale, and said, "I just said that he wants to be my stepfather! He just didn't admit it!"
As he said this, the little guy pouted his mouth.
He wasn't wrong.
Cindy understood that the little guy had misunderstood.
However, the tense atmosphere was relieved quite a bit by this innocent misunderstanding.
She chuckled and then seriously said to Morgan, "Morgan, he is your biological father. He's your real father, not a stepfather."
Suddenly, Morgan froze and stared straight at Cindy, unable to react for a long time.
His entire body stiffened.
Cindy got scared.



No wonder Adrian could get hold of so many clues and connect them all together.
It turned out there was an insider helping him!
The little guy had told Adrian about this secretly, but he never told her!
Who knows what else he might have told Adrian that she didn't know about?
Seeing Cindy's gaze, Morgan suddenly remembered that he had told Adrian secretly, and Cindy didn't know!
Now, Adrian had just casually mentioned it in front of Cindy.
How unreliable!
How could Adrian's mouth be so loose!
And he even betrayed Morgan in front of him!
Humph!
Morgan unhappily lifted his mouth up high.
He needed to think carefully about whether or not he could tell Adrian secrets in the future!
"Morgan, he really is your father. Actually, I've known about this for a while now." Cindy softly said.
First, let's set aside the fact that the little guy secretly told Adrian the secret.

"Your father came to find us as soon as he confirmed the relationship between you two. He's not irresponsible." Cindy said, afraid that Morgan would reject Adrian, "Before, he had no idea about our existence. After he found out, he wanted to take responsibility, to take care of you, to support you, so you wouldn't be bullied anymore."

Morgan looked at Adrian and then asked Cindy, tilting his head up, "So... you're not lying to me?"

Cindy gave a bitter smile, "Why would I lie to you about this?" Who knew, Morgan didn't think about anything else but asked Adrian, "So, are you here to take me away? Do you want to take me away from Cindy?"

Cindy was surprised for a moment, and then she heard Morgan say, "I won't go with you. Even if you're my real father, I won't go with you.."

Chapter 303: Taking Both of You Away Together

"Cindy, don't worry, I'll never leave you in my life." The little guy hugged Ye Fei.

Unfortunately, his arms were short and his hands were small.

There was no way he could completely hold her.

But Ye Fei felt a great sense of relief.

A little boy, he gave her immense security.

"I've told you before, even if my birth father comes looking for me, no matter how great he is or how good his conditions are, I won't go with him. I'll be with you for the rest of my life and never leave you," Morgan promised, "The words I said won't change."



Fortunately, she gave birth to him.
What an angel this little guy is.
"Morgan," Ye Fei called, "Mommy loves you so much, you're the best child."
The little guy smiled and said softly, "I love you too."
Watching the mother and son act as if they were about to be separated. Adrian Zhekova said helplessly, "I didn't want to take you away from Cindy."
"If I were to take you, I would take both of you together, " Adrian Zhekova continued, "Let me take care of you and protect you."
The little guy finally showed his face from Ye Fei's arms.
A pair of clear, big eyes, still carrying a wet glow.
No longer looking at Adrian Zhekova without any hesitation as before.
This time, his gaze at Adrian Zhekova carried uncertainty.
There was some precaution, but also some trepidation.
"Are you really my father? My birth father?" Morgan asked again for confirmation, his little hands still tightly gripping Ye Fei's clothes.
Hiding in Ye Fei's embrace, looking very guarded.

"Yes," Adrian Zhekova wanted to reach out and rub Morgan's head, but seeing Morgan's guarded look, he dared not make any reckless moves.

"Haven't you noticed how similar we look?" Adrian Zhekova asked with a smile.

The little guy fell silent, unable to deny this point.

"Later, I can even dig out pictures of me when I was little for you to compare," Adrian Zhekova saw Morgan's fingers that were gripping Ye Fei's clothes begin to loosen.

There was some sign of relaxation.

Adrian Zhekova went ahead and rubbed Morgan's head a few times.

When his palm touched Morgan's head, he could feel the little guy instinctively dodge back a little.

But only a few seconds later, Morgan stopped dodging.

Apparently, the little guy couldn't digest this news right away.

"Then... when did you find out?" Morgan asked again.

Adrian Zhekova answered truthfully, "It was when Cindy and you went to buy a car. I asked you about how Cindy had been framed by her mother and sister before. The timing of that incident happened to match my expectations." "I secretly took your hair and had it tested with mine," Adrian Zhekova explained..

Chapter 304: Where Does the Disdain Come From

The little guy puffed up his cheeks.
How dare they steal his hair!
Adrian Zhekova smiled, saying, "Then on the day of buying the car, I received the result. So I went to find you guys immediately."
Cindy Clarke took over and continued, "When we got back, while you were asleep, your dad told me about it."
Cindy's change of address was very quick.
She thought that if she said it more in front of the little guy, he would get used to it and unconsciously accept the change in Adrian's father-son identity. "My first reaction was that I was afraid he would take you away," Cindy said.
However, Morgan Zhekova wasn't worried now.
Because if he wanted to take him away, he would have done so a long time ago.
Moreover, Adrian Zhekova just now said that he wouldn't take only him.
Cindy continued, "But your dad told me, he won't take you away from me. However, he also wants to fulfill his fatherly responsibilities. Additionally, the choice was up to me. It's up to me to decide when to tell you about this. Before I say anything, he won't. So I don't have to worry about you leaving."
"Morgan, before this, he didn't know about our existence at all. I know you've heard me talking with your godmother about how I was framed back then.
Only, through a series of mishaps in the middle, I ended up meeting your dad."

"But at the time, neither of us knew each other. All these years, he's been looking for me, completely unaware that I was pregnant and had you. After he found out the truth, he came to find us at the first opportunity, wanting to take responsibility."

"In fact, there's nothing wrong with hiding and pretending to know nothing. Weren't we always thinking about living just the two of us? That man, whom we didn't know, never appeared in our lives, so we didn't need him."

"Moreover, for your dad, suddenly having us would be very disadvantageous for his future marriage and family formation. His future partner would definitely mind that he has a son with someone else. If he were to consider it for himself, he could have completely ignored this matter."

Adrian Zhekova opened his mouth, thinking that his future partner would be her, right?

Where's the dislike?!

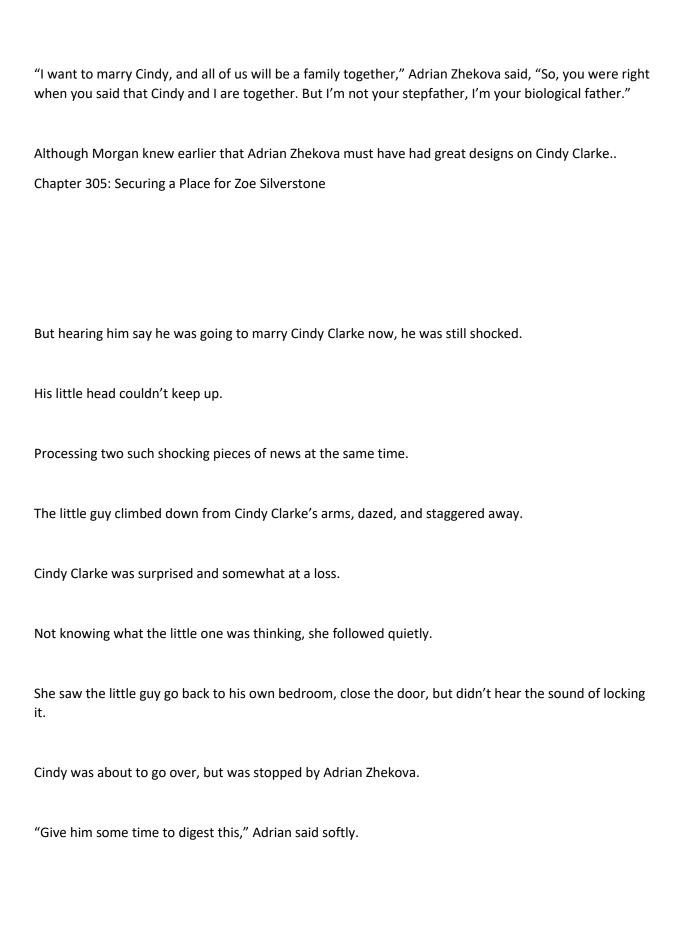
However, it was because Cindy was speaking well of him.

So, Adrian Zhekova held his tongue and didn't speak up.

"But after he found out, he didn't evade it; on the contrary, he came to find us. Morever, he didn't blame us or try to take you away, feeling that you belong to the Zhekova family and should return to them. He showed us a lot of respect." Cindy said softly, "I'm really grateful that it was him back then, and not someone else."

"It's impossible for me to keep it from you for the rest of my life, and not let you know that he's your father. It's not fair for your dad. He's done everything he can, and everything he can give to us. So, I treat him with the same sincerity. He's good to you, and I can't let him face you like this forever without getting your recognition."

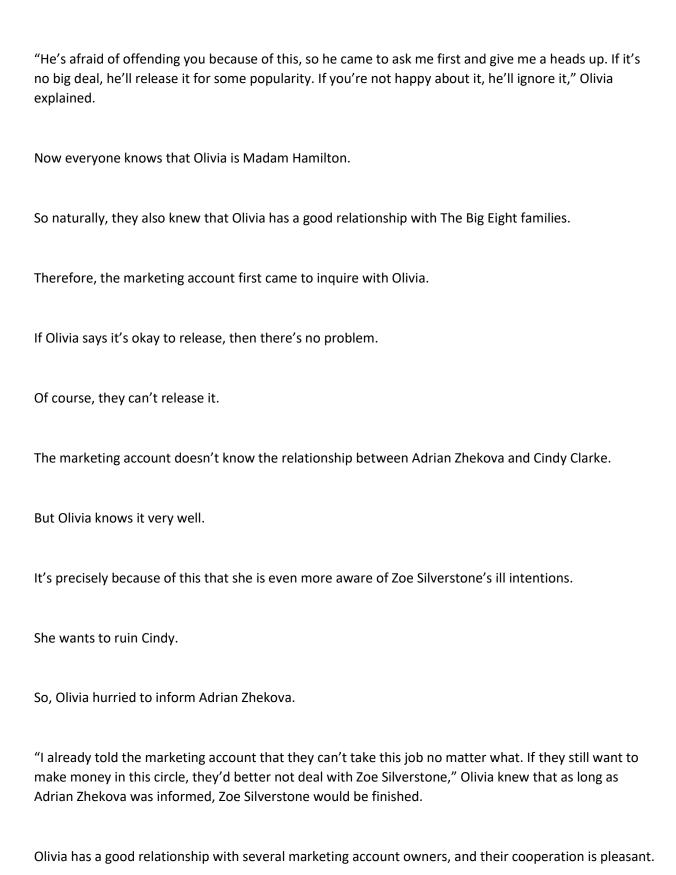
"And also..." Cindy glanced at Adrian Zhekova and blushed, "There's one thing you didn't get wrong, we are together. So, you should know the truth even more."



"Although I don't have experience raising a child, putting myself in his shoes, encountering such a thing, I need some time to digest it, especially since Morgan is only four years old," Adrian said.
"When I showed you the paternity test report before, didn't you also take some time to calm down?" Adrian comforted, "If it was like this for us, let alone for Morgan."
"Morgan is a smart kid, he'll figure it out," Adrian looked at his watch, "How about this, we give him half an hour?"
"As soon as half an hour is up, we go in and see how he's doing?" Adrian asked for Cindy's opinion.
Hearing this, Cindy felt that she was overwhelmed by the situation.
She nodded: "Let's give him some time."
The two didn't leave, but instead waited outside Morgan's bedroom, listening to the sounds inside.
At this moment, Cindy felt every second was like years.
She wondered why the time hadn't passed yet.
Why hadn't Morgan come out yet?
At that moment, Adrian's mobile phone rang.
Seeing it was Zane Hamilton's call.
The brothers would chat in a group when they had time, jabbing each other's hearts.
They wouldn't call unless there was something important going on.

Seeing Zane Hamilton's call now, Adrian thought there must be something important. He didn't go anyvvhere else, just answered the phone in front of Cindy: "Dylan?" "Hey, Adrian." Zane Hamilton said on the phone, "It's Olivia Davis who wants to find you, wait a moment, I'll let her take over." "Olivia Davis?" Adrian was surprised. Immediately after, the voice on the other end of the phone changed to Olivia Davis's. "It's me, Olivia Davis." Olivia didn't exchange pleasantries with Adrian, but went straight to the point, "Do you know an internet celebrity named Zoe Silverstone?" "Zoe Silverstone?" Adrian recalled, "I do know her. She has a competitive relationship with Cindy in their field, always trying to climb up by stepping on Cindy. She also participated in the Cooking Competition." Olivia had also watched the Cooking Competition but hadn't seen it from start to finish since she was busy with work and her child. She had watched some highlights online and had indeed seen Zoe Silverstone. She just wasn't sure if Adrian had any impressions of Zoe Silverstone. After all, Adrian and his friends had great memory. However, they really couldn't remember those they didn't care about.

Even if that person swayed in front of them a hundred or eighty times, they might not remember him.
So Olivia asked this question.
Unexpectedly, Adrian could still remember Zoe Silverstone.
It seemed that Zoe Silverstone had really offended Cindy more than once.
Otherwise, how could Adrian allocate any precious space in his brain for Zoe Silverstone to occupy?
Olivia didn't know whether to mourn for Zoe Silverstone or to be happy for her
Chapter 306: She Just Wants to Destroy Cindy Clarke
Being resented by Adrian Zhekova is not a good thing. However, not just anyone can be remembered by Adrian Zhekova.
"I just received a message from a marketing account that has a good relationship with me, saying that Zoe Silverstone contacted him and gave him some photos of you accompanying Cindy Clarke to the Cooking Competition group auditions," Olivia Davis said, "Although there's no clear shot of your face in the photos, and Cindy is wearing a mask, you can still be recognized by your profile, and with some facial feature comparison, it's easy to confirm."
"As for Cindy, she wore a mask for quite a long time during yesterday's live stream, so it's not hard to recognize her by comparison," Olivia continued, "Zoe Silverstone is trying to prove that what she accused Cindy of during yesterday's competition – that her scores were rigged – is true."
"Cindy was able to pass the auditions and achieve good results in the competition because of you," Olivia said, "My marketing account friend doesn't know the relationship between you and Cindy, but those who mix in the circle are very cautious."



The best relationship is with "Entertainment Gossip", but this time, Zoe Silverstone came to him.

"Entertainment Gossip" is a very reliable person and has extraordinary trust in Olivia.

So, without any delay, he came to inquire with Olivia for the first time.

This allowed Olivia to inform Adrian Zhekova about this matter in time.

"I just wanted to let you know about this so that you can be prepared in advance," Olivia said, "Fortunately, Zoe Silverstone is just an internet celebrity, and if she wants to go through the marketing account route, she'll have to deal with me."

"I'm afraid that if my friend's marketing account refuses her, she'll turn to another one," Olivia expressed her concern, "I don't have such a good relationship with every marketing account. There are quite a few of them who don't like me. If she contacts them, we won't have any information." "I got it," Adrian Zhekova said gratefully, "Thank you."

Thanks to Olivia, he was able to learn about the news in time.

"Don't mention it," Olivia said with a smile, "Our relationship is so good that there's no need for such politeness over such a small matter."

Meanwhile, Cindy Clarke also received a phone call.

It was from a staff member in the operations department of Facebook, who she had contacted before when Nelly Woods posted about Morgan Zhekova online.

Since the two often had contact due to various activities, Cindy was also willing to cooperate with many activities on Facebook..

Chapter 307: She Really Doesn 't Know How to Stay Quiet

There's no hassle, and they work well together. So, the relationship between the two is pretty good. "Claudia." Cindy answered the phone. "Cindy, Zoe Silverstone just contacted our colleague here, saying she wants to buy a hot topic. It seems to be about you," Claudia said. It's not a big deal, just a matter of mentioning it, so the staff called to inform her. They consider it as doing Cindy a favor. "I'm not sure about the specific details, because Zoe only talked about the price with us first. The news about you hasn't been released yet," Claudia said. "I just wanted to let you know so you can be prepared," Claudia continued, "Keep an eye on her, so as soon as the news comes out, you can react immediately." "As for the hot topic, I'm not in charge of it, and she's paying for it. If she wants to buy it, my opinion doesn't matter," Claudia explained. "I know it's hard for you, thank you so much, Claudia," Cindy said hurriedly. "It means a lot that you could tell me in advance." "Hey, it's nothing, just a simple mention," Claudia said. "You go ahead," Cindy nodded, "I'll treat you to a meal later." "Look at you, being polite again," Claudia

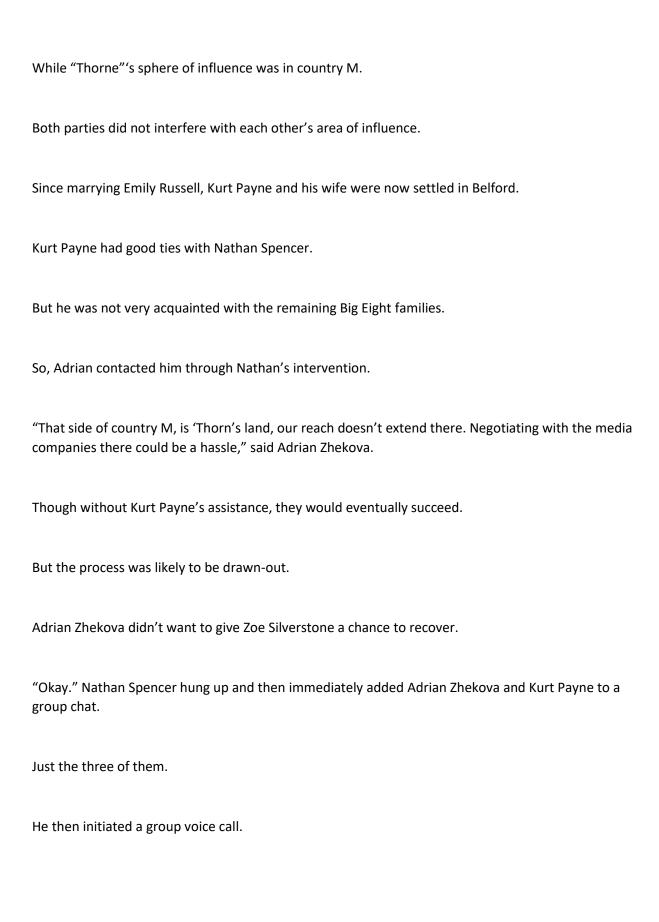
laughed.

Just as she hung up, Adrian Zhekova had finished his call as well.
Cindy asked first, "Did Zane Hamilton have an urgent matter for you?"
"It was Olivia Davis who contacted me through Dylan," Adrian didn't delay and told Cindy directly, "Zoe somehow got a photo of me with you during the group audition. She found a marketing account to expose it and prove what she said during the competition yesterday."
"However, she's unlucky. The marketing account she found just happened to be a friend of Olivia's. Olivia found out about it right away and contacted me through Dylan."
"The marketing account Zoe's contacted won't release the photo. But Olivia's worried that if she doesn't succeed this time, she'll find another one. It would be bad if she found Olivia's rival, as they would not only not inform Olivia but also release it eagerly."
"So that's what happened," Cindy suddenly understood the whole situation.
"What is it?" Adrian curiously asked.
"Just now, a friend who works at Facebook told me that Zoe contacted their colleague and is ready to buy a hot topic. She didn't know what Zoe wanted to release about me, just that I should be prepared," Cindy explained. "Now that you've mentioned it, it all connects," Cindy said. Adrian sneered, "She really doesn't know when to stop." After saying this, Adrian called Sheldon Rowland.
At this time, Sheldon was still sleeping in at home.
Usually working hard for Adrian, he hardly had any rest during weekdays.
He was simply working from dusk till dawn.
Even on holidays, he often had to work overtime.

Finally, the scumbag CEO seemed to show signs of returning to the family. Having no intention of making him work hard this weekend, Sheldon was almost moved to tears. Overjoyed, he played Mobile Legend last night until three in the morning before falling asleep. Before going to bed, he recklessly thought about sleeping until noon, then ordering takeout and having an unhealthy and foul Saturday. But now, while still in the middle of sleep, his mobile phone kept ringing incessantly. Sheldon could barely open his eyes, reached and fumbled around a few times, and finally managed to grab his phone next to the pillow.. Chapter 308: Is it not good to live well? However, his eyes refused to open. After rubbing his blurry eyes several times, he squinted, just barely being able to see a tiny bit of his mobile phone screen. On it showed the name Adrian Zhekova. Sheldon Rowland groaned internally, of course, it was the scumbag CEO. Can't he ever take a break for a day? Sheldon Rowland completely rubbed his eyes open, awakening considerably. He answered the call and sat up, putting on his best-awake voice, "Master



Zoe Silverstone must have lost her mind! Even then, Sheldon Rowland spoke aloud: "Zoe Silverstone daring to harm the CEO's wife should never be forgiven!" Adrian Zhekova nodded, "It's good to have such awareness, keep it up." After a while, Adrian said, "Alright, complete your task as soon as possible!" "Okay." Sheldon hurriedly hung up the phone and set off to handle it. Adrian remembered that Cindy too had an account on YouTube and asked her, "Does Zoe Silverstone have an account on YouTube or anything similar?" "She does, but she doesn't have many fans." As her constant rival, Cindy knew about Zoe Silverstone's activities very well. Adrian Zhekova nodded, thought a bit, then called Nathan Spencer. Through Nathan, he reached out to Kurt Payne. Nathan Spencer and Kurt Payne's wife, Emily Russell, were childhood buddies, so they have a close relationship. And Nathan's wife, Millie Noelle, was part of Kurt Payne's intelligence department of the "Thorne" organization. Thus, Nathan Spencer and Kurt Payne were on good terms. Kurt Payne's "Thorne", was somewhat like Lanarn Training Ground. However, Lanarn's influence was within this country.



Very efficiently
Chapter 309: Absolutely No Limits
After Nathan Spencer introduced Kurt Payne and Adrian Zhekova, Adrian Zhekova stated his purpose.
Country M was Kurt Payne's territory, and Adrian Zhekova couldn't reach that far, but for Kurt Payne, it was a simple matter.
Kurt Payne agreed happily and went to handle it immediately.
Just after ending the call, Adrian Zhekova received a call from Walter Wells.
Adrian Zhekova had just picked up, and before he could speak, he heard Walter Wells say, "I heard from Dylan that someone named Zoe Silverstone is trying to cause trouble for Cindy Clarke."
At this time, Walter Wells was sitting on the sofa, with a laptop placed on the coffee table in front of him.
Charlotte York was sitting next to him, watching Walter Wells clatter away at the keyboard, with the screen displaying a series of characters that she could recognize individually, but not when combined together.
But she still enjoyed watching it.
Anyway, she just liked watching Walter Wells work, especially when it involved tasks she couldn't understand.



Adrian Zhekova directly showed the mobile phone to Cindy Clarke. It turned out that Walter Wells had sent a chat log between Iris Doone and Zoe Silverstone. He even converted some of the voice chats into text. Machine recognition of voice-to-text sometimes produces errors, but it was still generally understandable. "I didn't expect that Iris Doone provided the photos to Zoe Silverstone," Cindy Clarke sneered. She looked up at Adrian Zhekova and asked, "Iris Doone also got the photos from someone else. We don't know how many people have such photos. It's impossible to hack their computers or steal their accounts to search for them one by one. Now that we've stopped Zoe Silverstone and Iris Doone, we can't stop others." Adrian Zhekova smiled and said, "This is easy, as long as we don't give them a channel and platform to release them, the photos in their hands will be useless." Cindy Clarke was puzzled, not knowing how Adrian Zhekova planned to solve it. Adrian Zhekova called Sheldon Rowland. "CEO." Sheldon Rowland immediately answered. This time, there was really no trace of sleepiness in his voice. Extremely alert!

"How is it going?" Adrian Zhekova asked. "I have found all of Zoe Silverstone's accounts on various platforms, and I have contacted those platforms. They are all very cooperative. Only Facebook is left, and I am about to contact them," Sheldon Rowland said.. Chapter 310: She thought it was two bedrooms After all, it was Adrian Zhekova who decided to do something about it. Sheldon Rowland didn't even have to say much. As long as Adrian Zhekova stepped in, no one would dare cross him for the sake of Zoe Silverstone. Thus, everyone agreed without hesitation. "Just to be clear, when you talk to Facebook, make sure to mention that if any of those photos appear, they should be deleted immediately," said Adrian Zhekova. "Also, if anyone tries to buy a hot topic about this, they should contact me first. Of course, they can't sell it." "Yes." Sheldon Rowland noted Adrian Zhekova's intention and started to handle it. By the time everything had been sorted out, half an hour had already passed. Adrian Zhekova glanced at the time again, which had now reached 40 minutes. Everything has been delegated for handling.

All that was left to do was wait for the results.
So, Adrian Zhekova temporarily put this matter aside.
Seeing how Adrian Zhekova had taken charge of the situation just then,
Cindy Clarke was no longer worried.
If Adrian Zhekova's intervention couldn't be trusted, then she didn't know whom else she could trust to handle the situation. Cindy first knocked on Morgan Zhekova's bedroom door: "Morgan, it's me,
Cindy."
"I didn't lock the door," came the soft, sticky voice from inside. "I know." Cindy couldn't help but laugh, "Thank you for keeping our agreement."
"Agreement?" Adrian Zhekova curiously asked Cindy.
Cindy quietly explained, "Morgan and I also argue sometimes. Sometimes she's naughty, and sometimes I upset her. Anyway, we occasionally have quarrels."
"But we agreed that even if we're mad at each other and lock ourselves in our rooms, we can't lock the door," continued Cindy. "That's the bottom line."
Adrian Zhekova chuckled, "That's not a bad idea. Should we make the same agreement? If we ever have a fight in the future"
"A fight?" Cindy looked at Adrian Zhekova, unable to imagine what it would be like to argue with him.
Moreover, would she have the guts to argue with him?

No, she should say, Adrian Zhekova probably isn't the type to argue at all, right?
"No, I misspoke." Adrian Zhekova quickly corrected himself. "Not a fight, but if
I ever upset you."
Cindy: ""
She was just expressing her doubts with a casual question.
What was going on with this man's strong desire for survival in his words?
"If I ever upset you, don't lock the door and keep me out, okay?" Adrian Zhekova lowered his head to negotiate with Cindy.
Under Adrian Zhekova's gentle gaze, Cindy subconsciously nodded in agreement.
After nodding, Cindy felt that something was wrong, but she couldn't quite put her finger on it.
Adrian implied that they would live together in the future.
But then Cindy thought, she and Morgan were already planning to visit his house today and decide to stay there anyway.
So, wasn't what Adrian said perfectly reasonable?
Just like her and Morgan, even though they live in separate bedrooms, they still have the same agreement.

At that moment, Cindy didn't realize that she and Adrian Zhekova were talking about two different things.
She thought it meant two bedrooms.
But Adrian Zhekova had already made plans for the future.
When the two of them shared a room, he couldn't let Cindy keep him out of the bedroom, let alone the bed, just because she was mad at him.
Adrian Zhekova laughed very satisfied, and as he saw Cindy's slightly dazed expression, his smile grew even bigger.
Little did they know, Morgan had heard their entire conversation