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William suddenly carried her into the men's bathroom next door then slammed the door. In the narrow space, Sherry was held tightly by William. His lips held her small mouth, and the tip of his tongue reached into her mouth. A smell of cigarette was tasted. Sherry was stunned by what William did!

William was also shocked by how impulsive he acted!

Sherry reacted and struggled, "Mr. Rowland .."

But the more she struggled, the more frenzied he became. Despite her protest, he deepened the kiss even more. She pushed him hard to avoid his kiss.

However, his kiss was so powerful that she had no way to escape.

William kissed her hard. He did not know, why, her lips were so attracted to him.

He kissed her in order to shut her from talking. However, it never occur to him that he couldn't stop at all. And for Sherry, who had no kissing experience, was actually melted by his kiss.

Gradually his kiss became gentle, with some flirtatious feelings.

His deep and powerful kisses, just like him, are domineering and lonely. It lasted for a long time. His breath went unsteady, he couldn't even describe how he felt right now.

You could see a bit sadness in his eyes, as if he owed her something.

He pressed her tightly on the wall. She had no strength to stand up straight but only could lie in his arms. Both of them were sexually attractive at that moment.

One of her hands was right around his thin but strong waist, and the other was around his elegant neck.

His skin felt nice, and her red face was on his chest, listening to his heartbeat.

Sherry was startled. Her brain went blank, and she forgot to retract her hands.

Unconsciously, she looked him in the eyes, which were narrowing and staring at her. His eyes were so mysterious that no one could read them.

The fragrance of milk lingered in his nose, just like the warm breeze with floral scent of cherry blossoms in spring, relaxing people in a good way.

He could feel her soft body even through the clothes. Her soft and magical breasts seem to call for his deepest desire.

His dark eyes were flickering, faintly revealing the most primitive desire.

At this moment, William was like a leopard who had been dormant for a long time, emitting jealousy and danger.

Sherry finally came back to herself and immediately pushed him away. However, within such a small space, the best they could do was to stand face to face.

"If you saw what you shouldn't have seen, you must bear the consequence!" William's low voice was evil and bewitching. His hot breath sprayed on her slender neck, flirting and itchy.

Sherry heart started to pound wildly, "Mr. Rowland, I didn't mean to, I .."

She felt his tense body, trying to explain but also confuse inside.

She was really in trouble this time!

Although she didn't even know what she did wrong, and she was not the one to blame, but she couldn't reason with anyone.

"What?" His voice was clear. His evil eyes locked her innocent face. He was smiling, innocent and inviting.

Sherry looked at the perfect handsome face so close to her with embarrassment. She turned her head slightly to hide her stress. "Mr. Rowland, open the door first, then we can talk about it..."

William stared at her red lips. Sherry wore light makeup, her skin looked extremely soft. Her eyes, which were dodging were clear like mountain steam. Her lips were red and delicate, very attracting.

William's eyes darkened, he suddenly bowed his head, and once again pressed his lips on hers.

The soft and smooth lips were so nice that once you touched them, they couldn't release yourself. Their bodies trembled.

Sherry opened her eyes widely, for she had been swallowed by him before she could scream.

His powerful tongue took the opportunity to slide in, and somehow Sherry had no idea how to resist.

She could hear nothing, and her whole body was softened uncontrollably.

She had been kissed before, on the night of her twentieth birthday, she was deeply kissed like that. She was panicked because the crazy kiss seem to linger and repeatedly try to suck her soul. "Mr. Rowland .."

His hand caressed her warm cheek, and his slender fingertips swam on her perfect neck. Unexpectedly, his hands swam to her soft breasts, and suddenly grasped them with his big palm.

Sherry awoke instantly, She was mad at herself for losing her way in a stranger's kiss!

She quickly pushed him away, however, his giant body didn't move at all. She nudged herself to get out of his control, but it eventually led to his hands moving more violently.

Because of the kiss she could barely breathe, but a nice feeling ran over her body and she somehow could not resist.

She never knew that a kiss could be so intimate, however, she didn't want to see him taking advantage of her.

Her breast went up and down out of anger. She tried to get rid of him, "Mr. Rowland, get off of me! I'm not that kind of woman!"

William pulled him out of the sweetness as well. his eyes became more clear as the desire in them faded, cold as ice, like usual. He stared at Sherry, "Then what kind are you? Vain? Innocent?"

Looking at his sculpture-like face and listening to his dangerous tone, Sherry once again lost in his magical eyes.

"Let go of me!" she hated what he did to her.

"William where are you?" Suddenly they heard a woman calling from outside.

Sherry's body shook. If someone found them again, or if Lara found out she and William were together, she would feel shameless!

"Mr. Rowland, I wanna resign.' Sherry declared in a cold tone.

She was not a casual woman, and she never mess with anyone. But William was just bullying her.

William didn't say anything. He opened the door and went out.

Sherry then became the only one left in the men's bathroom. She felt so much emotion in her that she really wanted to burst into tears.

Why he treated her like that!

If fate messed with her, fine, jokes on her. But she shouldn't have been a surrogacy mom in the first place. Otherwise, she would never part with her baby and lose tract of that child!

Her eyes went red, Sherry sat on the toilet and cried.

"Who's in there crying?" A serious man voice came. Sherry was so scared that she stopped making any sound.

"Who's in there?" The voice gradually lost patience.

"President, it might be some chick in the wrong bathroom! Please get back to the party, the young master is already there!"

Another man voice rose.

Sherry froze out of fear. She forgot it was the goddamn men bathroom.

When Sherry finally got back to the party, Liam was back here. He almost didn't recognized him when saw her rushing out with her head down. "Oh my, Sherry. You look beautiful, my dear:

Sherry looked up, casting her dewy eyes at Liam. He froze for a second and put on a surprising smile, "It's really you! You are an angel fall from heaven! Why are you crying?"

Facing Liam who liked to make jokes, Sherry still couldn't smile from the bottom of her heart. She glanced at him, "Sorry, Mr. Brooks. I have to go!"

"The paint .." Liam was confused.

He sent away Sherry's back figure, then started to search for William. Turned out, he was surrounded by a bunch of woman, giggling.

Another Monday had come.

Sherry came to Ms. Hines with a resign paper in her hand.

"Ms. Hines. I wanna resign:

"You wanna quit?" Ms. Hines was surprised, "Sherry, it took a lot to have a chance to work at the Rowland Group. We only picked you and Alice among over twenty candidates. You saw how intense the competition was!"

"I know, Ms. Hines. Thank you, but I want to resign now"

"I can't make the decision" Considering the CEO recruited her, she had better ask his opinion.

Right at this moment, William got out of the elevator. Ms. Hines went over and asked immediately, "Mr. Rowland, Ms. Murray want to resign"

Sherry thought of that kiss last night when he saw William and his thin lips. She got red in the face and lowered her head instinctively. But she gave it a second thought and realized she did nothing wrong. So she help her head up high and looked him in the eyes deliberately.

William's sharp eyes swept and landed on Sherry's pale face. He walked into his office without saying a word.

Ms. Hines had no idea what to do, "Sherry, maybe you should talk to Mr. Rowland in person:

"I." why was it so hard for her to resign?

She knocked on CEO's door for a few times, bearing anger.

"Come in: That was the coldest tone Sherry had ever heard.

Took a deep breath! It was okay, she was not afraid! But when she opened the door, her heart started racing.

"Mr. Rowland, I want to resign"

"Why?" William's eyes were emotionless.

Snow in the winter, that was how his eyes looked like. Apart from coldness, he seemed to bear a emotion that couldn't be described, "Just because I kissed you last night?"

"No, Mr. Rowland. I'm not cut for this job!" she was here to work, not to be harassed!

A playful light shied through his eyes, "The cooperation with AVL has started, who do you want me to hand the case, Ms. Murray? You can resign at the condition of paying 30 million as what you cost us'

"What?" Sherry was at the brink of screaming, "I didn't cost any lost!"

"It has been a week, Ms. Murray. You want me to change a person in charge? Do you know how many opportunities we can catch in a week? Releasing winter clothes one day earlier can make hundreds of millions profit. I had mercy on you by only charging you 30 million"

"Nonsense!" Sherry was mad.

"Rules and profit are the king in the market"

"I don't have any money!" Where she could acquire 30 million? She didn't even have thirty thousand.

"Then I refuse your resignation. Go back to work now!" William ordered emotionlessly.

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A unreadable expression flashed across the frozen face and likewise the eyes.

His demeanor made Sherry realize that what he did was on purpose. He knew that she didn't have the money, "You are doing it on purpose!"

Her hand grabbed her sides tightly as she tried very hard to suppress her anger. William was silent and suddenly stood up which startled Sherry.

He grinned and his gaze became unreadable, "Are you scared of me?"

"I'm going to do my work!" She turned swiftly. Since she can't resign now, she will resign after completing this partnership project.

Sherry lowered her head while simmering in anger and left Mr. Rowland's office.

"Sherry? What did Mr. Rowland say?" Ms. Hines asked uncharacteristically.

"Ms. Hines, does anyone who wishes to resign need to compensate the company 30 Million yuan?" She suspected that the Rowland Group grew to this size due to this disgusting scheme.

"Eh?" Ms. Hines was puzzled, "Why do you say that? Did Mr. Rowland want you to compensate 30 Million yuan?"

"Forget about it!" She didn't want to say anymore and fumed as she sat at her workplace.

Ms. Hines blinked as that was the first time she heard something of that nature. It was also the first time she heard that Mr. Rowland didn't allow a subordinate to resign. Did that mean that Mr. Rowland and Ms. Murray had some special relationship?

"Good morning!" Alice had arrived, "Hi! Sherry! What happened yesterday? How come I didn't see you?"

"I'm fine, I was there yesterday!" She lied.

"That can't be, Sherry dear, I think you left much earlier!" A man's voice suddenly interrupted.

"Dear?" Ms. Hines and Alice remarked in unison.

"Yeah! Dearest Anna, dearest Alice, how are both of you?" Liam was elated and looked at the three women, affectionately addressing all of them.

Ms. Hines and Alice exchanged looks and they knew that Liam had a great sense of humor.

Sherry glared at the mischievous Liam but didn't say a word.

"Why? Are you sick?" Liam looked at Sherry and asked out of concern.

"Let's get back to work!" Sherry shook her head in resignation.

"But you don't seem right!" Liam was doubtful, "What's the matter?"

"Nothing! I'll go and make some coffee!" Sherry pursed her lips.

She was harassed and wanted to resign but that person wanted compensation. But who will she seek compensation from after being kissed against her wishes?

Sherry couldn't even muster a smile when she thought about having to continue to work at the Rowland Group.

"Get me a cup!" Liam noticed that she didn't want to elaborate and turned his attention to the other two women.

Ms. Hines shook her head while Alice shrugged her shoulders, both didn't know what was happening.

"Then I'll go to Mr. Rowland's office, goodbye my dearest!" Liam swaggered towards Mr. Rowland's office.

Sherry made the morning coffee and sent it to Mr. Rowland's office. She knocked on the door and entered and saw both Liam and William were sitting on the sofa.

"Mr. Rowland, your coffee, Mr. Brooks, your coffee" She said formally and turned to leave only to be called by Liam.

"Sherry, what's wrong with you today? You seem strange today!" Liam asked while looking at William indifferently.

"I'm fine!" Sherry smiled, "I'm going back to work!"

"Ms. Murray, make a trip to AVL today. Push them on the cooperation project. I wish to have an effective business plan. William said as Sherry was about to leave.

"Yes!" Sherry nodded in confirmation. She felt nauseous that this man was as cunning as a fox.

"Just nice I'm going there as well, Sherry, I'll take you there!" Liam took a mouthful of coffee and stood up.

William shot a chilling glare at Liam which startled him but he rebelliously asked in return, "Will, why did you glare at me?"

Sherry held onto the folders and smiled when she thought about how Liam and William bickered a moment ago. It looked like only a person like Liam who was so careless and casual would make

William feel helpless.

When Liam drove over in his car and wound down the window, Sherry had already drooped her head, neutralized her expression, and adopted the demeanor of a delicate and meek damsel.

"Sherry, get in!"

"Sorry for the inconvenience, Mr. Brooks!" Sherry forced a smile and got into the car but sat in the rear passenger seat"

"Good lord, can't you sit beside me?"

"I feel that it's more appropriate that I sit behind." Sherry smiled.

Liam rolled his eyes as he looked at her petite face in the rear-view mirror, ""Humph! You must be taking the world's most dashing man, me, as a chauffeur!"

Wow, did he have no shame? Sherry thought to herself, but Liam was truly handsome!

Liam didn't speak further.

After Sherry and Susan finished their official discussions, Susan looked at Sherry who was dressed in a black colored suit like a spinster.

"Ms. Gill, is there anything else?"

"May I call you Sherry?"

"Huh? Of course!" Sherry smiled.

"How old are you?" Susan guessed that she was no more than twenty four years old, "Can you tell me?"

"Twenty three!" Sherry was never sensitive about her age.

"A woman's other important age.

"What do you mean?"

"There are two important ages for a woman, at twenty and at twenty three years old!" Susan blinked, "You are at the second most important age in life!"

"Ah..." Sherry was stunned.

Seventeen! At twenty was her darkest age as she lost a lot that year...

"Let's go and eat together!" Susan strangely felt good about Sherry, "I'll give you a treat!"

"Is this appropriate?" Sherry didn't expect that AVL's number one designer would be giving her a treat.

"Why not? Aren't you hungry?" Susan raised her beautifully groomed delicate eyebrow and looked at Sherry, "Or are you unwilling to eat with me?"

"How can that be? Then I'll thank you first!" Sherry accepted graciously.

Susan was someone who she respected. Many of her designs were very classic and Sherry didn't expect her to be so amiable.

"I was very surprised when you said that my design was flawed the other day!"

"I'm sorry, it was just nonsense!"

"But that was truly a flawed product!" Susan said without trying to conceal, "That dress split open on stage and I used safety pins to hold it together on the model!"

"How did it split open?" Sherry asked in disbelief, no wonder she saw that the dress did not fit well and was different from Susan's previous designs.

"Competition!" Susan said but Sherry didn't comprehend.

They continued to chat as they walked out of Susan's office.

"Will! It's sufficient for Sherry and me to come over to settle the work. As our director, you didn't need to trouble yourself by coming over!" Liam's voice could be heard from the other end of the corridor.

Sherry was stunned and looked towards that end of the corridor.

William's arrival attracted significant attention especially when he appeared together with Liam in the corridor.

A lot of staff at AVL stuck their heads out into the corridor to look. They wanted a glimpse of the director of the Rowland Group and felt dizzy just by looking at the cool and dashing handsome Mr. Rowland.

He was in a well-fitting business suit without a single crease and a pair of shiny leather shoes. His eyes were like an eagle which focused attentively like a predator.

His strong aura can be felt around him and as he walked along the corridor, all the women in the office area became smitten by him and all the men surrendered to his cool prowess.

In essence, he exuded a sensation that caused others to fear just as they were mesmerized by him...

Liam was always smiling. Liam was approachable while William was like a block of ice. When the two of them stood together, one was a raging flame while the other was a block of ice. They were an ideal team and when William came, even the director of AVL came out to receive them.

All the best qualities of a man can be found between these two!

Sherry pursed her lips tightly and took a large step away from them. She drooped her head down and hid her head like a small ostrich.

It was an instinct that she really felt a frightening gaze shooting across the people towards her.

Susan looked at Sherry and said, "Sherry, let's go the other way!"

"Okay!" She immediately replied and Sherry followed Susan to the other end of the corridor and walked down the stairs.

"Looks like you are scared of Mr. Rowland!" Susan smiled and said along the staircase.

"Er? No!" Sherry's heart skipped a beat.

Susan smiled and said sincerely, "Apart from being a playboy, Mr. Rowland's work abilities are beyond reproach!"

He was indeed a playboy. She had seen him kissing two different women! Sherry thought about it and decided not to engage in gossip. It was not her job to gossip.

Susan looked at Sherry, "Shall we go to a restaurant next to the company? Do you mind eating at a small Sichuan cuisine restaurant?"

Sherry was surprised that Ms. Gill would eat at that small restaurant. She felt that a renowned designer like her would normally eat at western restaurants, "No, that's fine. I like Sichuan cuisine!"

"That's great!" Susan said happily, "Let's go!"

The two of them walked shoulder to shoulder out of the building and suddenly there was another commotion. The two of them looked back and saw Liam and William walking out together. The two

were tall and well build which attracted attention all around them.

"Sherry, why did you leave in a hurry?" Liam said loudly.

Sherry tucked her head and turned around as they walked towards her. Sherry formally addressed, "Mr. Rowland, Mr. Brooks'

William looked at Susan and gently nodded with indifference.

"I'm going with Sherry to eat at a small Sichuan restaurant. I'm afraid that it's not a place that Mr. Rowland and Mr. Brooks will want to go to. So I won't ask you to join us? Susan said elegantly, "Let's go, Sherry'

“Okay!” Sherry concealed her joy and quickly turned around.

"How can you not invite us?" Liam muttered softly, he took a peek at William and then shouted at them, "I love eating at a small restaurant. The taste is authentic and should be delicious! Dearest Sue, I want to go! Wait for me.."

Susan turned around in astonishment while Sherry rolled her eyes. Mr. Brooks really knew how to seek attention.

"Will! Come along. It'll be more interesting to eat in a group. It's lunchtime anyway!"

They thought that William wouldn't go but didn't expect him to nod, "Why not?"

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Thus, in Susan and Sherry's bewilderment, William and Liam started to walk ahead of them towards the street located next to AVL.

"God! Is this the William I know?" Susan was dumbfounded.

"Ms. Gill, do you know Mr. Rowland?" Sherry asked curiously.

"Yes! I've known him for about ten years!"

"Ah?"

“Ah what? He was my junior in school!”

"Junior?" Sherry was dumbfounded. Susan and William looked similar in age. Mr. Rowland must be around thirty years old.

"Puzzled? It appears that I don't look my age but I'm already thirty two years old!" Susan sighed, "I can't escape the reality of time!"

"No, Ms. Gill, you are not old at all!" Sherry shook her head.

“You can drop the Miss and call me Sue!” Susan looked at her.

"Okay! Sue!"

“Hurry up, you two! Dearest Sue, are you trying to back out of treating us?” Liam was shouting from the front.

"Let's walk quickly! That clown is hastening us!" Susan referred to Liam.

"Then how long have you known Mr. Brooks?"

"They are both my juniors in school!" Susan shook her head in despair, "I didn't expect their personalities to change so much. After ten years, their personalities actually swapped!"

Sherry was listening intently to what Susan said. Can personalities be swapped? Wasn't it said that a leopard can't change its spots?

The eyes of the lady boss of the restaurant almost popped out when she saw the two handsome men dressed in business suits walk in.

"Hi! Madam, can we have a private dining room?" Liam said as he entered the shop.

"I'm sorry, Sir, we don't have private rooms here.' The lady boss said apologetically. She had never expected someone of their stature to eat at her little restaurant!

Susan walked in at this moment.

"Ah! Ms. Gill, you're here as well!"

"I'll take my usual seat" Susan said to the lady boss, "these three are my friends. Please carry on with your work."

Susan walked to a table that was next to the window. Although there weren't any private dining rooms, each table was separated by brick walls and was relatively private.

"Are the two of you accustomed to this kind of place?" Susan asked as she signaled Sherry to sit inside.

"It looks alright!" William also shuffled inwards and sat opposite Sherry.

Sherry raised her head and looked into his deep eyes. She felt a sense of dread inside her but she looked calmly at him without showing any signs of weakness.

The clear large eyes looked directly into William's eyes, "Mr. Rowland, Sichuan cuisine is very spicy!"

"Really?" William looked at her enthusiastically and gently pursed his lips.

His dashing handsome face was expressionless but was delighted, "I like spicy food!"

He replied while looking at Sherry and she didn't know how to continue with the conversation. Thereafter he took out his lighter and it was an expensive-looking silver-colored lighter. He lit a cigarette and elegantly blew a stream of smoke at Sherry.

"Cough... cough...' Sherry choked and coughed and pursed her lips when he didn't take the hint to smoke somewhere else.

"Mr. Rowland, can you smoke outside?" Susan frowned and said, "This is a public area and please be considerate to the two ladies here. We don't want to breathe your second-hand smoke!"

"Dearest Sue, why don't you smoke as well? Then we'll all breathe second-hand smoke and no one will be on the losing end.' Liam joked as he took out a cigarette and was about to light it up.

"Smoke outside!" Susan grabbed the cigarette in his hand and threw it onto the table.

"Sue, you're unfair!" Liam yelled, "Why don't you grab Will's cigarette?"

"Will you put it out by yourself or shall I do it for you?" Susan said to William.

William took another drag and said, "I'll do it myself"

After he said, he really put out the cigarette which he barely smoked.

"Not fair!" Liam continued to say.

Susan looked with disdain at the smiling Liam, "Don't eat if you feel that it's unfair. No one dragged you here!"

"Susan!" Liam ground his teeth and scoffed. Why did this woman like to bully him? She should bully William if she was so capable!

"Sherry, go ahead and order whatever you like to eat!" Susan ignored him and smiled at Sherry.

"Duck blood in chili sauce!" Sherry smiled as she ordered.

"Oh my gosh! I didn't expect this gal to have a taste for blood!" Liam yelled. "Will! I remember that you also like Duck Blood in Chili sauce! I didn't expect you and Sherry to have the same taste!"

William pursed his lips in silence and continued to look calmly at Sherry. Sherry's jaw dropped and sighed at the man in front of her. She felt awkward and didn't expect this man to like to eat Duck blood in chili sauce.

"Will, I'll order Spicy fish stew for you! I remember that you like this!" Liam didn't bother with Susan's killer stare and smiled as he ordered, "Eating at this place reminded me of when we were studying. Dearest Sue, I didn't expect you to be so nostalgic!"

"What has this to do with being nostalgic?" Susan was in a daze, laughed, and looked at Liam, "I recalled that you once cried because the food was too spicy!"

"You're ruthless, Ms. Gill!" Liam's expression changed when he heard Susan dredge up his embarrassing past, "Who cried? Sherry, don't listen to her. I'm heroic and fear nothing. It's just spicy food! I'm not scared of it!"

Susan started to laugh and tugged at the dazed Sherry and said softly, "Sherry, Liam is a playboy. Don't be mesmerized by his dreamy eyes. If you really have to choose between the two of them, I suggest that you choose William!"

"Are you slandering me? Don't say anything bad about me to Sherry. Leave me some dignity" Liam looked at the sneaky Susan and continued, "Why do I find you so treacherous?"

"It's too late that you realize it now" Susan laughed and poured tea for them.

Liam looked at Susan with disdain and fury, "Ms. Gill, you are really cruel towards me."

"Ah! The food is here!" Sherry quickly exclaimed to change the topic and glanced at the silent William.

Although William's features were so perfect and exuded a pleasant air, she became furious at the thought of how he forcibly kissed her and did not allow

her to resign. She felt as though all the cells in the body were trembling in anger.

"The Duck blood in chili sauce that both of you like! Blood! A huge bowl of blood! Bon appetite!" Liam yelled at William and Sherry.

William picked up the soup spoon elegantly and gently frowned as he picked up a piece and placed it into his bowl. Thereafter he gracefully took a small bite. He looked so gentlemanly when he ate so how could he behave ungentlemanly for the other matters? Sherry looked at her favorite food but didn't move.

Very soon, all the dishes were served.

Liam also hadn't begun to eat and asked, "Sherry, why aren't you eating?"

"Oh, I'm not that hungry!" Sherry just didn't want to eat from the same plate of food as William.

When he heard this, there was a hint of banter in William's eyes, "Really? So whose stomach is growling?"

After he said this, someone's stomach croaked out a 'growl growl' stomach-churning sound. Liam and Susan couldn't help but look dumbfounded in the direction of the sound. Sherry's face turned red from the awkwardness.

"Eat! Don't be shy!" Susan smiled calmly, "Don't short change yourself. Don't be like Liam. He is scared of spicy food!"

Sherry looked up at William and her body can't help but tremble.

"Who's scared of chili? I'm just having a sore throat and don't want to eat too much. Boss, a plate of fried eggs!" Liam shouted towards the kitchen.

"Vain!" William said and continued to eat the duck blood.

"Erm!" Sherry frowned and didn't care anymore. She picked up her chopsticks and started to eat. What a joke, the Duck blood in chili sauce was her favorite, why should she let him eat it all?

In a flash, Sherry took a few pieces into her bowl and began to eat. She wasn't shy at all and ate as if she was upset with someone.

Liam began to laugh loudly when he saw Sherry's actions and William's saintly face started to look gloomy. He glared towards the laughing Liam as Sherry was picking up the slices of blood.

Liam quickly stopped laughing and at this moment the lady boss brought over the fried eggs. Liam frowned in despair as soon as he saw the fried eggs and both William and Susan began to laugh...

"Good lord, are you trying to kill me?" Liam said loudly which attracted the attention of the other diners.

"What?" Sherry asked the laughing Susan as she raised her head. She turned and saw that William's grin got wider and became even more curious.

"Nothing, carry on eating, Susan said as she was holding back her laughter.

William's expression turned cold and lofty yet again and Sherry continued to look towards Susan and William. William frowned when he noticed her doubt and strange expression.

"Mr. Brooks, are you alright?" Sherry asked out of concern.

"Heh heh, I'm fine! I'm great!" Liam felt embarrassed when he saw Sherry's concern for him.

"Then why aren't you eating?"

"Because there is chili in the eggs!" Susan blurted out laughing.

"Shut up you!" Liam glared at Susan, "Ms. Gill, no wonder you are still single. You are so sinister!"

Susan's expression changed but didn't say anything and continued to smile, "Yes, I'm that sinister!"

Liam pursed his lips, "Okay, today I will stick out my neck and not let Sherry look down upon me!"

As he said, he picked up the chopsticks and started to eat the fried eggs.

Sherry looked at him with her eyes wide open. She didn't think that there was something Mr. Brooks was afraid of!

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"Cough, cough! It's so damn spicy!" Liam started coughing after a bite.

"Hey! Don't eat it if you can't!" Sherry immediately stood up and poured him a glass of water after seeing him that way, "Here, drink some water!"

"Sherry is so kind!" Liam took the water and drank it.

William somehow felt irritated at the sight of Sherry, who was so concerned with Liam.

"Drink some more! Cold water helps easing spiciness!" Sherry said.

"Ah! It feels way better!" Liam shook his head.

His face was fully red and his shout were so sudden that many people watched them.

Seeing how he couldn't eat spicy food, Sherry immediately walked out and ordered a dish without chili, "Mr. Brooks, the boss said that she would make you a portion without chili... Don't worry!"

"Thank you!" Liam was very grateful towards Sherry.

When she returned, William was raising the cup with his slender hand.

He swayed the teacup in his hand and sipped it gracefully, "Tea!"

"What?" Sherry knew he was talking to her.

"Tea, please!" William said it again.

After taking a deep breath, Sherry immediately looked expressionless, "Yes!"

She then walked over to William and poured the tea for him.

Because she was a little depressed, she accidentally poured the tea to the lighter on the table.

"Damn it!" William suddenly shouted, looked up, and pushed Sherry.

"Ah!" Sherry's hands trembled out of shock.

The teapot just fell onto the lighter.

William hurriedly picked the lighter up. He didn't mind the hot tea splashing on his hands at all.

He took the lighter and rubbed it onto his expensive suit until it dried up.

He tried to light it up, but there was no flame at all.

"I'm sorry! I'm sorry, Mr. Rowland! Are your hands okay?" Sherry apologized in anxiousness.

"Damn it! Why were you so careless!" William's eyes looked angry while shouting.

He stood up and glared at Sherry's pale face with his sharp eyes.

His handsome face was full of anger at that time, scaring all the people around him.

They would even be very careful when taking a breathe there.

Sherry was stunned. She felt aggrieved, and her eyes reddened at his shouts.

"Will! You scared her!" Liam was stunned too. But Liam immediately kept his mouth shut after seeing the lighter in William's hand.

Sherry was surprised to see William's full of hatred face. At that time, he was like an evil.

The tea scalded his hand until it was very red, but he treasured that lighter like it was his life instead.

Slowly, her beautiful eyes were full of tears.

She opened her mouth, but she couldn't say anything.

Sherry bit her lips so badly.

She really didn't do it on purpose... But she could understand his feelings, that lighter must be very important for him.

William's gaze was sharp and his voice was cold.

He spoke with a thin but dangerous voice, "You're really damned"

Sherry kept stepping back in fear.

He intently glared at her with his fiery black eyes, "Get out of here'

"Mr. Rowland, Sherry is my guest!" Susan spoke up at that time, "Would you go that far for a lighter?"

"Same goes for you!" William coldly said that.

"Will!" Liam shouted again.

"Everyone, get the hell out of here!" William sat down dejectedly.

"I'm sorry!" Sherry felt that the lighter must be very important to him.

He didn't even care about his own hands to save the lighter... She's really damned!

Liam was stunned before he hurriedly said, "Elegance, elegance... Will, where's your elegance?"

William stopped talking, but he looked so glum that no one dared to say a thing.

A meal caused the lighter incident and made everyone lose their appetite.

Sherry took the folder and bowed to William, "Mr. Rowland, I'm sorry... I'll compensate you a lighter!"

After saying that, Sherry quickly ran outside.

She looked extremely pale.

"Sherry!" Susan glared at William and chased after Sherry.

"will! You overreacted!" Liam sighed, "You should let go of your past to welcome the future! It's time for you to get it!"

"Sherry! Wait!" Susan chased after Sherry, "Are you okay?"

Sherry's eyes were so red, "I carelessly broke Mr. Rowland's lighter, I think that lighter must be very precious for him! I can understand it!"

This time, Sherry wasn't angry.

She felt very guilty instead.

"Sherry, don't mind it!" Susan patted her shoulders.

"Susan, thank you... You talked to Mr. Rowland for me. I really didn't do it on purpose!" Sherry bit her lips and smiled bitterly, "I understand the feelings of losing my most precious item!"

"Celia, sorry!" Sherry felt very sorry to say that, "Last time I ruined your clothes, and now I'm borrowing your money!"

"Why are you still so formal with me? Aren't we best friends?" Celia didn't let her off so easily, "Are you sure you want to buy such expensive lighter to compensate your boss?"

"There's no other way, I broke his lighter by accident!" Sherry sighed.

"Sigh! All right! We'll buy it!" Celia thought that it was too expensive, "Is it worth it to waste hundreds of thousands to buy a lighter?"

"Even if it's more expensive, it's not as precious as what he was holding!" Sherry sighed, "I'm just worried that I won't be able to return your money these few months!"

"Stop talking about money! So tacky!"

Sherry finally bought the similar silver \$.T. Dupont lighter. Her boss said that it was supposed to be around 50 thousand yuan. Celia had an acquaintance and they could buy it for 30 thousand yuan only.

The next day.

Sherry came to William's office nervously with the elegant looking box.

She entered after getting the permission.

Sherry put the box on the table before anxiously lowered her head and said, "Mr. Rowland, this is my compensation! It was my fault yesterday!"

William squinted at her with a frown, but he didn't say anything.

Sherry bit her lips.

Seeing how he didn't say anything, she said, "I know how bad it feels to have your favorite item broken by someone else... I also know that this lighter is not the original one. I'm sorry, 'm really sorry!"

He still kept silent, but he was completely terrifying.

Sherry carefully looked up at him, but she immediately looked back down after meeting his gaze.

William stayed silent.

He sharply stared at Sherry for a long time, scrutinizing her.

Did she think that compensating him this once would be enough?

Seeing that he was still silent, Sherry looked like she was going to lose control out of embarrassment, "Mr. Rowland, I was wrong!"

"Get out!" he suddenly said that.

"Eh!" she looked up.

When she met his cold eyes, she was stunned in an instant.

"Put it down, and get out of here! You understand?"

"Eh!" once Sherry heard that he accepted it, the guilt in her heart immediately lessened.

She quickly nodded, "Thank you Mr. Rowland, I will go to work right away!"

As if she got exempted, Sherry immediately left Mr. Rowland's office.

William looked at the box on the table and squinted his eyes.

He then raised his hand to throw that box into the drawer before reading over the documents again.

After dinner, Sherry cleaned up the utensils, "Dan, stay at home by yourself and sleep earlier, okay?"

"Mommy, you don't need to go to work anymore. I can support you!" Dan looked troubled, "Going to work at night will be very tiring! What would you do if you met a pervert?"

"Silly, how will Mommy return Celia's money if Mommy doesn't go to work?"

"But..."

"Good! Be obedient at home, go straight to bed after watching cartoons. Mommy will quickly go home!" Sherry kissed her son's face.

Then, she went to the bedroom and changed into jeans and shirt.

Then she took a cardboard box and went outside...

Late night street.

In the corner of the bustling street, and under the hazy street light, a slim girl with her ponytails was shouting to sell her things.

"Hello! Personalized and fun accessories, is there anything you need?"

There's also a paper sign beside the cardboard, which had WP Condom written on it.

People that surrounded her mostly were a man and a woman that looked like a couple.

They confidently took some and paid for it.

The young men and women looked at each other and laughed ambiguously.

Then, they quickly disappeared into the night while holding hands.

Sherry was the woman who was selling the condoms.

She shouted, "Fashionable products. For your safety and health, please take a look!"

Slowly, there were many people around her.

Most of them were couple that seemed to be students.

People who saw the items in her cardboard box curiously surrounded her.

The cardboard box was full of dazzling red accessories made of condoms.

When Sherry saw that there were more people, she spread a plastic sheet on the ground and placed the accessories on it.

People unconsciously blushed at the dazzling array of condoms.

The small stall was full of accessories, which were modified by condoms.

There were phone accessories, sensors, lollipops, peace signs, mirrors, and many other things made of condoms.

There were also "condom earrings" that were popular some time ago on the internet.

People were dazzled with the variety.

"Have a look! There are many kinds!" Sherry explained earnestly.

"Boss, we want this one!"

"I want this one, too! Boss, it won't break easily, right?" someone asked.

Sherry blushed, then she tried to get rid of the shame, "It won't break. This has the anti-counterfeiting mark, and the quality of authentic manufacturer's products are guaranteed!"

"Boss, have you ever used it?" another boy whistled.

Sherry rolled her eyes, "Guys, I'm already old, of course I have used it. Don't worry, it's very easy to use!"

"Eh! You didn't seem to be very open minded!"

"Would I be selling these if I'm not open minded? Are you going to buy it? If you won't buy it, please don't disturb my business' as if such scene was not a strange thing, Sherry calmed herself down.

"Haha..."

“Okay! We'll buy it!” she sold some more.

Sherry was busy receiving the money and giving the changes.

Not long after, most of the items in the cardboard box were sold.

Suddenly, there was an oppressive air.

People around her turned their heads in an instant.

They all looked to the back.

Some women glistened with excitement, "Whoa! A handsome guy! He's so handsome!"

“...” Sherry suddenly sensed an extremely oppressing feeling in front of her.

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Sherry raised her head, her heart was startled the moment her eyes met with someone.

The atmosphere felt tense. The noisy crowd suddenly became silent as not a single person spoke anything.

Everyone held their breath. No one had seen such a man in a suit who appeared in Late Night Street. There were no words to describe about him. He was as handsome as a Satan when his eyes swept inadvertently. His mysterious eyes were like a fox's and the vibe was indescribable which made people tremble all over.

The lip was tightened as the corner of the lips were slightly dropping. At the same time, it inadvertently brought out some sense of coldness. It felt like a leopard trying to invade its prey after locked down.

The man walked pass the crowds and walked towards Sherry.

After she was startled for a moment, she started to pack things quickly. When she was about to pick up the condom on top of the plastic bag in front of her but what caught her eyes was a pair of shiny leather shoes. It shined so bright even in the dark night.

As she raised her head, she saw his broad chest.

When she slowly raised her head, she started to look up at those cold eyes which had some sense of doubts.

"Excuse me, you just stepped on my thing! This is the latest edition, 9.90 yuan. Please pay me!" Sherry stretched out her hand calmly.

"Are you crazy?" He was still so arrogant.

There were no doubts that this person was clearly Mr. William Rowland.

"Yes, I'm so poor that I come out to sell condoms! Mister, please pay! 9.90 yuan!" she continued stretched her hand in front of William.

As William gazed across her palm, he saw several calluses. He frowned his pair of eagle-like eyes which felt unknowingly powerful.

She was still waiting!

The people around were watching at them.

The strong aura around William made everyone afraid to speak but instead of looking at them.

"I will take everything, is 1000 yuan enough?" he asked coldly.

Sherry looked at her remaining stock on the floor and shake her head. "That's too much, it's about 500 yuan for these remaining stocks. Mister, are you sure you want to buy everything?"

"Follow me!" William suddenly stretched out his hand and pulled her along.

"I don't want!" Sherry did not expect to meet him here. Why would he come to Late Night Street where only students come? It was after work time anyways and he could not control her private life.

William did not want to accept any rejection. He held her hand and pulled her along towards his Bugatti.

"Let go of me!" Sherry screamed. How about her stocks? Was she doing for nothing tonight? She did not sell more than hundred yuan in a night. He caused her to lose so much!

Sherry was dragged into his Bugatti as he closed the door. He immediately got in the car and drove away. Everything happened in an instant!

Sherry tried to open the door but it was locked. She angrily stared at William's handsome side face.

Was he crazy? He must be sick! What did it matter with him that she was selling things?

William started to feel her scorching gaze but he pretended not to look at her at all. When he drove out from Late Night Street, they arrived at a quiet road with trees.

She stared at him angrily and started yelling. "Mister, this is after work time. You don't have the rights to interrupt my private life. Don't interrupt me making money!"

"How much do you want?" He was surprised when he knew that his secretary would sell condoms after work! Damn, if this matter spread out, everyone would think that the Rowland Group did not take care

of their staffs and not giving enough salaries! "Say it, how much do you need?"

"I." She realized that she ran out of words and stared at him for quite some time. "This is none of your business!"

"You're my staff. In the employee handbook, Article 25 clearly states that part time jobs are not allowed after working hours' William replied coldly.

"That's not the case! It is written that part time jobs related to the actual job are not allowed!"

"Let's add another point then. Part time jobs are not allowed at all!"

Sherry narrowed her eyes at this cruel man in front of her. What was he trying to do? "Fine! That would be from tomorrow onwards. Mister, you have made me lose 500 yuan, please compensate me immediately!"

"Are you sure 500 yuan is enough?"

"You only made me lose this much!" Sherry looked at him calmly without any trace of timidity.

William tried to look for cash but there wasn't any. He simply took out a cheque book and signed. "1,000,000 yuan, is this enough?"

Sherry looked at the cheque and felt stunned instantly. She felt like being humiliated by him. "You only owe me 500 yuan. 1,000,000 yuan is too much but you don't owe me!"

William stared at her and noticed her stubborn tears flickering in her eyes. He slowly lifted his thin lips.

"Open the door!" Sherry almost wanted to cry and she felt humiliated by him. This moment reminded her that night when she was 20 years old...

He looked at her silently for quite some time. He finally asked her. "Say it, why do you sell this outside?"

"Open the door, I want to get down!" She was holding her tears as she did not want to cry in front of anyone!

"Are you short of money?" His scorching eyes were staring at her.

These words finally angered Sherry as she was trying to hold back. She suddenly looked out of the window and started screaming. "Do you think everyone is like you, Mr. Rowland? Born with a silver spoon in your mouth and destined to be wealthy since birth. How do you understand the helplessness of the poor people like us? What do you know? You don't understand! I am short of money, so what? Can't I earn it by myself? Did I provoke you? You take out 1,000,000 yuan to humiliate me? You think you are rich? Please go ahead and support the African refugees. You can do charity! Do you think that you need be a hero in front of me?"

William was completely stunned.

It was unexpected to see such a weak woman to be so fierce!

Why was it so difficult for her to earn some money and pay off her debts? Why should she have to bear so much in the office and even must be subservient to him after work?

"Open the door!" She faced the other way and shouted again.

William looked at her stubborn face and snorted. "Stupid woman!"

"Yes, I'm stupid. I've always been stupid!" If she wasn't stupid, she wouldn't sign any agreement to be a surrogacy. Without that matter, she wouldn't have suffered so much over the years without knowing the location of her baby.

"Consider that I'm so unlucky to be your secretary. I'm so stupid, why don't you let me resign then?"

"If you're short of money, you can borrow from the company since you are the staff of the company! Don't joke around!" He was the one who hired her! Little did she know that how many women would like to be his secretary?

"I want to get off the car!" She knew that it was pointless to continue the conversation with him.

William angrily turned her face as he could not bear with her. "Tell me where you live, I will send you home!"

"No need! Give me!"

"What!"

"500 yuan!"

"I don't have!"

"Compensate me now!" She replied stubbornly as she wiped her tears.

"I will give it to you at work tomorrow!" He finally opened the door.

Sherry pushed the door. "Okay! Please remember, Mr. Rowland. You owe me 500 yuan!"

"What a stupid woman, she wants 500 yuan but not 1,000,000 yuan!"

"I just want these 500 yuan. This is what I deserve. I feel at ease. Do not think that everyone is same as you, you don't grow up eating human food!" She quickly left the car after shouting at him.

William was stunned. What didn't he grow up eating human food?

Sherry walked so fast as if she was trying to escape from his Bugatti. She quickly ran towards Late Night Street to check if her stocks were still there or perhaps someone might take them away!

William watched her ran over that way. He came down from the car and followed her along.

Great! Everything was still there!

Sherry took a deep breath and started selling again.

William couldn't help but took out a cigarette to lit and started smoking as he stood in the dark corner looking at her stubborn face in a distance.

"Mummy, is the business bad?" Dan immediately asked nervously when he saw Sherry coming back with a long face.

"Dan, why are you not sleeping yet?" Sherry glanced at the clock on the wall as it was pointed at 12 o'clock midnight. The computer in the living room was still on.

"Dan, are you making games again?"

"Mummy, I want to make the game quickly and sell it at a good price so that you don't have to work part time job at night!" Dan pouted as he poured a glass of water for Sherry.

She felt warm and satisfied but sad at the same time. "Dan, your mummy is an adult. Mummy can take care of Dan!"

"But Dan is a man, it is the right thing that any man should take care of any woman!"

"You're not a man yet, you're just a little boy!"

"Soon, I will be a man!" Dan patted on his chest and rubbed his eyes.

"Mummy, I guess you're tired. Let me give you a massage for a while..."

"No matter how tired, it's always worth it when I have you"

When the cleaners were cleaning in the early morning, they swept a bunch of cigarette butts in a dark corner...

William did not come to work, not sure what was the reason?

The atmosphere in the early morning was a little dull. Sherry was sullenly sorting out the documents. The cooperation with AVL had been negotiated except for waiting for William to sign to confirm.

The phone rang. Sherry picked up the call.

"Sherry, this is Ms. Gill. Have you showed the cooperation plan to William?"

"Not yet! Mr. Rowland isn't in the office!"

"Please show him as soon as possible. If there's anything to change, we can discuss again!"

"Okay!"

After she put down the phone, she saw Alice who was working on the desk. "Alice, why doesn't Mr. Rowland come to work?"

"I heard that he was on business trip, Ms. Rhodes mentions that everything will be taken care by Mr. Brook!" Alice seemed to be well informed. "Sherry, I heard that Mr. Rowland brought his companion, Lisa Hartman from the celebration party. Have you heard about that?"

"Lisa Hartman?" Sherry felt that the name sounded familiar.

"Yes, she was the car model! I heard that she was a virgin when she was with Mr. Rowland. Ha! Mr. Rowland only likes virgin.

However, there's a rumor that Lisa is a man-made virgin. Advanced technology nowadays!"