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Chapter 51 The Sweet Nothings In The Study

Natalia went downstairs, trying to explain to Mrs. Dottie.

However, Mrs. Dottie did not believe what she said at all.

On the contrary, she gave her a suggestive look, "I understand, Madam. You don't have to be shy

about it. It's a great thing for couples to share a good relationship. Soon, a little young master will be on

the way, and all the hustle and bustle in the Mansion."

In short, she rambled on but refused to believe Natalia about it being a misunderstanding.

Natalia gave up when she found that Mrs. Dottie was difficult to get through.

Technically speaking, Archie and she was a legally married couple. So it was nothing out of the

ordinary for them to be engaging in a little intimacy.

It was quite awkward to be caught red-handed by elders but it was not a big deal.

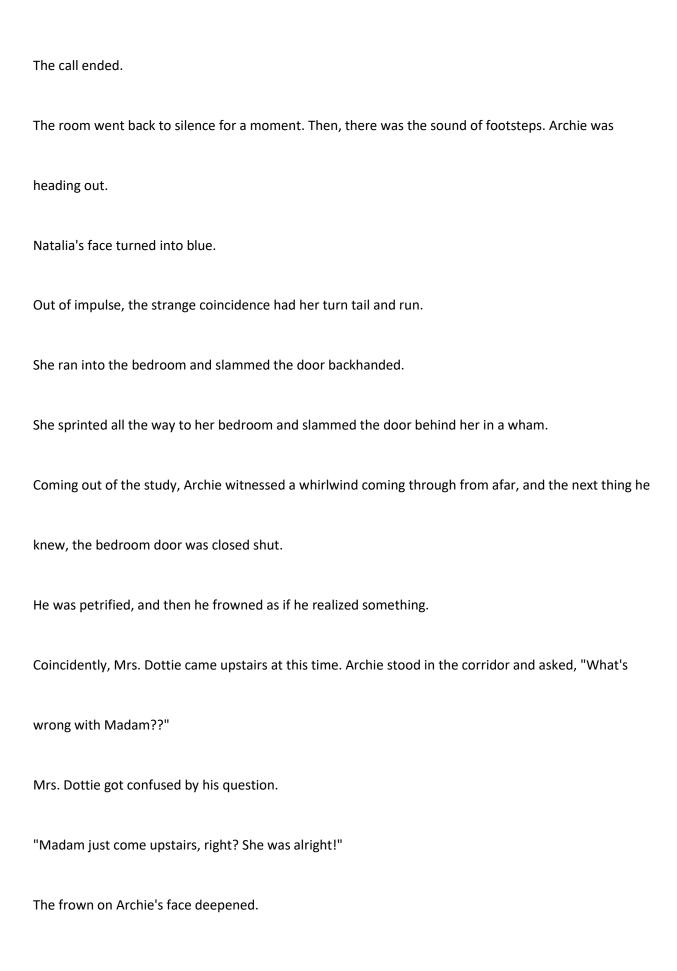
Natalia decided to abandon her plan to forgo the chance to restore her uppity image in Mrs. Dottie's

mind. Instead, she poured herself a glass of milk and headed upstairs.

When she passed by the study, she suddenly heard someone talking inside.

It seems that Archie was talking on the phone.





Without another word, he turned around and walked towards the bedroom.
In dimmed light, Natalia was leaning against the headboard, flipping through an entertainment
magazine.
Archie trod over and asked in a causal way, "Did you just go by the study?"
Natalia took a glance at him and made a dry cough, "Yes, just passing by. Why are you nervous?"
Archie didn't answer her.
Even without looking at him, she could feel his sharp gaze hounding her with inquiry.
Natalia got tired of this topic somehow. So, she intentionally yawned and put down the magazine in her
hand.
"It's too late. I'll hit the sack now."
Then, she lay down and pull up the quilt up. With her back facing him, she closed her eyes.
As she snuggled under the covers, Archie's eyes darkened.
Without further explanation, he headed to the bathroom to take a shower.
With the splitter-splattering sound of water going on the other side, Natalia couldn't fall asleep at all.

Those flirting words she heard outside the study were echoing in her mind. They sounded so intimate. She wouldn't believe it if she hadn't heard it with her own ears. Then, Natalia recalled what Archie said when he forced her to get the marriage license, and the scenes of these days. She felt bitter in her heart. Fortunately, they had only been together for a short time. Although they were namely husband and wife, they were more like business partners. Natalia would try her best to play the role as his wife, while he fulfilled his role as her husband when necessary. It was for the better. For someone who was betrayed once, Natalia no longer counted on meeting her true love. So all was good... right? Natalia kept reassuring herself and finally her nerves were alleviated. However, a piece of her heart remained missing, dampening her spirits. When Archie finished his shower, Natalia was still awake. She nestled in the quilt, eyes closed, but her curled eyelashes fluttering. It was obvious that she was

pretending to be asleep.	
Archie smirked but did not expose her. He dried his hair and drew near to the bed.	
Natalia knew he was back.	
The sound of the man blow-drying his hair and walking was reminding her of his existence. Was he	
trying to draw to her attention?	
She took a shuddering breath, feigning ignorance.	
It was not long before the other side of bed dipped a bit and she was greeted with a refreshing fragi	ant
dampness.	
Natalia frowned. She didn't notice Archie's smell before, for she usually fell into sleep very soon. Bu	ţ
today, the man's presence was rather intense, making the big bed small and narrow.	
Especially when Archie approached her on purpose, she felt more insulted by his threatening vibe.	
She held her breath in and tensed her body muscles,	
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Amid the darkness, the human senses tended to be sharper than when there was light.
Their bodies were not touching, and there was even a tiny gap between them.
Nonetheless, the man's vivid presence could hardly be ignored.
Time passed
Natalia let out a mumble before turning over to roll to the side.
The gap between them was stretched to half a meter.
The distance did release the tension in the air at all.
Natalia secretly let out a sigh of relief but she felt warmth behind her soon.
Archie moved over as well.
Natalia frowned.
Even with her back facing him, she could map out the outline of the man's chest.
This weird position
Gritting her teeth, Natalia tried another tumble.
Sticking like a barnacle, the man shoved over.
She opened her eyes and in darkness, she picked up the man's spaced breathing as though he was



Natalia waited for a moment, and Archie stopped fidgeting too. The pin-drop silence with the man's faint breathing in the background drew out a frame of tranquility and serenity. When she was sure that the man behind her was indeed asleep, she carefully lifted his arm, trying to move it away. However, the action immediately resulted in murmurs coming from behind her.. And the arm rested on her waist tightened to wrap her. What's more, Archie's whole body pressed on her, his handsome face burying in her long hair, as if she was his large-sized pillow. She was totally imprisoned by him now. Nestled in his embrace, Natalia was left breathless from suffocation while her body lay stiffened. The faint breathing spewing between her hair and warm circulation curling her neck aroused a tingle of trembling numbness, electrifying her entire body like a surge of current. With her head buzzing, Natalia's mind almost went blank instantly. Yet, the man behind her remained unaware of her reaction, as he glided his arm over her waist, tightening his grasp over her.

Natalia gritted her teeth.

This intimate posture was way past the line of flirting.
It could be said as risky.
Unable to bear it further, she clutched onto his hand to put it away, regardless of the fact that the action
would wake him.
However, the arm on her waist suddenly strengthened its grip and she could not pull it away no matter
how hard she tried.
Just as she was going to give it another try with all her might, she heard muffles of laughter behind her.
Dumbstruck like a blow to the head, Natalia finally realized something.
She turned her head over.
The light in the room was turned on instantly.
Natalia stared at the man lying on the bed, stunned and speechless.
He stopped playing dumb now that he had been discovered, but his arm still clung to her waist.
Archie grinned at her, his other arm propping his head on the pillow,
"You finally quit pretending?"



His eyes were profound and murky, like the finest black jade. Under the dimmed lighting, the seemingly
penetrating eyes spoke of placidity and serenity.
Natalia felt uneasy at his gaze.
Archie was the one at fault but his calm gaze suggested as though she was to blame!
She got a little annoyed at the thought of this.
Making up her mind, she clenched her teeth and glared back.
"What did I hear? Anything and everything I'm not supposed to hear! What are you going to do about
it? Mr. McCathy, are you going to explain to me?"
Archie got amused by her angry look.
He extended his arm to shuffle her hair, messing up her sleepy head.
Natalia jumped like a puffed-up cat.
"Don't touch me!"
Archie chuckled with glee as if he got more delighted by her annoyance.
After all, no one would have thought that Natalia, who was always reversed and distant to others,







douchebags if promises did any good."

Eyes fixating on him, Natalia was sort of bought into it.

Seizing the opportunity, Archie grabbed her hands and smiled. "Yes, promises aren't worth anything but those words came from my heart. Honey, now that I'm married to you, I won't lay a finger on another woman. My moral senses and upbringing won't allow me to do such a thing. Do you believe me?" Chapter 53 No Divorce

However, at the thought of those sweet nothings in the study, she found it hard to let them go.

Her face sank. She looked at Archie seriously and said, "Archie, I don't know why you married me or how long this marriage will last, but I hope that if one day, you wish to end this marriage, you'll let me know in advance. I don't mind you falling for another woman, neither do I mind a divorce, but I take offense when it comes to betrayal, no matter what kind of relation we are, as couples or business partners. Do you understand?"

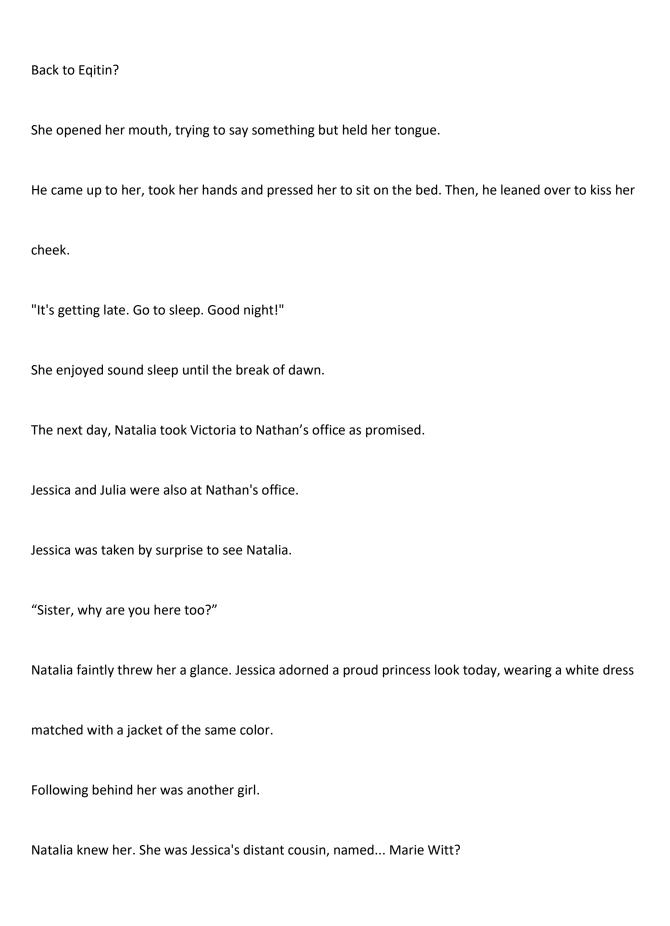
Archie's face sank.

He darted a cold stare at her and solemnly replied, "You don't mind me falling in love with another woman?"

Natalia felt like she got a stab in her heart.
Natalia could not make out why she had this feeling.
She and Archie weren't a real couple, and they were only together because of another reason. She had
no right to stand in the way if he found his true love one day.
Hence, she nodded.
"And you don't mind getting divorced?"
She nodded again.
Archie sneered.
Her gentle face became cold and gloomy.
He got up and went out.
Natalia was a little taken aback.
Before she snapped out of her thoughts, Archie came back with two red booklets.
These were their marriage certificates.
Natalia's eye was twitching. She didn't know what Archie was going to do, but, her gut was telling her
that it would not be to her liking.







Marie rose to fame as an online celebrity and signed with Jessica's studio. Her relationship with
Jessica and their resemblance on appearance earned her the title as Jessica Jr.
Because of this title, she was doing well in the entertainment industry.
Jessica was also glad to cultivate her. After all, nothing could highlight her beauty and excellence more
than a Jessica Jr.
Natalia sneered in her heart at the thought of it, and coldly blurted. "Is this your office?"
That meant, why couldn't I be here?
Jessica's face froze.
She got embarrassed by Natalia's mocking.
But she was not in a position to take Natalia face on. After all, she had been keeping the image of a
lady and socialite in the entertainment industry and there were many reporters at present. Making a
scene in public would ruin her image.
Compared to her scruples, Natalia was at ease.
She was not a celebrity anyway, so she could do as she pleased.
Julia came forward and stretched out her hand to Natalia.

"Long time no see, Ms. Natalia." No matter how reluctant Natalia was, she shook hands with Julia. Julia was a veteran in this circle. Although she was lacking in moral standing, she deserved respect due to her seniority. Nathan had arrived earlier. Knowing that they all arrived, he ordered his assistant to take them to the studio at once. The party of five entered the studio and found the equipment set up. Two groups of actors were performing on a spacious stage, seemingly here for audition as well. Nathan, with several other staff, was sitting in the auditorium watching their performance. When they walked by, Jessica greeted him gently, "Director Nathan, here we are." Nathan then looked up and swept a glance at her before his gaze fell on Natalia. He smiled, "Everyone is here now. Have a seat!" Then, he pointed to the seats around him and told the deputy director next to him to pass him several copies of the script.

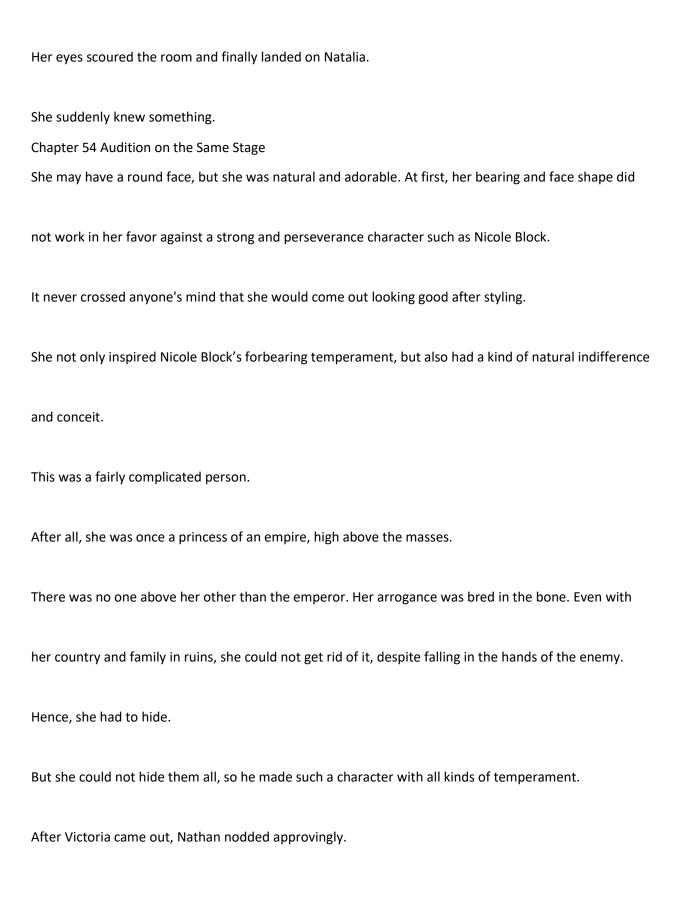
Distributing the scripts to Marie and Victoria, he said, "Take a look at the script first. If you two have no
problem, you can go for hair and makeup. Let's start with a line each and go from there."
On hearing this, Marie's face changed.
"Director Nathan, I thought this role was already mine? Why do I need an audi?"
Before she could finish, Julia shot her a cold look.
Nathan assumed a scowling face.
"I did promise Jessica to give you a chance for audition, but I didn't say I would adopt you without an
audition. Nicole Block might be a supporting role, she is critical too. Don't even think of this role if your
acting isn't up to standard!"
As Marie's face went through a series of colors, anger stirred her to clench her fist.
By right, although Nathan never promised the role to Marie during their discussion, the situation should

After all, she was joining the cast, bringing funds along with her. It was no easy feat for Nathan in

preparation of this project these past few years. Naturally, he wanted to succeed in this make-or-break

not be far off from it.

moment.



The first scene was played by Marie.

This was a fight play. A middle-aged actress would be running the lines with them. The captured princess was thrown into the Imperial correction chamber in Kyrma Empire to be a courtesan, and the middle-aged actress acted as the correction matron, in charge of taming the disobedient Nicole and subduing her.

The performance soon began.

The correction matron sat upright there while Nicole was forced onto her knees by a few strong men.

Fixing her gaze at her, the matron adopted a stem outlook. ""I heard you refuse to learn dancing?"

Nicole Block just entered the palace. Although her country and family were in shambles, she had the

bearings of a royal attitude and conceited.

She stared at the matron indignantly. Her eyes were firm and cold.

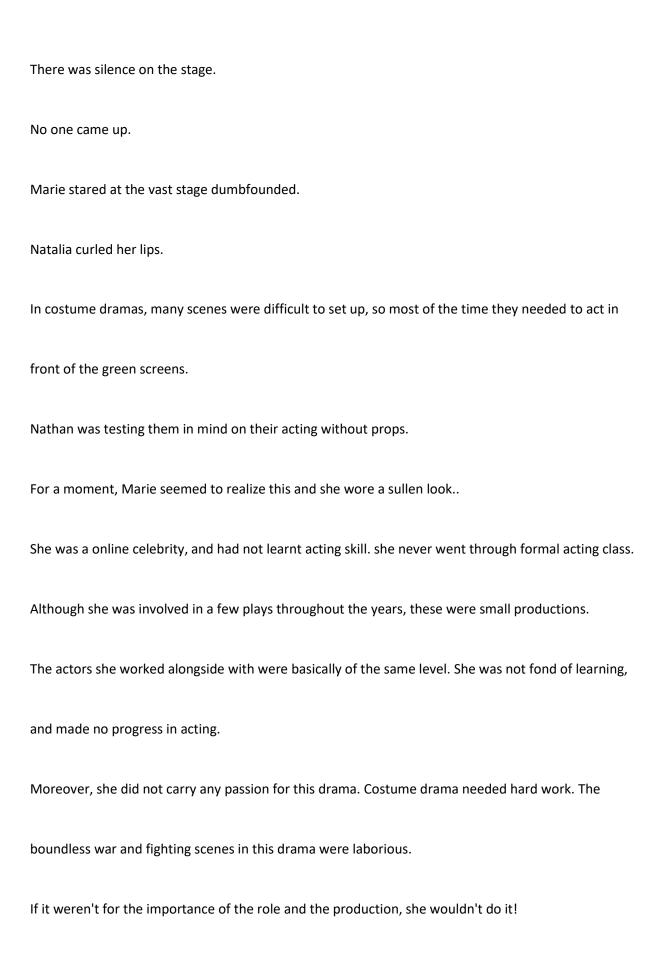
"I am a princess of the Yepa Empire. why should I acquire the lowly expertise of a performer? Kill me

as you please, but you can never break my spirit!!"

Just then, a whip fell on her body.

Nicole felt the pain and snorted, and the matron sneered.

"Princess? The Yepa Empire has long gone, and now you are just a humble sinful slave. His Majesty
was merciful to spare your life and put you into training. Instead of thanking your lucky stars, you're
stupid and stubborn to claim yourself a princess. Do you want a rebel?"
The matron's tone was stern. Nicole's face turned pale out of pain.
After a while, she bit her teeth and spit, "Pah!"
The provoking demeanor threw the matron into a rage.
She raised the whip, assuming the position for another go when she was held back by the palace
attendant beside.
The palace attendant whispered in her ear, "Matron, His Majesty specifically pardoned her and sent her
to be taught in the correction chamber. His Majesty may one day summon her. We'd be in a tight spot if
we hurt her."
The matron seemed to be aware of this, and could only suppress her temper.
For a moment, she sneered.
"If I can't teach you a lesson, but I can do so to others. Bring them to me!""



Because of this, she didn't take it seriously at all. She thought she could make it without much effort. Nonetheless, how was she to act without any supporting actors? The matron was already onto the next line. "I can't lay a finger on you because you're the princess of Yepa Empire, but they are merely enslaved prisoners. No one will say a word even if they die. Today, you'll learn. They'll live if you behave well. Otherwise, don't come blaming me then!" Chapter 55 Immersed In the Role With these words, she gave the whip a violent blow in the air. The exploding crisp noise made Marie jump. Owing to her nervousness, she stuttered and forgot her lines. "If you lay a hand on them, I, I..." What was it again? Marie's face turned pale. In the auditorium, Nathan furrowed his brows. Jessica's face was gloomy too. She spent a lot of efforts to persuade Nathan so that Marie could take on the role, but today there was

a competitor and Marie failed to live up to her expectation!
It was not that she was good to Marie, but these years she was in the entertainment industry alone,
and she felt more or less isolated.
Marie was not only her cousin, but also signed up to work in her studio. Even if she became popular,
she could only be a marionette in her hand.
Not only that, a lot of things she could not deal with could be settled by Marie. She was really a rare
good pawn.
Thinking of this, she turned her head and said to Nathan with a smile, "Marie has been working hard all
the time. It's her first time she takes part in your play. She is nervous."
Nathan was still gloomy on face, but he said nothing.
He saved Jessica's face.
Behind, Natalia silently hook her lips.
She knew that sometimes even if she did nothing, the enemy had already messed up
That was the power gap.
Marie finally remembered the lines, stumbling through the last half of the performance.



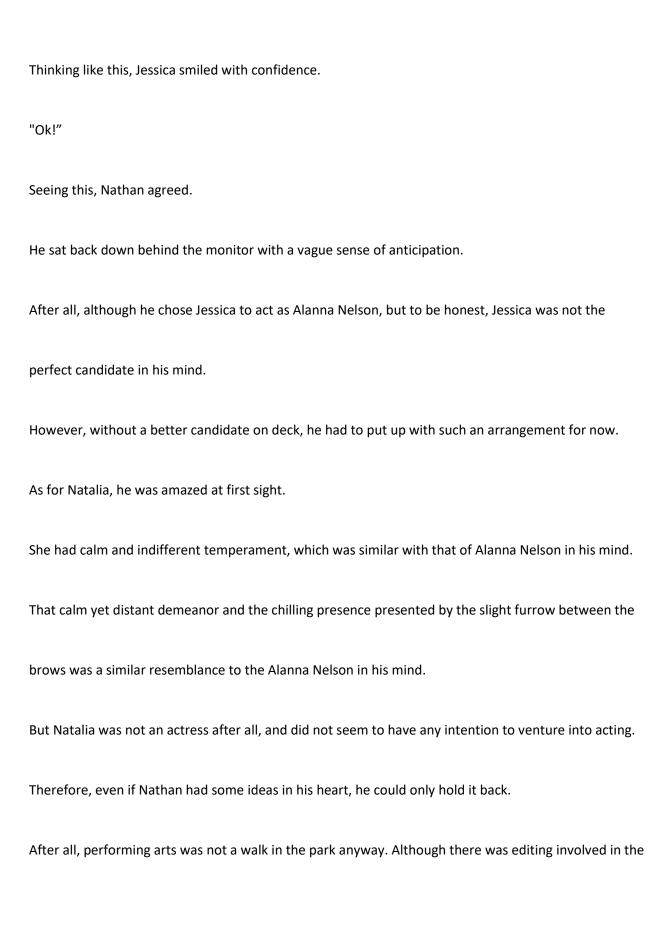


Caught off guard by her, Victoria gawked at Jessica but the latter was already running through her next	
lines.	
The searing pang on her arm distorted her face, but she quickly snapped back and resumed her acting.	
Gritting her teeth, she glared at the matron on high and spat. "Blegh!"	
"If I can't teach you a lesson, but I can do so to others. Bring them to me!"	
It was the same actions without props.	
Compared to Marie's fluster, Victoria clearly made adequate preparations.	
Even if there was no one acting with her, she was able to bring the character to life.	
Facing the air, she was angry and heartache, with endless pain and determination in the red eyes, but	
there was a hint of control over the helplessness.	
"Caitlin Hardin! Should one day the tables be turned, I swear on the blood of my people, I will tear you	
to pieces for what you did to the Blocks today!"	
The furious roar echoed the stage as Nicole was dragged away by the group of strong men.	
The audition was over.	



improvement to your acting! Today it seems you were too immersed in the role by a newbie actress that
you'd forgotten what you were doing. I think you are not that good as a movie actress."
Jessica's face stiffened.
At this time, Marie and Victoria returned after they changed their clothes.
She took a deep breath and smiled, "I can understand your love for your actress, but I did that to better
stimulate her mood. Victoria, don't you think so?"
She said, turning to look at Victoria.
Victoria looked at Jessica, then at Natalia next to her.
Although she was in grievance, she was only a unknown actress. Despite feeling wronged, she might
stir trouble for Natalia if she were to lay bare. She was just a measly actress after all.
She could only nod, "Yes, you are right."
Jessica let out a satisfied smile.
Nathan found Natalia was angry, so he said with a smile.
"Well, it is settled. Natalia, bring her along to draw up a contract when you find the time. Jessica, don't

forget to study the script. We will start shooting next month. The shoot must run smoothly!!" Jessica nodded, "Ok." Natalia's eyes turned, and she suddenly said, "Director Nathan, I have always liked the role Alanna Nelson. I noticed that there's a scene on sibling rivalry. Can I try the part?" Marie, who just had her role taken away, was not one to back down. Hearing that Natalia wanted to take part in, she immediately said in disdain, "You are not even an actress, why bother?" "Am I not allowed to get a kick out of acting? Jessica is always nice to me, so I'm sure she wouldn't mind doing a simple favor by running the lines with me, right?" Natalia threw a meaningful look at Jessica. Chapter 56 On the Same Stage Jessica's face stiffened slightly. If she refused, she would be considered stingy. Fortunately, she had been acting for so many years, while Natalia had never engaged in acting, so it was conceivable that she knew anything about acting at all. If she wanted to be humiliated, let her be.



later stages, the acting skills of an actor or actress was still very important. Although Jessica was not the perfect candidate in his heart, he believed, as long as he trained her, she could make the role alive. Nevertheless, it was for the best to have them compete on the same stage. He wanted to see which one was better, the Alanna Nelson in his mind and the candidate he chose. Before long, Natalia and Jessica changed into the outfit and walked out from the backstage respectively. Natalia was wearing an armor suit, while Jessica was wearing a bright crimson imperial wear. They were going to take on the most dramatic scene in the whole play. Natalia was playing the role of the heroine Alanna Nelson while Jessica took on the role of Alanna's sister, Priscilla Nelson Alanna Nelson and Priscilla Nelson were originally daughters of the prime minister in the Yepa Empire. After the fall of the Yepa Empire, they were marched to the Kyrma Empire with the princess Kallie Franklin.

Alanna had learnt martial arts since her childhood, and was a good friend of Kallie Franklin. She

shouldered the responsibility of protecting Nicole and her sister secretly.

Yet to her dismay, their stay in Kyrma Empire had not been long when Kallie Franklin willingly became

a concubine to the emperor for the sake of their motherland.

She and her sister Priscilla gradually ran in opposite directions due to the disparity in values and views.

Priscilla fell in love with the crown prince of the Kyrma Empire. In order to be his wife, she did not

hesitate to betray Alanna and revealed the hidden places of the survivors to the prince.

Cutting ties with Priscilla, Alanna fled from the palace and traversed six empires before leading the last

of her people to raise the flag in the Northwest, establishing the first female-ruled empire, Yemoa

Empire.

This scene was about Alanna led the troops into the Kyrma Empire. After many years, Priscilla had

become the Empress Dowager. When they met again, it was time for farewell.

With the sound of "Action", the scene unfolded.

Priscilla sat upright on high. With the emperor passed on at this point and the new ruler still

blossoming, she took on the reins of ruling as the empress dowager.



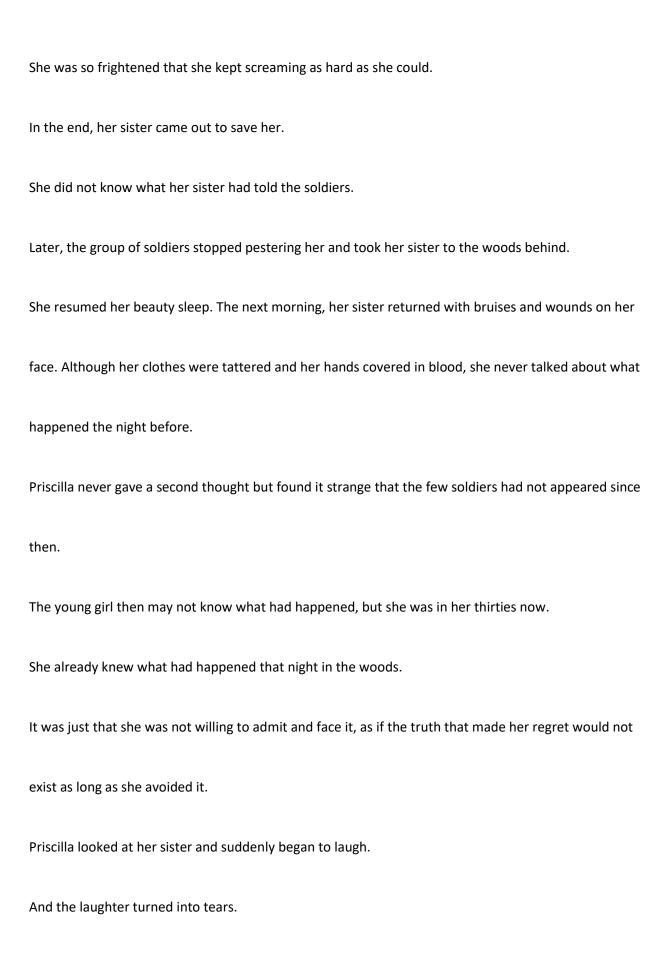
Alanna was of such mighty presence, cladded in black armor and equipped with a spear. Her furrowed
brow addressed a chilling bearing that could only be of Hades from Hell, casting the arrogance and
imperiousness of worldly disdain!
Back in the auditorium, Nathan was looking at Natalia coming, and his pupils shrank.
That was
The picture in his head overlapping with his sight stirred quite an emotion in him.
This this was Alanna Nelson in the flesh!
The woman whose homeland and family were in ruins, was left to dwell in troubled times. Having
experienced the difficulty of life and her family lost in the flames of war, she gradually learned to put her
feelings aside.
Ditching needlework, she picked up the spear and rode on a warhorse to take back the land!
At the very end, she finally returned, haughty and contemptuous!
Both Nathan and the rest of the crew stared in awe!
They never knew a girl looked so good in armor!

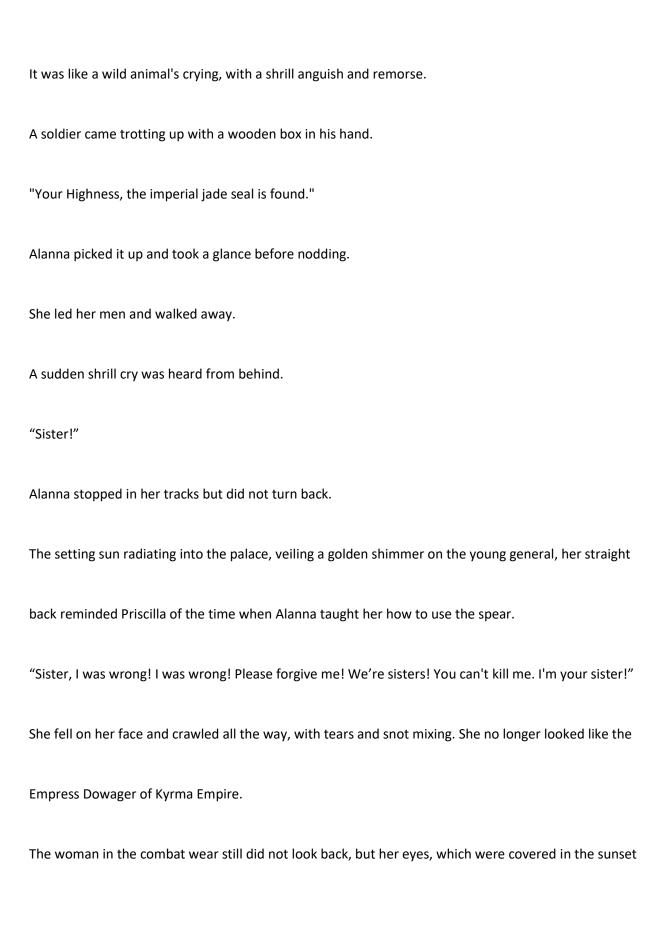


She was nearly killed by an arrow at that time. Jessica's face hung to one side, as she did not expect that Natalia would hit her. However, she quickly realized that it was payback! Natalia was getting back at her for cracking the whip at Victoria. She was a film star after all. Although lacking in skills, she got the fundamentals down. After a swift show of fury, Jessica resumed her composure. "Sister, do you know why I sold you out?" Alanna Nelson looked at her, indistinctly having the answer in her mind. She said slowly, "Since childhood, you have always been the best and the most beautiful girl. Dad and Mom loved you the most. Even as enslaved prisoners, His Majesty the crown prince fell for you first." "What is it in me that I am not as good as you? When it comes to poetry and painting, I am skillful than you. Although I can't do martial arts, it is a male thing. Why do they all like you? "I swear to myself that I'll never live in your shadow. I swear I'll climb to the peak and trample you under my feet on day!" Chapter 57 Vengeance of the Whip

"I did it! But why? Why you have come to destroy me again?"
"Do you know how hard it was for me to become the empress? How much I had to endure to become
an empress dowager?"
"Finally, I sat high above the masses, without being held in contempt. Why couldn't you allow me to
indulge a little longer?"
Crying, shouting, Priscilla's tears finally let out.
Alanna didn't say anything.
Gazing at her once beloved sister for a moment, Alanna cracked into a smile.
"You said nobody loves you? When you were a child, you stole father's jade fan. Who was the one to
get beat for you?"
"When you were ten years old, you fell into a pond and nearly drowned. Who risked the life to save
you?
"When you were fifteen years old, we were escorted to the Kyrma Empire"
There was a sudden break in her voice, as if she had been reminded of some terrible memory.
Those clear and cool eyes caught a scarlet, with deep disappointment and hatred.

"Who was the one who came in the way when countless tried to defile your innocence during the
journey of a thousand five hundred kilometers towards the East? Who grabbed a knife and fought them
to the death? Whose innocence was trampled on for your safety?"
Priscilla stood there dumbfounded.
She stared blankly at Alanna Nelson. Events of the past sprung to her mind following Alanna's claims.
They were still young at the time when trouble fell upon their family. Before Priscilla realized what was
going on, she was escorted to the Kyrma Empire with her sister.
While on the way, Alanna taught her to rub mud on her face to conceal her beauty from bad guys.
However, she was too fond of her appearance. Although she said yes, she was not the least bit willing
to follow her words.
Finally, while everyone was sleeping one night, she quietly washed away the mud on her face.
She combed her hair as she admired her beautiful face in the water.
But at that moment the soldiers behind saw her and rushed towards her as if they had found a rare
treasure.





glow, were stained with twinkles of red.

Her face tightened, and the hand holding the seal trembled slightly.

Scenes of their younger days - taking her sister to climb over walls, on trees, and play with mud but

was met with her sisters dislike, flashed in her mind.

Nevertheless, these scenes were soon replaced by images of their innocent people dying in her hands.

She closed her eyes and took a deep breath.

After a long time, she said in a cold voice, "The Empress Dowager Priscilla of Kyrma Empire is found

guilty beyond forgiveness for absence of virtue, going rampant and oppressing the people! She is

hereby sentenced to death!"

The sky thundered and a thunderstorm began to sound.

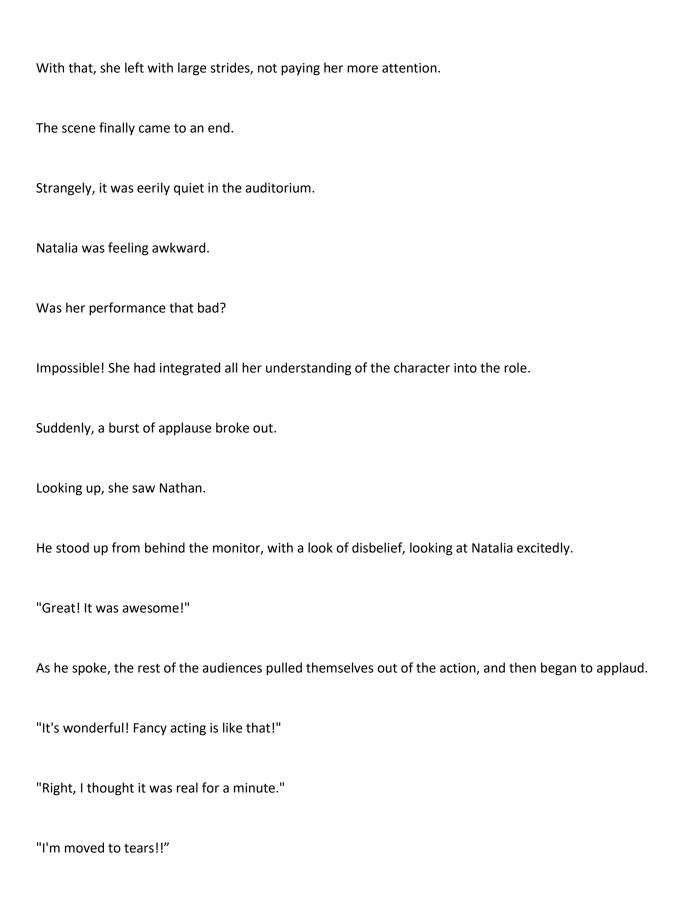
Priscilla stood still and stared in disbelief at the woman standing outside the palace gate.

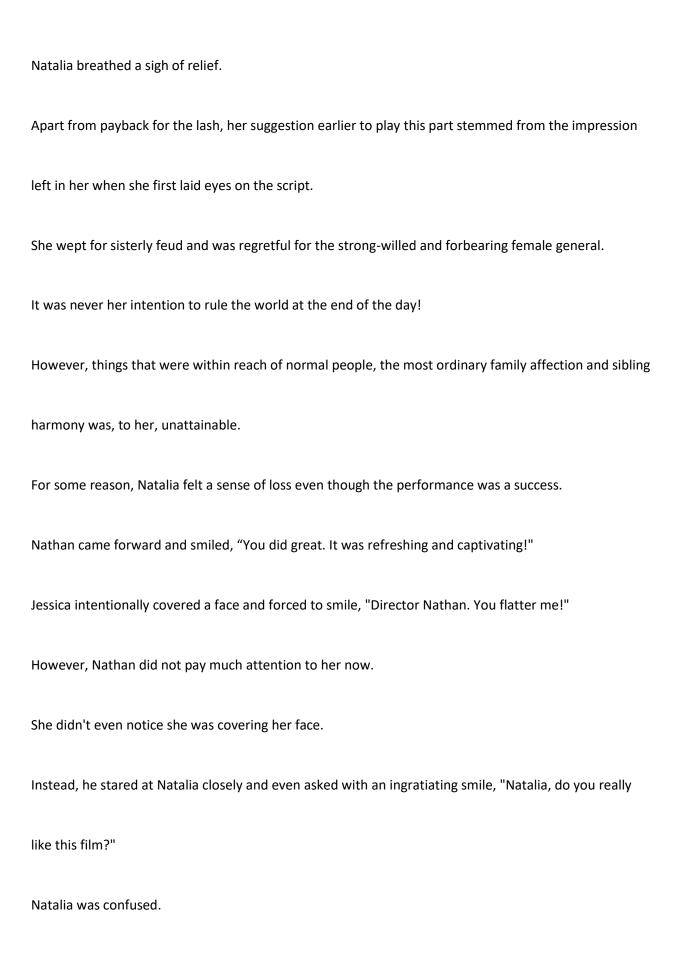
The woman reached into her bosom and brought out a bottle of poison and laid it on the ground.

"This is poison extracted from the heptad snake. You were bitten by this type when you were younger. I

risked my life sucking the poison out for you. As a result, I was stuck in bed for three months. I almost

lost my life. Now... take this!"





She didn't know why he asked her that.
She honestly nodded. "Yes, I read the script two years ago when it was first out. I liked it then."
As if he discovered treasure, Nathan rubbed his hands excitedly.
"Great to know that you like it."
Watching as the event unfolded, Jessica had a bad feeling in her stomach.
Was he trying to get Natalia to act in this film?
Chapter 58 Change the Actress?
Was it for real?
It was a production cost four hundred million dollars, and he wanted a newbie with no experience to act in it?
Nathan must be out of his mind
Jessica believed this was impossible. Natalia was indeed great in her performance, but the way she
saw it, it was because she guided Natalia into her role.
So, she didn't give it a second thought.
But she said to Nathan with a sweet tone, "Director Nathan, you only praised my sister and forgot me."

Nathan noticed her now and said with a smile, "Jessica, you are great too. What happened to your
face?"
Seeing he finally noticed her face, Jessica forced a smile.
"It doesn't matter, my sister just slapped me. It is Okay."
Natalia looked at her and smiled, "Oh, I'm sorry. I was way too immersed in the role to hold back. You
can't deny that I managed to invoke stronger emotions in you. Don't you agree, sister?"
She returned the same words Jessica said to Victoria.
Jessica's face was stiffened.
At this time, Nathan finally realized that there was something wrong between the two.
The exchange of words
He could smell the gunpowder in the air!
Nevertheless, they were biological sisters. Any personal vendetta had nothing to do with him as an
outsider
So, he said with a smile, "Natalia is without experience for her first attempt in acting. Jessica, please
excuse her. It's time to leave now that the audition is over. Natalia, when will you bring her over to sign



Nonetheless, Nathan was not in the position to reveal many details as nothing was set in stone yet. He
did not want to count his chickens before they hatched.
Thus, he let out a smile. "Nothing. Don't think too much of it. Study the script when you have the time.
Don't just set your sights on one role. Observe the inner conflict of other roles, and it'll help you in the
future."
Jessica thought he meant that studying other characters would help her portray Alanna Nelson in a
better way.
So she didn't think much about it and nodded.
Once everyone made their departure, Nathan went to McCathy Corporation with his laptop in one
hand.
The biggest investor in this film was Annie International.
In other words, it was Archie McCathy.
Archie was having his lunch when Nathan came looking for him with his laptop.
He was busy. Usually if there were no visitors, Archie usually let Brian call takeaway and he would
have lunch in the office.

So, when Nathan arrived, he saw Archie sitting on the sofa in the office, eating takeaway.
He hurriedly walked over and said with a smile, "Uncle, you are having lunch?"
Archie looked at him with a raised eyebrow and continued eating.
"Is there anything to talk about?"
"There's no rush, let's talk after you finish it."
Then holding the computer he sat down on the single sofa opposite Archie.
Archie was picky about food. After he was in Julio, besides food Mrs. Dottie cook, he only had the food
from Mountain Club.
So, every day at noon, Brian sent someone to bring the food in advance.
The staff members over there would pack it in an insulated box, and when it arrived, it would be just
right in color and taste.
Nathan looked at the delicious food and could not help but swallow.
His tummy rumbled.
He had been busy since early in the morning, going through several auditions in one sitting. He did not

have a bite to eat and the time was half past twelve in the afternoon!
But in front of Archie, he did not dare to be presumptuous.
Archie took another look at him and saw him staring eagerly at the dishes on the table. Saliva was on
the verge of dripping out of his mouth.
Although amused, his facial expression showed no emotion. He pressed a button on his landline.
"Brian, bring a set of cutleries in."
Nathan was stunned and waved his hand, knowing what Archie wanted to do.
"It-it's okay. Uncle, I've eaten!"
"Oh, Brian, no need for the cutleries! Put them back."
Nathan swore he was only being polite.
His uncle sure took things seriously!
Nathan wept without tears.
A minute later, he suddenly understood when Brian came in with a brand new set of cutleries.
He turned to look at Archie and was greeted by a teasing smirk reflected in the latter's eyes.
Nathan took over the tableware and said, "Thank you, Uncle."



turned the screen toward Archie.

"I swear, I'm really not trying to be fickle-minded. It's just this actress is too superb! She has the skills and quite a beauty too! Most importantly, she's a replica of the Alanna Nelson in my mind!"

This actress has everything but a chance. If she's signed on to Annie International and plays the

female lead in this film, I can guarantee you she'll become fame soon! She'll definitely be the most

valuable money maker under your leadership!"

Without a word, Archie fixated his gaze on the screen.

A woman in black armor carried herself with a chilling presence. Her slick movements and resolute

gaze made her come to life on the screen. It created such an impact, pulling at the audience's

heartstrings!

The end of the recording saw the screen froze at the woman's receding figure at the palace gate.

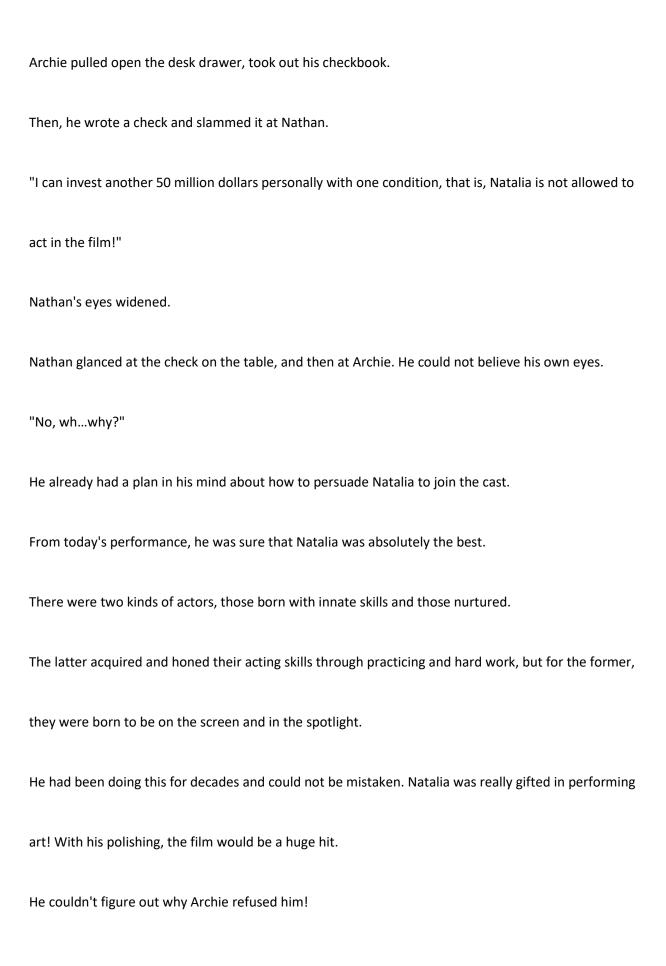
The sunset kindled on her lonesome but pine-like staunch figure. Taking her once ideals and lost family

with her, she set on her path to become a ruler!

At the end of the video, Nathan gazed at Archie with expectant eyes.

"How is it?"

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Archie sat back in his chair, giving Nathan a half-hearted smile.
"As I have told you, I'm only responsible for investment. I'm not involved in the cast or filming."
Nathan smiled with embarrassment.
"I know, but this is a special case!"
He swallowed a mouth of saliva, and his courage was wearing out.
Archie scoffed lazily.
"Oh? What's so special?"
"It's like this. My current thought is for Natalia to play Alanna Nelson, as she's the perfect fit. If Jessica
agrees to this arrangement, she can play Priscilla. However, erm she might pull the funds"
He smiled embarrassingly, but his intentions were self-explanatory.
Archie raised his eyebrows.
"You want me to invest more?"
Nathan nodded.
"All right!"



Archie sat there, looking at him and sneering.
"For the actress in the leading role, you can choose anyone but her! I don't need to explain myself to
you. You can leave now!"
Nathan's face was constantly changing.
He had the urge to throw a tantrum but he did not have the guts. Nathan wanted to reason, but Archie
had made it clear that was it.
Finally, he got up and walked out in anger.
Nathan was halfway to the door when he realized something. He turned back and retrieved the check
and his laptop before leaving.
Archie sneered, as Nathan stormed out.
Was he kidding? How can he let his woman act in the film?
What if she got injured engaging in so many fight scenes and was exposed to the weather?
On top of that, there were intimate sex and kissing scenes?
Humph!

On the other side, Natalia did not know she had been denied a chance by someone	
After lunch, she took Victoria to his office after receiving a message from Nathan.	
She was about to leave after signing the contract, but Nathan looked at her with gu	ilty and said a lot of
irrelevant words.	
Natalia was confused.	
However, she didn't think more about it.	
Now that Victoria had a job, she had to find an assistant for her.	
The personnel department in the company was in a total mess. In the afternoon, sh	ne returned to the
company and sorted things out.	
She finally felt relieved after arranging a seemingly quick-witted and honest assista	nt for Victoria.
As for Stephen's case, there were some prosperous clues.	
In the wake of her reminder, Stephen followed the money and find large funds dep	osited in his
girlfriend's account.	
The person who remitted money to her was none other than Stephen's mother, Ar	chie's aunt, Bailey
Wall.	

What a cliche!
It called to mind a certain plot about a future mother-in-law forced her son's Cinderella girlfriend away
with money.
However, logically speaking, even if his mother wanted to force his girlfriend away, or if she wanted
them to become enemies and never see each other again, there was no reason to risk his son's future.
Natalia felt confused, but further questioning revealed that Stephen's mother was against him entering
the entertainment business in the first place.
In Bailey's opinion, the highest achievement after a lifetime in entertainment business was just a
slightly influential celebrity status.
Compared to the Mccarthy family who was high above the masses, that status was basically worthless
but putting Stephen at the mercy of others.
His mother intended for him to join his cousin in business, but Stephen was not interested in doing
business.
Having no other alternative, Stephen's mother came up with this plan.

After listening to this, Natalia was at a loss of words.
What the hell was this?
Stephen, on the other hand, was calm and collected.
Through the phone, he said very politely that it might not be convenient to expose his mother. In other
words, he could not lay bare the truth to the public. Hence, they had to find another way to solve the
issue.
Natalia agreed to his idea.
When she dug deeper, she found that she had already found a new boyfriend. At that time, she
probably thought she would break up with Stephen anyway, and it would be good to make some
money, so she agreed to her mother's request.
Natalia soon got in touch with the girl.
Playing her cards well, Natalia obtained the edited audio and video clips before forcing her to confess
publicly on Weibo that she had lied.
Natalia gave her some leeway.
She did not say she accepted money for framing, but made up lies since she was not willing to break

up.
After all, a girl who was not willing to give up on her boyfriend was much easier to be forgiven than one
who framed her ex-boyfriend for money.
Of course, there were still some loose ends to pull.
Although the apology video was posted online and made public, Stephen's image had been damaged
to some extent.
Nevertheless, Stephen had a major production to be released. Natalia had heard positive feedback
about this drama. Stephen's praise-worthy performance should win back his good reputation.
She wrote a few pieces of public advertorial and released them through her private verified account.
As expected, the effect was satisfactory. Gradually, many people said Stephen was wronged.
Many fans voiced their grievance on behalf of Stephen. It took time for the storm to pass over
completely.
After all this, Natalia knew that the follow-up would not have any problems, so she felt relieved.

Now it was time to take care of her personal business!

In the evening, it was still early when Natalia returned home. Dinner had not been ready yet. It was not even six o'clock yet. Archie wouldn't be back for more than half an hour. Natalia went into the kitchen and found Mrs. Dottie and several servants were busy in the kitchen. Everyone looked at her curiously as she came in. Natalia said, "Ignore me. I'm just looking around." Mrs. Dottie smiled, "Madam, it is greasy in the kitchen. You'd better go out and have a seat! If you're hungry, I can pour you some soup to take the edge off. Master should be home soon." Natalia smiled. "What are you serving tonight?" Although Mrs. Dottie did not know why she asked, she truthfully answered. "Braised bamboo shoots with mushrooms, fish in vinegar, diced spicy and sour lotus root, lily and lotus seed soup, dumplings with three fresh shrimp..." Hearing the names made her mouth water. After listening to the menu, Natalia pointed to the two dishes. "Are these two dishes ready?"

Mrs. Dottie was stunned and then replied, "Not yet." "All right, then I'll cook these two dishes." As soon as she said it, Natalia changed her clothes, put on her apron and walked into the kitchen. A group of servants, though surprised, were relieved when they heard that she was cooking for Archie. Archie and Natalia had a close relationship, and they made a perfect couple with their outstanding appearance. Soon, the mansion should welcome a young master! Chapter 60 Kissing Her The servants' hearts were gaily pleased. They were good-looking, and surely their baby would be very cute! Natalia did not know what they were thinking. She was still thinking about how to mention it to Archie when he came back. At 6:30, the black Rolls-Royce pulled into the courtyard, and Archie came back. The servants had already served the dishes the table. Natalia changed the clothes, obediently sitting in front of the table, waiting for him.

It was the first time that Archie saw her so lovely. He was a little surprised. He glanced at the food and



Natalia did not know whether she should admit it. What if he did not like it?
As she wanted to deny, Mrs. Dottie said with a smile, "Sir, Madam made two dishes especially for you,
the dried mushroom braised bamboo shoots and sweet and sour fish!"
Mrs. Dottie sure had a mouth on her.
She had to show an embarrassing smile, "I was just trying it out. Don't eat it if you don't like it."
Then she reached out to move the two dishes away.
But no sooner had she reached out her hand than she was stopped.
Archie looked at her with smiling eyes.
"When did I say I didn't like it?
Natalia was stunned.
He took a piece of sweet and sour fish in the bowl and had it slowly, as if he was enjoying it.
So why did you frown then?
Mrs. Dottie's recipes basically avoided the food they didn't like, so even if Natalia casually picked two of
them, it would be fine.

Coincidentally, she and Archie had similar tastes. They didn't like spicy food. Natalia preferred sweet and sour food, and Archie didn't like it or dislike it. Since he did not reject the food, Natalia was finally relieved. Nathan looked at her with a smile and asked, "Do you need you help?" Natalia smiled sheepishly, "I want to discuss something with you." "Let's talk after dinner?" After dinner, Archie went to his study to take a phone call. Natalia went to the kitchen and cut a plate of fruit, then went up with the fruit plate. As soon as she entered the room, she saw him sitting behind a computer desk in what looked like a video conference. Natalia was hesitating about whether to enter the room or not. Then Archie looked up and waved at her. On the screen of his computer showed an office beyond the Atlantic Ocean, where executives from the overseas branch of Mccarthy Properties were reporting to him collectively. Natalia dared not to disturb him. He walked to the sofa and sat down, and then put the fruit plate on the

coffee table.
Having been abroad for three years, Natalia was proficient in English and French, but she still had
trouble understanding the complex technical terms in the video conference.
Time passed slowly.
Bored, Natalia sat on the sofa, holding her chin with one hand. She picked up a fork and casually
feasted on the fruit.
Behind the desk, Archie looked at her. Archie stared at her exquisitely red lips opening and closing.
His Adam's apple rolled.
The usually hour-long meeting ended in a tight squeeze of forty minutes.
"You said you have something to discuss with me. What is it?"
Seeing that he was done, Natalia got up in a hurry and said, "As you know, I'm taking over Star
Entertainment right? The situation in the company is not good, so I want to discuss with you if I could
attach the company under Annie International. You know, to share resources and something else."

The more Natalia talked, the more abashed she became.

