## The CEO's Hidden Love Midnight Temptations and Deep Desires - Chapter 12

Dorothy waited until Everett finished his call outside before she stepped out of the car to meet him.

"It provides Havenbrook's special cuisine." His voice was cold and deep, like a cello...

"Oh." Dorothy was a bit surprised. Did this mean Everett remembered that they had been middle school classmates?

Or perhaps he knew from the start.

Dorothy felt out of place when standing next to Everett. He was dressed to the nines; he was clearly a golden boy. And there she was, with 'assistant' written all over her face.

Feeling uncomfortable as soon as they sat down in the restaurant, Dorothy didn't know what to do. She couldn't possibly start reminiscing about middle school, could she?

Everett, on the other hand, seemed more at ease. It was as if he were with a friend who he saw every day. He casually rolled up his shirt sleeves and ordered a few dishes.

"The SinoSuccess Enterprises project, was it you who handled it?"

Caught off guard by the sudden work-related question, Dorothy hastily nodded. "Yes, that's me."

"Have you inspected their financial situation in detail?" Everett leaned back slightly, awaiting her

"Yes, I have. Their financial data is accurate. I've checked. There's no fabrication.copy right hot novel pub

## response.

He smirked, taking a sip from his water glass. "Dorothy, just because the data isn't fabricated doesn't mean there aren't financial issues." She was stunned as Everett presented a document to her.

"SinoSuccess Enterprises only has 50 million in liquid assets, but their commitment letter states they have 80 million. Who do you think will make up the difference?"

Dorothy fell silent.

"Don't rush with the projects." Everett's tone was different from when he scolded Mr. Percy. It was almost... paternal.

Dorothy bit her lip, feeling both regret for her carelessness and admiration for Everett's competence. He had spotted the problem so quickly in the project she had just submitted.

After such a discussion, she lost her appetite completely. All she wanted to do was return to the office and conduct a more detailed due diligence on SinoSuccess Enterprises.

Perhaps seeing her intent, Everett put some of the newly served dishes into her bowl. "Finish your meal. We have all night"

A whole night?

Dorothy looked up in surprise. "Am I spending the night with you?"

Everett raised an eyebrow. "It saves time for the registration tomorrow morning."

"That's not what I meant.

"She clenched her fists under the table, gathering the courage to ask directly. "After the registration, do we have

to live together?"

Did she really have to share a bed with him?

"Otherwise?"

Everett's retort made it feel like she had asked a really stupid question.

To save her mother, he not only had to pull strings to get a top-notch doctor but also pay high medical fees. It couldn't be just about getting a piece of paper.

Like Karen said, fnen were simple creatures. She was just too naive.

"Is there a problem?"

"No."

"Good. Eat more."

Everett's gentle tone and the way he served her food made it feel like they were a soon-to-be married couple.

Throughout the meal, Dorothy had no appetite. Her heart was heavy.

Especially on the drive to Everett's place, the closer they got to the destination, the more nervous she became.

Everett didn't look at her. Instead, he quietly instructed his assistant about some work-related matters. And then, he casually added, "Oh, and pick up a few boxes of condoms on your way."