

Midnight 511

Chapter 1223 - 511: Trick Didn't Work

She nodded, but when she thought of Harry and Rachel, she was a little hesitant. "If your brother and Rachel know about it, wouldn't they fall out with us?"

"What if we fall out?! If this thing fails, our family might..." He didn't finish the sentence, but she couldn't resist shivering.

His eyes were filled with hatred. "Besides, they actually want to cut ties with us for an outsider. How can I care about them anymore?"

He immediately convinced Emma, and they walked away by supporting each other with their hands.

The atmosphere in the ward was somewhat strange.

Joshua's reaction just now really surprised the Crowe family.

But Matt and Emma were too hateful, so his behavior was understandable.

Besides, Joshua did that completely for Hazel. As a matter of fact, the Crowe family was very happy that he was so protective of Hazel. In addition... they didn't want to admit it, but when Matt got kicked, they were overjoyed in the heart!

It didn't seem they needed to worry about Hazel anymore as such a man cared for her so much.

"Don't be so impetuous again, Joshua," Harry said, but there was no reproach in his words. "You did the right, but Matt's family are very difficult to deal with. What if they pester you? If they do make a scene, you can deal with them, but it will be troublesome."

Joshua's serious face relaxed a little. Harry wasn't blaming him but was worried he would get into trouble.

"Thanks, Dad," Joshua said with a soft face. "They won't make a scene."

"Right," Hazel nodded and explained, "this time, uncle and aunt are very persistent. I think they won't give up even if they know I'm married now. I guess they might come to admit their mistake and make up with us in a couple of days."

That was why she never told Matt's family she was married from the very beginning. She knew it wouldn't be useful, and they wouldn't give up. Besides, if they knew the identities of her and Joshua, they would definitely make trouble.

"Matt Crowe is not your uncle anymore," Rachel said crossly. "We should have cut ties with that kind of relative early on!"

In the past, they at least kept a semblance of peace with Matt's family, but this time, they really offended the limit of the Crowe family's patience.

The Crowe family were not angry with Joshua for what he had just done and became more pleased with him.

With Hazel and Joshua around, Harry and Ronald, who had been busy last night, went home to rest.

After they left, Hazel took Rachel to the hospital garden for relaxation.

Before long, Rachel's phone suddenly sounded. It was hard for Rachel to reach for the phone due to her injuries. She asked Hazel to answer the phone for her. "Hazel, help me answer it."

Hazel took the phone out of Rachel's pocket. Without seeing clearly who was calling, Hazel answered the phone.

A soft voice came from the phone. "Auntie, this is Fanny. How are you?"

In an instant, Hazel's face turned dark.

She had anticipated Matt's family wouldn't give up so easily, but she didn't expect their movements would be so fast!

Matt had thought he had thoroughly offended Harry and Rachel this time. Even if he did call to apologize, they might not answer the phone. Each of Matt's family members was freaks, but Fanny was somewhat normal.

Besides, the Crowe family sympathized with Fanny's situation, so they would take care of her normally. According to Matt's family, Fanny had a good relationship with the Crowe family, which was the reason why Matt asked Fanny to make the call.

"It's me, Fanny." Hazel opened her mouth lightly.

She used to feel sorry for Fanny and be on good terms with her. But she had been holding herself aloof from Fanny since the last time Fanny tricked her into going on a blind date in the name of asking her out to play.

Perhaps Fanny had to do that, but it was Hazel who was tricked. Even if Hazel didn't hate Fanny, she wouldn't be silly enough to get close to her anymore.

After all, now that Fanny had to do that kind of bad thing once, then she would likely have to do that countless times. Hazel couldn't sacrifice herself to help Fanny even if the latter was wrong, could she?

"Hazel, it's you..." There was a little panic in Fanny's voice, and it was clear that she didn't expect Hazel would answer the phone.

"That..." Fanny was hesitant. "Is my aunt here? Can I speak to her?"

Hazel said yes and handed the phone to Rachel.

Rachel paled slightly. Of course, she could guess why Fanny made the call. The good feelings she had for Fanny in the heart were completely gone now.

No matter how Rachel sympathized with Fanny, she couldn't let Matt's family make use of her feelings to kidnap the Crowe family and ruin Hazel's happiness.

Rachel took the phone and directly clicked on the speaker.

"Tell me directly what you want, Miss Fanny Crowe," Rachel said coldly.

Fanny froze.

Rachel's aloof address alarmed her. She understood that Harry and Rachel meant it when they said they wanted to cut ties with their family.

"Auntie." Fanny pretended not to understand. Her voice sounded pitiful. "My parents came to me just now and said they had done something wrong. When they came home, they were very remorseful. They didn't mean to make a scene. They just misunderstood Hazel and thought she was led astray, so they would be in a hurry and say something inappropriate..."

"They just said something inappropriate?" Rachel sneered.

If it were in the past, with Fanny mediating between them, she might have relented. But this time, she saw Fanny.

No matter how pitiful Fanny was, she was still Matt's daughter, and she was still biased toward Matt and Emma. Matt and Emma had said so many insulting words to Hazel, which angered Rachel so much that she even smashed a glass. However, Fanny actually wanted her to forgive them with 'inappropriate words'?

Fanny froze. She had never expected to meet with setbacks! This kind of incident also happened before, but as long as her parents asked her to mediate, Harry and Rachel would at least relent even though they didn't directly forgive them.

But this trick didn't work now!

Chapter 1224 - 512: Why Are You Crying?

What should she do? Taking a deep breath, she quickly regained her composure.

She said apologetically. "My parents are very remorseful now, auntie. They shouldn't slander Hazel while they didn't know Hazel was married. But they really have no malicious intentions. It's all a misunderstanding. They really feel guilty now and want to apologize to you...."

"No need." Rachel interrupted her nonchalantly. "The misunderstanding has been cleared, but they don't need to apologize or do anything. We are not relatives now, so we shall never contact each other forever."

Fanny was in a daze. Rachel was a straightforward woman, so her words would never be mild and indirect.

Now even though Fanny was so humble, Rachel's attitude still remained unchanged. Fanny used to be a coward normally. Seeing Rachel was so tough, she began to feel a little terrified in the heart, even forgetting what she should say.

But after a brief silence, Fanny directly began to cry.

"Why are you crying?" Rachel frowned a little irritably.

"It's really my parents' fault, auntie, and you should be angry, but...." Fanny cried even harder, "my parents were beaten by a bunch of hooligans when they came home! My mother is in poor health, to begin with, so she can't get out of bed now. I really feel sorry for them. They've known they're wrong and wanted to apologize, but why is Hazel's husband so unforgiving?"

Before Matt and Emma got home, they were put into sacks, dragged into a corner, and beaten up by a group of men.

The way the other side beat them was very professional. Although it hurt hugely, their bodies didn't have any scars.

Although Matt and Emma looked very arrogant in front of the Crowe family, they were very cowardly when they faced other people. They thought that it was because Scott had offended someone that they were beaten, so they didn't dare call the police and had to suffer secretly.

However, they asked Fanny to put the blame on Joshua and drive a wedge between Joshua and the Crowe family.

Rachel got even angrier. She hated Matt's family, but she thought previously Fanny was a reasonable person. However, Fanny's current remark made Rachel completely disappointed.

Rachel was so pleased with Joshua because he had been behaving well these days! But Fanny actually drove a wedge between them.

"What makes you think it's my son-in-law who dispatched people to beat them?" Rachel snapped coldly, "Did the hooligans admit it, or did your parents see it? My son-in-law has been looking after me at the hospital with Hazel. How can he have time to pay attention to your family?!"

"Also, don't think I don't know that Scott, who has been hanging out with some hooligans all day long, has caused a lot of trouble and provoked lots of people that he shouldn't provoke! In my opinion, it's because of Scott that your parents were beaten up! You guys are really cheeky as you even intend to pin the blame on my son-in-law!"

"No, it is not that..." Fanny, who was panicky, tried to explain, but Rachel didn't want to give her any chance.

"What then?" Rachel sneered. "I suggest you hurry to call the police! You didn't even dare call the police. God knows if your family has done something shady again!"

The next moment, Rachel directly hung up. She really did not want to say a word to Matt's family.

"You're right," said Rachel, looking very pale. "They know you're married, but they still don't give up!"

They knew all too well the nature of Matt's family. Matt's family was extremely overbearing. If they had really wanted nothing of them, he would have made a scene and quarreled with them.

However, after they were reproached and beaten in the ward, Matt and Emma actually wanted to apologize. They wanted to apologize just because they wanted to take the Crowe family off their guard; the Crowe family at least sensed it.

"By the way, what do you think? Matt and they were beaten, would it really be..." Rachel hesitated and didn't continue. After all, if she said it, it would sound like she was suspicious of Joshua.

"Mom, I also think it is Joshua who did that," Hazel said, smiling. "He can't stand my being bullied. Though he has made uncle and aunt suffer a little before, he certainly feels it is not enough, so it was very likely that he had them beaten up."

"Whether it was him or not, they deserved it!" Rachel said, "I feel delighted to hear that they were beaten up! Why do our family have this kinds of relatives? Besides, I thought at least Fanny was reasonable, but I didn't expect the girl would be led astray. Alas..."

Hearing Rachel's sigh, Hazel said quietly, "She grew up in a family like that, and of course, she has some ability to protect herself. She looks timid, but she's very careful."

Rachel's face turned pale because she agreed with Hazel.

They had been cheated by Fanny's wounded, honest face until today when she discovered that Fanny was very scheming.

That kind of idea of driving a wedge wasn't something that Matt and Emma could come up with. It was likely that it was Fanny who did that, and it was also why she was so good at it.

"Let's stop talking about these unpleasant things." Rachel's face became gloomy. "I guess they will be restless for a while. I might as well leave the hospital!"

Hazel was silent and looked at Rachel, hesitant.

Rachel thought Hazel was worried about her injury, so she hastily explained, "The doctor said it would be fine for me to recover at home."

Hazel was hesitant for a while before finally speaking, "That's not efficient to avoid them like that."

"What do you mean?" Rachel asked in surprise.

"Mom," Hazel said with determination, "I wasn't kidding when I said yesterday that I wanted to take you to the imperial capital. I really think that way."

"You wench, isn't this also avoidance?" Rachel looked at her, amused.

"But it can solve our problem once and for all," Hazel continued persuading her. "Then uncle's family won't be able to pester you anymore."

"No way." Rachel shook her head without hesitation. "Hazel, our home is here. I can't run away because of someone else's fault."

Hazel was unhappy. She was about to say something when Joshua came over.

"Enough, take me back to the ward," Rachel said, apparently not wanting to continue the conversation.

Taking Rachel back to the ward, Hazel managed to find time to take Joshua to the garden. She told Joshua her thoughts, "However, my mom doesn't agree, and my dad won't absolutely agree either. What should I do?"

Chapter 1225 - 513: Leave This To Me

He furrowed his brow slightly. He knew what Hazel meant. This little girl wanted to take care of her parents.

Since it was what she wanted, then he would definitely help her make it.

"Leave it to me, and I will persuade them," he whispered.

She was a little hesitant. It was not that she did not believe Joshua, but even she could not persuade her parents, let alone Joshua. Although they were pleased with Joshua now, what if her parents misunderstand him because of this?

Looking at her hesitant appearance, Joshua naturally guessed what she was worried about. He gently rubbed her hair. "Hazel, do you believe me?"

She nodded without hesitation.

"Then you continue to trust me," he whispered. "Leave this to me."

"All right." Hazel finally nodded and agreed. Whether Joshua would succeed or not, she should let him have a try.

"By the way," she couldn't help frowning. "I don't understand why my uncle's family is so determined to be my matchmaker. Would there be someone behind them, or would they have any other conspiracy?"

"No." Joshua shook his head slightly. "I checked, and there was no one suspicious behind them, but Scott seemed to be in trouble the other day, and no one knew how Matt helped him solve it. Time is too short. I haven't figured it out yet."

After he noticed Matt and Emma were strange, he had begun to investigate. His biggest concern was Matt and Emma had something to do with the organization. He was afraid the organization would hurt Hazel's parents.

It was because he had confirmed that Matt's family was not manipulated by the organization that Joshua did nothing to them. Otherwise, even if he might make the Crowe family suspicious, he would make Matt's family disappear. He would never tolerate any of the organization's dirty hands reaching out to Hazel.

Later, after consulting with the doctor who agreed to discharge Rachel from the hospital, Joshua went through the discharge procedures according to Rachel's instructions.

Harry and Rachel both had high self-esteem, so even though Joshua and Hazel were very rich, they were unwilling to spend any money on Joshua and Hazel.

So Joshua didn't give the Crowe family anything like a mansion or a luxury car. He knew clearly that, in the eyes of Harry and Rachel, it would be insulting, and his living in their house as a son-in-law was respect for the Crowe family.

While he couldn't show his respect financially, Joshua did a lot for the Crowe family in other ways they couldn't see. But he had never told them for praise. Harry and Rachel didn't know that, but Ronald did. He encountered many problems when he started his own business, but they were all solved smoothly afterward. Hence, he guessed Joshua helped him in private.

It was also because Ronald told Harry and Rachel everything that they were able to accept Joshua so quickly.

When Rachel got home, Joshua hired a senior nurse for her. If he wasn't afraid that Harry would think too much, he would have even hired a private doctor. Rachel knew Joshua was filial, so she didn't say no. As for the community they lived in, Joshua also changed the guards into more reliable ones to prevent Matt's family from bothering Rachel.

When Matt's family went to the hospital and heard Rachel had left the hospital, they went straight to the Crowe family's community, but they were directly stopped at the gate by the new security guards.

But even so, Matt's family didn't give up. Fanny bought flowers and presents directly and had them delivered to the Crowe family's house. After receiving these, Rachel asked Joshua to return them without hesitation.

Matt's family was well aware of the Crowe family's decision when Fanny received the returned presents. Although they were very reluctant, they couldn't even meet the Crowe family now and could do nothing.

"Now, what should we do?" Matt banged on the table angrily. "Harry's family are going too far!"

"I have an idea," Fanny, who had been silent, said suddenly. "We can find a way to meet Hazel!"

"Hazel's not a fool. Do you think you can meet her as long as you want?" Matt swore irritably.

He had never looked up to his own daughter. In his heart, after all, he only thought Scott was a member of the family and Fanny was nothing. Still, Fanny was a little smart and had helped them solve lots of troubles, like the idea of using Hazel to solve the trouble Scott had caused.

They would only remember Fanny was their daughter when they were in trouble. Fanny had been led astray over these years. She would think of any dirty ideas for being approved by her parents.

"She can't always stay at home since she is in City S," Fanny explained. "She'll definitely go out and meet someone. Then it will be our chance!"

Matt's eyes lit up as he thought she was right.

Fanny was right. Hazel wasn't at home all the time.

Rachel recovered very well, and she didn't want Hazel to keep staying home to take care of her. Just then, Hazel got an invitation from a high school classmate who invited her to go to a reunion.

Hazel didn't tell Joshua about it because he was busy with Denmark Group's business, and it was just a reunion between classmates. Hence, she went to the reunion alone.

The venue was a five-star hotel in City S. It so happened Denmark Group owned the hotel.

When she reached the appointed box, her face darkened instantly.

Because there were no classmates in the box except for Fanny.

Hazel's face went cold. The next moment, she walked out of the box, ready to leave.

"Hazel, wait!" Fanny stopped her quickly.

Just as Hazel stepped out of the box, Fanny caught up with her and took her by her hand.

Hazel shook her hand off immediately, and Fanny let out a scream and directly fell to the ground.

There were quite a few people around. When they heard the noise, they all turned to look at Hazel and Fanny.

Hazel looked back at Fanny, speechless. Fanny was looking at her piteously, her eyes full of aggrieved tears.

In addition, Fanny wore a long-sleeved shirt on purpose today, and the sleeves had been exposed, revealing her arms which were covered with shocking scars.

Hazel frowned. She was very annoyed. She was very eager to leave directly, but Fanny looked as if Hazel had bullied her.

Chapter 1226 - 514: What Do They Want?

Hazel had to help her with her feet. "Are you okay?"

"I'm fine...." Fanny hurried to cover her arms, looking as if she was about to cry. "I beg you, Hazel, give me a chance to explain..."

Feeling more and more people staring at her, Hazel said helplessly, "Okay."

She took Fanny back to the box, and a waitress came in with the menu and a jug of juice.

The waiter poured the juice for them, ready to take down the menu.

"What do you want to eat, Hazel?" Fanny asked thoughtfully.

"Don't bother, I'm not very hungry." Hazel spoke in an indifferent voice, "Just say what you want to say. I'm busy."

It was clear that Hazel kept herself aloof from Fanny, but Fanny was not embarrassed. She ordered several dishes, some of which were Hazel's favorite.

Hazel didn't stop her.

After the waitress left, Fanny picked up the juice in front of her and took a sip with a sad face. "Hazel, I know you're still mad at my parents. What they did was really ridiculous. I'm too ashamed to defend them. But..."

Fanny burst into tears. She rolled up her sleeves and showed Hazel the bruises on her arms. "But my parents forced me to come to you. They said that if I couldn't talk to you, they would kill me! I have no choice but to contact your classmate and ask her to help me ask you out..."

Looking at the bruises on Fanny's body, Hazel was more or less shocked. She had some sympathy for Fanny.

"What do they want? Did they ask you just to meet me? Or did they want you to beg for my forgiveness?" Hazel finally hardened her heart after thinking for a while.

Fanny's body stiffened slightly. She wasn't very close to Hazel. She just remembered Hazel was a straightforward person who never liked people to beat around the bush. Besides, she was a very generous person who wasn't too particular about trifles.

Nonetheless, now Hazel... didn't seem the same as she used to be. Now she seemed to be able to see her through at a glance.

In fact, Fanny didn't know Hazel very well. Hazel wasn't too particular about trifles because she didn't want to worry about too many things, but not because she couldn't really see through those small tricks.

However, Matt's family went too far this time, pestering Rachel over and over again, so they offended the limits of Hazel's patience. Hazel had a zero-tolerance for things that offended her limits of patience.

Fanny didn't know this, but she did recognize Hazel's indifference and vigilance.

More and more tears rolled down her cheeks. "My parents want me to meet you, apologize to you, and get your forgiveness... Hazel, I know you've been wounded, but my parents didn't know your situation. They really know they were wrong, and they really want to apologize and correct their mistakes. The relationship between our families is so good. Can you really not give us a chance?"

Hazel's eyes turned deep. "I don't want to say something, but that doesn't mean I don't know anything. Do you really think you can pretend that nothing happened by saying 'they don't know'? Do I look that stupid?"

In an instant, Fanny froze. Hazel looked so aggressive now that she couldn't help feeling timid. Her sharp words even gave Fanny the illusion that Hazel had already known what their family was up to.

No way. Fanny comforted herself in the heart. Their family had kept their plan from everyone. Even their neighbors didn't even know about that, let alone Hazel.

At the thought of this, Fanny felt relieved. Knowing that no matter how she explained it, Hazel wouldn't believe her, so Fanny started crying.

"Hazel, I know my parents went too far, but I don't have other options." Fanny picked up the napkin on the table and wiped her eyes. "My parents forced me to come to beg for your forgiveness. They said that if I didn't do that, they would beat me to an abortion!

"You know what? In fact, I was pregnant during the Christmas season, but because of an accident... I lost my child. Now I'm pregnant with difficulty again, I really don't want anything bad to happen to my own child again..."

Hazel's eyes fell on Fanny's belly. When she saw Fanny again, she was puzzled indeed. Because Fanny was obviously pregnant during the Christmas season, but now her belly was flat. It turned out that she had had such an awful experience.

"Your husband did it, or your parents?" Hazel asked in a deep tone. Although she disliked Fanny, Fanny's experience made Hazel aggrieved.

"... It was an accident. I don't blame them." Fanny clenched her teeth.

After a moment's silence, Hazel suddenly spoke, "Fanny, I heard you and your husband have separated, and you live alone now. Have you ever thought about leaving here and living somewhere else?"

"Leave, leave here?" Fanny looked up abruptly. It was the first time she had looked into Hazel's eyes, and her eyes were very panicky. "How can it work? How can I support my child alone? If I live here, at least my husband and my parents are around..."

"But have they helped you?" Hazel's eyes turned slightly deep, "For these two days, I hear from my mother that you are now working alone to earn money in a bid to raise your kid, but your husband always comes to you for money, and your parents also ask you for money to subsidize your brother. They have never helped you. They'll just hurt you. Why don't you try to leave them?"

"How is that possible?" Fanny asked blankly. She thought Hazel's offer was hugely ridiculous. "I was born in City S. How can I survive if I leave here...."

"I'll arrange for you if you want to leave," Hazel said in a deep tone. "You can rest assured that I'll provide you with a place to live and a job that can support you and your child. Even if you want to divorce your husband, I can get you a good lawyer."

Fanny was very pitiful indeed, so Hazel planned to help her one last time. As long as Fanny was willing to get out of the living hell, it would be no more than a piece of cake for Hazel to provide her with these.

"Hazel, come on, no kidding..." Fanny did not consider her words at all and asked in disbelief. "How can you possibly make it?"

"... I can't, but my husband can." Noticing Fanny didn't believe her, Hazel had no choice but to say, "He has a few well-connected relatives. If you say yes, I can arrange for you to leave right now. You know I never lie."

Chapter 1227 - 515: Why Did Hazel Get All The Good Things?

Hazel didn't tell her Joshua's real identity because she knew that if Fanny learned that there was a Denmark Group behind her, Matt and Emma would directly give up any plan they had and try to pester and play up to her.

After all, no matter what Matt's family tried to get from her, they might be able to get more from Denmark Group.

Hazel's offer was enough to help Fanny get out of the living hell. She wanted to see if Fanny wanted to be saved.

Fanny bit her lip closely, still in disbelief.

Unfortunately, what she couldn't believe wasn't that she had a chance to leave, but was that Hazel actually was able to save her.

But she knew Hazel wouldn't lie. Now that Hazel had said that, she would definitely be able to do what she promised.

Fanny was not happy about this fact. Instead, her heart was filled with uncontrollable jealousy and hatred!

She had been growing up in Hazel's shadow. Hazel was beautiful and good at study. Her parents always praised Hazel in front of her and then scolded her for being a good-for-nothing who could not make them proud.

She didn't understand why Hazel, who was even adopted, was doted on while she was hated and abused by her parents even though she and Hazel were both girls.

All her unhappiness and jealousy remained buried in her heart, and as time went on, they all turned into endless hatred.

After she listened to her parents' advice, married, got pregnant, and earned a large amount of bride price for the family, her parents finally changed their attitude toward her and even praised her while criticizing Hazel in front of Hazel.

At that very moment, even if Fanny knew exactly what her life was really like, she still felt proud in the heart. In her opinion, it was the only time she defeated Hazel.

Therefore, she would obey her parents' orders and ask Hazel out, tricking her into going on a blind date during the Christmas season because she knew how bad the man was. Since her own life was so

miserable, Hazel should marry a man worse than her husband and live a more miserable life than she did.

It didn't work out, but she didn't give up, so this time she helped her parents with their plans. She had already become twisted as she turned her own misery into hatred of Hazel.

Only now, however, did she realize how thoroughly she had lost.

Deep down, Fanny's heart had been filled with hatred, and she had never been so unwilling to be outdone. Why was fate so unfair? She was married to a scumbag, but Hazel had a man coming from a good family who loved her and cared about her.

Why did Hazel get all the good things?

Fanny couldn't watch Hazel live a good life! Even if Hazel could help her, she didn't want to say yes! If she said yes, she was admitting that she would never live a happy life like Hazel!

How could she possibly do that? Even if she was living a miserable life, she must take Hazel with her!

Hazel looked at Fanny quietly. She couldn't read her mind, so she couldn't guess what Fanny was thinking. But seeing Fanny had been hesitant for so long, Hazel knew Fanny didn't want to be saved.

"Hazel, this is too sudden. Can't you let me think for a while?" Fanny looked up at her with longing in her eyes. She couldn't say yes right away, but she had to find a way to keep Hazel.

Because Fanny knew clearly that if today's plan worked, even if Hazel had a very great marriage, Hazel would soon live a more miserable life than she!

Hazel let out a long breath slowly. "I get it."

Noticing she packed up and intended to leave directly, Fanny was worried instantly and hurried to say, "Hazel, don't get me wrong! I really want to say yes, but no matter how bad my parents are, they are still my parents! I'm not you.

"You know my character as I have been very timid. I do what my parents tell me to do. But you suddenly ask me to leave them, and of course, I can't make up my mind so soon..."

Hazel paused. It had to be said that Fanny had a point. Hazel was a little convinced at the thought of fanny's surroundings.

"How long will you think about it?" she asked.

"Give me a day, will you?" Fanny hastily opened her mouth. She knew Hazel's temper. If she said a long time, Hazel might walk away directly.

"Are you sure one day is enough?" Hazel frowned.

"Yes..." Fanny said with a look of gratitude. "Thank you very much, Hazel. I thought I could only live like that for the rest of my life, but you give me new hope. Let me buy a meal today; otherwise I will feel bad!"

Seeing she couldn't refuse, Hazel didn't say no.

Soon, the waitress brought the dishes. Fanny kept giving Hazel food and complaining to Hazel.

Hazel listened quietly. She didn't ask Fanny what on earth her parents were trying to do to her. First, Hazel was afraid that Fanny would be in a dilemma. Second, Hazel was afraid that Fanny would think she had just cheated on her before.

"Hazel, thanks for listening to me. Help yourself to more juice," Fanny said carefully.

The juice was delivered after they arrived, and Fanny had drunk it, too. It seemed the juice was completely normal. Hence, Hazel took a few sips of the juice. Fanny's eyes flashed with delight as she saw Hazel drink the juice.

Halfway through the meal, Hazel suddenly felt hot. She reached out to touch her cheek, which seemed very hot, too. She slightly narrowed her eyes.

"Hazel, what's wrong with you? Are you okay?" asked Fanny suddenly.

Hazel's heart skipped a beat, and she was wide awake instantly. Fanny's smiling, the blurred face was in front of Hazel. There seemed to be a frightening hatred in Fanny's eyes.

Hazel couldn't help shaking her head. "I'm okay..."

"Oh, you look bad. How can you be okay?" Fanny walked to help her stand up directly. "Come on, I'll take you to rest."

"No need..." Hazel frowned and tried to push her away, but she felt she was a little weak, and her feet went weak somehow. It was like walking in the air!

Was she drugged?

Hazel's heart went cold, but why did the same juice only work for her? It didn't make sense.

Suddenly, Fanny grabbed Hazel's arm with a very ferocious look on her face. "Hazel, stop being brave and come with me obediently."

Chapter 1228 - 516: She Wasn't Drugged

Exasperated, Hazel gave Fanny a hard push.

Fanny screamed and fell heavily to the ground.

Hazel was surprised, let alone Fanny.

Hazel suddenly realized that she had strength, but her strength was rather out of control. It was only in the blink of an eye that she realized how she walked into Fanny's trap.

Although she wanted to help Fanny, she was not ignorant enough to believe her directly and completely defenseless. So she started eating and drinking after making sure that all the food and drink was normal.

But the problem was that all the food and drink was only normal for Fanny.

Because Hazel wasn't drugged but was drunk...

It seemed that it was alcohol that Fanny had added to the juice, but not the drug. Others didn't know Hazel wasn't good at drinking, but Matt's family knew that as her relatives. She was not defeated by defenselessness but by their familiarity with her.

Thinking of this, Hazel felt furious. Although she was angry that Fanny had cheated on her, she was even more annoyed that Fanny gave up when she had the chance to change her fate.

Hazel now was well aware of what it was like to feel disappointed. She really thought her earlier sympathy for Fanny was a joke. Such a person who was willing to abandon herself deserved no sympathy at all!

Neither did Fanny seem to have expected Hazel's strength to be so great when she was drunk. She was afraid there would be some changes, so she hurried to shout at the door, "Dad, mom! Come quickly!"

Matt and Emma pushed the door open and hurried in.

Perhaps fearing Hazel might sense it, Fanny didn't add too much alcohol. She had drunk by mistake several times before, so although she was a little drunk now, she was not so drunk as to become delirious.

At first, Hazel felt a little overwhelmed, but now she was sobered up a bit. Even if she wanted to leave now, Matt, Rachel, and Fanny weren't able to stop her.

But in a flash, Hazel gave up the idea of leaving directly.

If she were gone now, they would think of some other way to continue plotting against her. She might as well beat them at their own game and figure out what they were up to!

Matt, Emma, and Fanny were all charged at Hazel. Hazel pretended to struggle twice and then be caught by them for being drunk.

"Mom, Dad, tie her up quickly!" Fanny said quickly. Hazel was raised by Rachel and was a little good at fighting. Fanny thought of that too. They were afraid Hazel would run away, so they immediately took outstrips to tie her wrists. Fanny then took off her coat and covered Hazel's bound hands.

Hazel let them do that. It was very easy for her to break free from the rope. Fanny's carefulness, however, surprised Hazel. It was a pity that her carefulness was used for setting others up, not for changing her own destiny.

"You've made me that miserable, you little bitch!" Emma snapped. Even though her broken teeth had been mended, Emma was filled with hatred at the thought of what had happened before. She raised her hand to beat Hazel.

"Don't raise a new issue, mom! If others see her swollen face, we can't explain it!" Fanny stopped Emma quickly. It wasn't because Fanny relented, but it was because she had been so timid and cautious since childhood that she was afraid there would be accidents that she couldn't handle.

Although Emma was reluctant, she finally withdrew her hand, but she still swears a few words.

Fearing there would be an accident, the three of them helped Hazel out of the box in a hurry.

Hazel walked cooperatively. Perhaps because they had a guilty conscience, none of them noticed that Hazel, who was "drunk," seemed too quiet and obedient.

They took her to the elevator and directly headed for a hotel.

Eventually, they stopped in front of a hotel room.

"Mom, Dad, is everything ready in there?" Fanny asked, not reassured.

"Don't worry," Emma said smugly, her face beaming with schadenfreude. "The big boss is already there. I also have drugged him! Once we take this little bitch there, it's done! I've heard that he is sadistic, and perhaps the bitch would like that after having sex with him once!"

"I just texted Harry and Rachel," Matt said, clenching his teeth. "When they get here, they'll be able to see exactly what their daughter is doing. Hazel won't be able to defend herself even if she has hundreds of mouths!"

Fanny looked nervously at Hazel. She wasn't relieved until she saw Hazel was still delirious.

"Enough, get her in right away." Fanny urged. After speaking, she took out a room card to open the door.

Hazel, who seemed sleeping, suddenly stood up straight. She had broken free of the rope tying her hands early on. She looked coldly at Fanny in front of her.

"How, how did you..." Emma, who helped Hazel stand, looked at Hazel in shock. She had never thought Hazel would wake up so soon!

Fanny was very surprised. Hardly she opened the door when she couldn't help looking back!

Hazel didn't answer, and the next moment, she directly broke free of Matt's and Emma's hands and held out her hands to push Fanny into the room!

Fanny let out a scream; it seemed she fell to the ground in the room.

Then Hazel grabbed Emma and Matt by the wrist quickly and took them straight into the room.

At long last, she knew what they had been up to. How could they think of such a nasty way of drugging! Then she'll make them face the consequences of their own action!

Emma screamed to break free of Hazel's hold. Suddenly, she leaned over to bite Hazel's hand. Hazel quickly released her grip and kicked Emma right into the room!

But Hazel was still a little drunk. Although she had kicked Emma into the room, Matt took the opportunity to break free of her hold and run away!

Hazel staggered slightly. She was more or less drunk now, so it would be indeed difficult for her to subdue three people. But how could she let Matt go?

She closed the door and was ready to chase Matt, but Fanny opened the door. Fanny looked like she had seen a ghost, shouting for help and wanting to rush out.

Hazel had no choice but to return and push Fanny back into the room again. This time, she directly tugged at the doorknob. She looked regretfully at Matt, who was running away. It seemed he was going to get away with it this time.

Suddenly, a tall figure appeared in front of Matt. Then, Matt's body was kicked flying in the air like a broken kite and finally fell heavily in the corridor!

Chapter 1229 - 517: She Hid Her Identity

This kind of being kicked was not strange to Matt. The last time he was in the hospital, he was also kicked out like this!

Looking at Joshua approaching, Matt's heart was full of fear!

Why would he come? Didn't Fanny just ask Hazel out?

While thinking, Matt was now already shaking with fear. He kept stepping backward. "What, what do you want?"

It seemed Joshua didn't see him at all.

Matt froze. Seeing Joshua ignore him, he scrambled to his feet, trying to run away again.

But as soon as he stood up, he was stopped by two tall bodyguards.

"Who, who are you?" Matt asked in horror. He was arrogant in front of the Crowe family, but he didn't dare behave arrogantly while facing strangers. When he met this kind of person who was seemingly difficult to deal with, he would be the first to become a coward.

The bodyguards ignored him and directly caught him.

"Why are you here?" When Hazel saw Joshua, her whole being relaxed instantly. She wore a smile and leaned softly into his arms.

"I'll explain it to you later," Joshua sighed, looking at her glittering eyes. "What are you going to do with this man?"

The bodyguards had brought Matt to them. Matt looked at Hazel and Joshua in horror and disbelief. What, what is going on? Why do these awesome bodyguards seem to obey Hazel and Joshua? No! That's impossible!

But the next moment, Matt was stunned by the bodyguards' words.

"Mr. President, madam, we've got him." The bodyguards said respectfully to Joshua and Hazel.

Matt was totally stunned! Did he hallucinate?! The bodyguards addressed Joshua as Mr. President and addressed Hazel as madam?!

Did that mean he had made a big mistake from the start? Hazel's husband was not an ordinary person at all and had an outstanding identity? How did this happen?! What the hell had he done?

Matt was very remorseful. He was dying to say something, but his mouth had already been sealed by the bodyguards, so he could only let out "hmm...."

Hazel looked at Matt, her eyes were indifferent. Even if this man was once her uncle, he repeatedly set her up, which had completely killed her feelings for him.

Hazel ignored the appeal in Matt's eyes. Her eyes twinkled, and she leaned lazily into Joshua's arms. "Take him into this room, too. Since they have prepared all this, make them enjoy it!"

Matt's eyes were filled with horror. He shook his head like crazy, but the bodyguards had pushed him straight into the room. Then they directly shut the door.

"You let them go like that?" Joshua sighed lightly. This little girl was very nice, but she was too soft-hearted.

There was a man who had been drugged in the room, but Matt, Emma, and Fanny were three people. If they wanted to deal with the man, it wouldn't be too difficult as long as they worked together.

"They notified my parents," Hazel said with a charming smile. With Joshua around, she could take a reassured rest and didn't need to be worried anymore because Joshua would handle it well no matter what happened. "When my parents come, we can have it out. Whatever their plan is, I will agree."

Since Matt's family did this to her, she would make them suffer.

Suddenly, Hazel's beautiful eyes blinked. She put her hands around Joshua's neck. "Have you long known that, darling?"

"Yes," he replied in a deep tone. Looking at her increasingly fascinating cheeks, he couldn't resist holding her around the waist.

He took Hazel to another room in the hotel and directly carried her to the bathroom for a shower.

After the shower, he had honey water prepared. Hazel wasn't very drunk. After drinking a glass of honey water, she gradually sobered up.

Joshua held her sweet, soft body and whispered in her ear, "Do you feel any better?"

"Much better." Hazel leaned comfortably into his arms and looked up at him. "Joshua, how did you get here? Because of me?"

She had a guess just now. Now she was wide awake, so naturally, she understood a lot.

"Yes, I knew it was they who asked you out, so I arrived in advance," Joshua explains dryly.

Hazel was slightly in a trance. She suddenly scolded him as a spoiled girl, "Since you've already known that, why didn't you come out to save me? I can't believe you let me fall for that. Luckily, they only added alcohol to my juice. If they had added something else..."

"If they had added something else, with me around, how could they hurt you?" Joshua tapped her gently on the forehead. "You should be on guard against others. I just hope you'll be more cautious in the future. Some people don't deserve your trust."

After knowing that Fanny had bought the waitress off and asked the latter to add alcohol to Hazel's juice, he didn't make a move. Even so, he still reduced the amount of alcohol in the juice.

He even kept staying in the dark, afraid something quite unforeseen would happen.

As Hazel gamely played the trick of beating Matt's family at their own game, he was nervous as he was afraid Hazel would suffer.

He didn't show up in the first place because he wanted Hazel to gain wisdom through suffering. She was very great, but she wasn't vigilant enough.

Although he didn't tell Hazel about his intentions, Hazel could also understand. She looked down as if she had done something wrong and said, a little wounded, "I see...."

She was not the kind of person who knew she herself was wrong but refused to admit it. Since she was wrong, she must admit her mistake.

"By the way, what are Matt's family up to?" Hazel couldn't help frowning. Now she didn't even want to call him uncle. Matt didn't deserve it.

"It's almost time. Mom and dad should be here, too. Let's go downstairs," Joshua whispered. "There are some things we'd better make clear."

Hazel nodded. She jumped off Joshua, but before she could take a step, she was picked up by Joshua again.

"I can walk by myself!" She looked at him in astonishment. "Besides, we'll be seen by mom and dad."

"That's exactly what I want," he said with a slightly deep look. "Don't you want mom and dad to move to the imperial capital? Then you must obey me."

Hazel was more stunned. Joshua hadn't mentioned it these days, and she thought he'd forgotten about it. So it wasn't that he forgot, but it was just that he had been waiting for the right time?

After pondering for a while, she nodded and let him carry her downstairs very cooperatively and obediently.

When they came downstairs, Harry and Rachel had just arrived. Seeing Joshua hold Hazel in his arms, they both turned pale.

Chapter 1230 - 518: How Did She Get Drunk?

"Hazel, what's wrong with you?" they asked with concern. "What happened?"

Hazel was afraid they might be worried, so she was about to speak. However, before she could talk, Joshua's hand, which held her buttocks, gave her a secret squeeze on her buttock.

Hazel, who was afraid this would be discovered by her parents, blushed and leaned shyly into Joshua's arms.

The way she looked left Harry and Rachel more worried.

"Mom and dad, don't worry," Joshua said in a deep tone. "Hazel's fine. She's just drunk."

"How did she get drunk?" Harry and Rachel furrowed their eyebrows tightly. "Hazel, didn't you go to the high-school reunion? How did you get drunk?"

"Hazel did come for the reunion," Joshua explained, "but she didn't see her classmates and only saw her cousin Fanny. Then she drank a glass of juice and got drunk."

Harry and Rachel turned paler instantly.

Both of them were smart, so they understood that it was Fanny who had tricked Hazel into going out in the name of the reunion, added alcohol to Hazel's juice, and getting her drunk.

Thinking that Fanny did all this, both of them felt cold in the heart. They had been helping Matt's family for so many years but did not expect the latter would try to hurt Hazel over and over again!

"What else did Fanny do to you, Hazel?" Rachel was trembling with anger. "She actually had the nerve to text me that she saw you in a hotel room with a strange man. Have you been..."

She did not continue. As a police officer, she had seen all kinds of things, but she did not think that this kind of dirty thing would happen to her daughter one day.

"Don't worry, mom," Joshua said calmly. "I happened to see it right after they made her drunk, so Hazel wasn't hurt. But I don't know what to do with this incident, so I'm locking them in the room they have prepared until you come."

Harry and Rachel didn't think it was that simple as Joshua said. Matt's family was locked in this room probably because Joshua was trying to teach them a lesson. If so, Joshua had done it right.

The other side had already used such nasty tricks to plot against their daughter and even wanted to destroy her whole life. Harry and Rachel weren't stupid, how would they sympathize with the bad guys who wanted to hurt their daughter?

"Come on, let's go inside," Harry said darkly.

Rachel followed him. They both looked furious.

They had been naive before, but they would never let Matt's family go this time!

Joshua held Hazel in his arms and also walked inside. The situation inside surprised everybody instantly!

In addition to Matt's family, there was still a short, fat man with a big belly.

All the four of them were naked, and Matt's family looked very unsightly, and their bodies were covered with scars. The short, fat man was holding a belt to whip the three of them violently.

"... Bastard! You agreed to give me a beautiful, young female college student, but you actually dare to drug me, let me have sex with your whole family! It's a lifetime shame for me! You old, ugly woman, and your ugly daughter, and you son of a bitch...."

The stout man swore savagely.

Such a situation completely caught the Crowe family off guard.

So... the current situation was the three people had made love with all three sleeping up by this guy?

Hazel really didn't know what to say now. She looked at Joshua speechlessly and then whispered, "How is that possible? There are three of them! Is it possible that the whole family is still waiting for one by one for that person to have sex with them?"

"It seems that he has been drugged heavily," Joshua explained in a low voice. "As for your uncle's family, they were probably afraid of offending him. Besides, they were selfish."

"..." Hazel was totally speechless.

The truth was exactly as Joshua had guessed. The short, stout man had been drugged so heavily that he was delirious. He had such a strong sexual desire that Matt couldn't get away with it.

It was not difficult to stop him if the three of them worked together. But they were afraid of offending the man, so Matt and Emma pushed Fanny away to him without hesitation.

However, the man had been so drugged that Fanny couldn't satisfy him at all. When he came to catch Emma, Matt didn't hesitate to sacrifice his wife to save himself. How could the slim Matt stop the short, stout man when his turn finally came?

After the short, stout man satisfied his sexual desire and found he himself actually had had sex with such a family, and one of them was a man! He was so disgusted that he picked up the belt and started beating the three of them.

In conclusion, things turned out just as Hazel had guessed. One by one, Matt's family waited for the man to have sex with them.

Hazel and Joshua lowered their voices, but Harry and Rachel could still hear them. When they saw this scene in the room, they almost spat blood with anger.

If Matt's family succeeded today, it would be Hazel who had been tortured by this man! Harry and Rachel's eyes directly went red at the thought of this possibility!

"Matt!" Harry clenched his teeth. "You're really my 'good' brother!"

Matt's family cried because of the beating. Seeing Harry suddenly, Matt seemed to be grasping at the last straw, crying sadly, "Brother, help me, help me..."

Harry looked at it coldly. Watching Matt get whipped, he just felt so happy!

Matt gritted his teeth with hatred when Harry didn't want to save him. The next moment, he pointed to Hazel and spoke, "Mr. Lee, she's the woman we have prepared for you! Look, I didn't lie to you!"

Mr. Lee looked in the direction he was pointing and saw fascinating Hazel in Joshua's arms. Mr. Lee was stunned by only her profile.

Joshua's eyes were a little dark. How dare this fat jerk look at his woman like that?!

Suddenly, a pen flew straight into Mr. Lee's eyes. Mr. Lee couldn't help screaming and covering his eyes with his hands immediately! He cried bitterly. "Who? Who attacked me?"

He still wanted to swear, but hardly had he said a word when a bodyguard came forward and directly slapped him across the face, making him calm down instantly.

Chapter 1231 - 519: You're Unwilling To Speak Up?

The rest of the bodyguards entered the room in succession, brought the four people under control, and put their clothes on them.

Joshua had a few chairs changed. After all, everything in the room seemed extremely filthy to him.

Joshua sat down in a chair with Hazel in his arms. He gently pinched her fingers and said softly, "Hazel, don't ever do anything like that again."

"I don't like the way he looks at me," Hazel said angrily.

When she perceived Mr. Lee's gaze, she directly took a pen out of the pocket of Joshua's suit and hit him in the eye.

She hit him very accurately and cleverly. It would only make his eyes ache but would not really cause any serious injury.

"Leave it to me," Joshua whispered. "Such people are not worth getting your hands dirty."

Harry and Rachel at the side had mixed feelings. Seeing their own daughter so close to another man made their hearts somewhat jealous. But with Joshua doting on Hazel, it seemed they should be glad they were on good terms.

Matt's family was so frightened that they cowered in the corner silently.

Only Fanny looked at Hazel with reluctance and hatred. It was the first time she had met Joshua. She could still tell at a glance that she and Joshua were not from the same world. But why did he choose Hazel?

Although she knew Hazel had a good husband, she had no idea that Hazel's husband would be so handsome and would spoil Hazel to such an extent. Fanny hated Hazel even more at the thought of her own misfortune!

Mr. Lee was kind of sensible. He could see that Joshua was tough. But the more he looked at Joshua, the more he was horrified. Is this man the bigwig?

"Come on, what's the matter?" Joshua opened his mouth coolly. "Why did you drug my wife?"

He had already investigated the whole thing, but he needed Matt's family to personally tell Hazel's parents what they had been up to.

Matt's family looked at each other. At this time, they could see that Joshua was somebody. But how would Harry's family forgive them if they honestly told them what they had done?

Moreover, although Joshua was in the dominant position, they had always been short-sighted, so they could not tell which was stronger, Mr. Lee or Joshua. They did not know which side they should choose.

"You are unwilling to speak up?" Joshua's eyes were slightly cold. "Rest assured, you will speak soon."

As Joshua said, it didn't take long for them to wait.

Ronald took Scott to enter the room.

"Scott!" Matt's and Emma's faces changed dramatically as they became very panic-stricken instantly. "Didn't I tell you to hide? Why do you come out?"

Ronald pushed Scott directly in front of them.

"Mom, Dad, I really don't want to hide anymore. It's so hot in that place, and there's no air conditioning. I get prickly heat all over. Besides, I can't order takeaway, I can't go out, I can only have instant noodles. I live a very hard life..." Scott kept complaining.

While speaking, he directly began to make a scene and rolled on the ground. "I just went to gamble and accidentally lost only a million dollars. Didn't you say you would repay the debt for me? Why haven't you repaid it? Are you my own parents or not? Do you really want the people of the casino to cut off my hand? Won't you regret it?"

Hearing Scott's complaint, Harry and Rachel understood the whole story, and they became angrier.

It looked like Scott got addicted to gambling, and lost a million dollars, then he was threatened by the casino, so Matt hid him. In order to pay off the gambling debt, they decided to make use of Hazel.

"Matt Crowe!" Harry was trembling with anger. "Your son owes a million dollars, so you want to sell my daughter to pay off the gambling debt for you?! You, you..."

Harry had always been polite and wasn't capable of swearing at all. Now, he was so pissed off that he was out of breath.

Rachel was even angrier than he was, but she knew Harry was the saddest. She was angry because these people plotted against her baby girl. However, for Harry, these people were his relatives, he couldn't possibly have any feelings for them, even if he shouted he wanted to cut ties with them.

"No, it's not the truth!" Matt panicked. He wasn't afraid of Harry, but he was afraid of Joshua. Joshua was actually able to take Scott here. It was clearly his threat. Matt could ignore his wife and his daughter, but he couldn't ignore his son!

"Brother, you must believe me. Hazel is also my niece, how can I harm her? I, I... I was forced!" Matt made up his mind. He gritted his teeth and pointed directly at Mr. Lee. "It's him! He had a crush on Hazel and used Scott as a threat to force our family to act as matchmakers for him! Brother, believe me. I don't want to, but I have no other option...."

As he spoke, Matt crawled in Harry's direction while crying. Emma knew what he meant and echoed.

The bodyguards directly stopped them and Scott, who was ready to make a scene.

In a second, Mr. Lee was furious. He had recognized Joshua, so he was afraid to talk nonsense, but now Matt and the others actually put the blame on him?

"You bastard, say it again!" Mr. Lee swore at them.

"Brother, look, he threatens us again!" Matt pretended to be frightened.

"Master Denmark, don't believe him!" Mr. Lee directly abandoned them and explained to Joshua anxiously, "It was their family that came to me and told me that they had a lost daughter, who was a young, beautiful, and highly educated female college student. They would marry her to me as my second wife. They also showed me her photo, and their purpose was to get money! I couldn't figure out why they wanted so much money. It turns out they want to pay off their son's gambling debts!"

"Nonsense..."

Harry's eyes went cold as he watched them fight. Now his heart was not very angry, and he was not even disappointed. It was just that he thought his own care for Matt's family was a joke.

"I'll leave it to you, Joshua," Harry said wearily. "No matter how you do with them, I'll have no objection."

Joshua nodded, and his eyes turned deep.

"Let's go," Harry said to Rachel.

Rachel knew that Harry meant that the affairs of Matt's family had nothing to do with him. This time he really cut ties with Matt's family.

She let out a sigh. "Okay."

Chapter 1232 - 520: I'm Your Uncle

"Harry, Rachel, please help me, help Scott! We are also members of the Crowe family!" Noticing they were ready to leave, Matt completely panicked and constantly pleaded.

But it seemed Harry didn't hear it at all. He took Rachel to leave without looking back.

As they left, Matt immediately begged Hazel. He could see that however cruel Joshua was, he could be saved if Hazel put in a good word for him.

"Hazel, anyway, I'm your uncle. I held you when you were a kid! We are family!" Matt immediately shouted, "I was really forced. Mr. Lee forced me. Don't you remember the way he looked at you just now..."

Mr. Lee clenched his teeth angrily as Matt shifted the blame onto him again. He knew that Joshua would never let him go if he didn't make it clear.

"Master Denmark, if I had known Miss Crowe was your wife, I would have never dared touch her even if I was enticed! Having said that, it was indeed my fault as I shouldn't have looked at your wife in that way. I apologize now, Mrs. Denmark. I shouldn't have looked at you in that dirty way. I'm inferior to a pig! I am wrong!"

With that, Mr. Lee reached out to slap his own face hard by himself. After that, he repeatedly slapped, keeping apologizing and scolding himself. Soon, his face was so swollen that it looked like a pig's head.

Mr. Lee knew clearly that Joshua couldn't be unaware that he was involved in the incident due to Matt's family. But Joshua wouldn't let him go because he had just looked at Hazel lustfully. What Joshua wanted was a sincere apology. So Mr. Lee had no mercy on himself.

"Are you satisfied?" Joshua asked in a low voice.

"Kind of," Hazel replied. Mr. Lee only gave her a look. She felt sick, but now that he had been punished, she would just let him go.

"Let's go home, too. Don't keep mom and dad waiting," Hazel suggested.

The drama should come to an end now.

"Mmm." Joshua nodded in agreement. The next moment, he said quietly, "Mr. Lee?"

"Yes, yes..." Mr. Lee said almost obsequiously, "Master Denmark, I really know I'm wrong. Could you please tell me what to do?"

Joshua opened his mouth coldly. "How can I intervene in the dispute between you and them as an outsider? But since you and they are so close, shouldn't you be responsible for them?"

Mr. Lee was overjoyed! Joshua didn't speak directly, but he meant he would completely leave Matt's family at Mr. Lee's disposal!

He intended to teach them a lesson for making him provoke Joshua and do such an embarrassing thing!

In an instant, Matt and the others were very panic-stricken. They had seriously offended Mr. Lee. If they fell into his hands, how was it possible there would be a good ending for them?

"Hazel, please, I beg you. Help us..."

Ignoring the pleas, Joshua picked up Hazel, ready to leave.

Seeing they were about to leave, Fanny yelled at them with reluctance, "Hazel, didn't you say you would take me away? I've made up my mind. I'll go with you!"

Hazel was slightly stunned. But the next moment, she felt speechless. How did Fanny have the face to mention that?

Hazel gently tugged at Joshua's sleeve, beckoning him to stop.

Seeing this scene, Matt and Emma felt hopeful and couldn't resist swearing at Fanny, "You wench! How can you be so selfish? How can you think only of yourself! Even if you want to leave, you should ask her to take Scott away!"

Looking at the glow of expectations in Fanny's eyes, Hazel's eyes were cold.

"I did try to save you," she said coldly, "but you yourself cut off my hand that was reaching out to help you. Don't you remember that?"

Fanny's face turned as white as a sheet. "You, you can't go back on your word! You said you would give me time to think about it."

"Let's go," Hazel whispered. She had no sympathy for Fanny now. Now that Matt's family had provoked Mr. Lee, they had to suffer the consequences themselves.

Joshua carried her out of the room. They completely ignored Matt's family's crazy scream behind.

When Joshua and Hazel returned to the Crowe family's house, Rachel and Harry directly asked Joshua to go to the study.

Hazel was curious about what they would talk about. She was about to eavesdrop when Ronald in the living room stopped her. "Hazel, come here."

Hazel reluctantly sat down next to him and looked up at him. "Brother, did you know Joshua's plan early on?"

Ronald brought Scott today, cooperating perfectly with Joshua. It was clear that the two of them had had a plan.

"After finding out what Matt's family was going to do, Joshua directly told me." Ronald nodded. "Joshua is a powerful guy, but it's easier for me to find people in City S as a local."

Of course, he didn't think Joshua couldn't find people. It was just that Ronald thought he was Hazel's elder brother and wanted to do something for his little sister.

Hazel blinked. "Brother, you don't seem... to hate Joshua anymore?"

Since she insisted on staying with Joshua, Ronald had become slightly alienated from her. It could even be said that he avoided her almost as much as he could.

"When did I ever hate him?" Ronald looked away, embarrassed.

His little sister, whom he had doted on for so many years, became someone else's woman. Besides, he was still a bachelor. Couldn't he refuse to watch Joshua's and Hazel's public display of love?

"Dear brother—" Hazel held his arm like a spoiled girl.

"Okay, okay." Ronald sighed helplessly. Faced with her, he could not say anything against his will. "I'm not blind. I can see he's very kind to you indeed. As long as he is good to you, I will not dislike him."

Although he felt uncomfortable about Joshua's existence, nothing was more important in his mind than Hazel's happiness. Joshua was willing to give Hazel anything that he owned. Moreover, he had done more for her than the Crowe family had done for her, so of course, Ronald didn't hate him anymore.

Hazel breathed a sigh of relief and could not help laughing.

Now, her family, whom she cared about, finally accepted Joshua. She was really very happy about this.

"You girl..." Ronald rubbed her hair helplessly. Hazel was biased toward Joshua now, and her whole heart was on Joshua.

"By the way, what are they talking about in there?" Hazel asked curiously.