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Chapter 55: Not Suitable to Have a Child

What should they do now?

Suzy also stood there, bewildered, not sure what he meant.

"Never mind."

He walked to the bathroom and opened the door.

Just when she was about to breathe a sigh of relief, she heard the rest of his sentence, "I'll go buy it later."

"No!" Suzy immediately protested. "Let me go instead."

Going to the supermarket to buy things as his employee wouldn't raise any suspicions, especially since she was a woman, so no one would think much of it.

However, if Liam were to go out, it would be different!

If someone saw him or took photos of him buying condoms, it would be explosive news.

Liam quickly understood her thoughts and said calmly, "You don't have to be so cautious."

"How can I not? What if someone finds out?"

If that happened, it wouldn't just be a matter of Liam's reputation; her mother's reaction was something she didn't even want to think about.

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While Liam was taking a shower, Suzy hurriedly went out to make the purchase. To avoid running into Alec in the elevator, she decided to take the stairs.

Liam had already finished showering by the time she returned to the room quietly. However, he seemed to be working because she could hear not only his voice but also some foreigners speaking.

Suzy naturally didn't want to disturb him, so she grabbed her phone and sat quietly on the sofa as soon as she entered the room.

Just as she settled down, someone sent her a message on WhatsApp. It was from Jeffrey.

"I'm sorry if I'm disturbing your rest. My speech just ended. Are you available tomorrow?"

She quickly replied, "Yes, after I finish handling company matters in the morning, I'll contact you."

"Great! Aren't you going to sleep yet? I thought girls usually need their beauty sleep."

Seeing that he seemed interested in continuing the conversation by changing the topic, Suzy replied after pondering for a while, "I'm about to sleep."

She wasn't being aloof; it was just that her current situation required her to reject any advances from the opposite sex, regardless of their intentions.

It wasn't only because of the contract with Liam but also because of her own circumstances. She had no right to consider a romantic relationship at the moment, even if the other party came from a wealthy family.

She shouldn't be pursuing someone based on their wealth, and she certainly didn't have the standing to ask for help with her mother's medical treatment.

After sending the message, Suzy paused for a moment, only to realize that someone was behind her.

"Are you done with your work?"

Liam was wearing a bathrobe, and his eyes were fixed on her, their expression unreadable.


Could he have seen her exchanging messages with Jeffrey on WhatsApp?!

Suzy instinctively wanted to explain but then hesitated. What if he hadn't interpreted it that way? She didn't want to unnecessarily reveal her own intentions.

She felt like she was walking on thin ice.

"Yeah." His voice, as always, was cold and deep, revealing no emotion. "Did you buy what you needed?"

Suzy hesitated and couldn't bring herself to discuss this openly with him. Instead, she lowered her gaze and handed him the bag she was holding.

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From a pile of snacks, Liam retrieved that particular item.

"The business trip still has three days left."

Suzy looked puzzled.

"Are you planning to go buy it again tomorrow?"

His comment made Suzy's cheeks flush, and she avoided eye contact. "We can... use it less..."

Observing her reaction, Liam raised an eyebrow slightly. "Suzy, we're not in a position to have a child right now."

What?!

She was stunned.

How did the conversation suddenly shift to the topic of having children?

"Mr. Park, that's not what I meant!"

Was there a misunderstanding, with him thinking she was implying something else?

Chapter 56: Accompany Me to Visit the Park Family

Maybe Liam was exhausted, or perhaps he didn't feel like going out to buy it again tomorrow, but on this specific night, he did something he had never done previously.

Even though it left Suzy too exhausted to even raise her hand.

After Liam finished washing up, he lay down behind her, his arm gently draped over her waist. He was tired too, and soon the steady sound of his breathing filled the room.

After waiting for a while, Suzy slowly turned her body, putting a little distance between them. After living alone for so many years, suddenly having someone else by her side felt a bit unfamiliar.

Feeling thirsty, Suzy quietly got out of bed and went outside to pour herself a glass of water. When she turned to go back in, she noticed the phone on the table briefly lit up.

It was Liam's personal phone!

She hesitated for a moment but couldn't resist her curiosity. She walked over and glanced at it, discovering a text message from Sophia.

"Mrs Park's depression has flared up again. I can come back next week to visit her. Don't worry, your work is important,

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and I'll accompany her for the check-up."

There was one more message before this, but it couldn't be viewed without unlocking the phone.

Suzy quietly took a sip of water and returned to bed, but sleep seemed to elude her.

They truly were a devoted couple.

Both the company's staff and Liam's family had already silently acknowledged this fact.

It was evident that the entire Park family seemed to have a fondness for Sophia. She could even step in to look after Liam's mother...

As for herself, she was becoming an increasingly awkward presence.

Thinking about terminating her contract and leaving was not financially feasible.

She also contemplated acting like she knew nothing, but all signs pointed to her being nothing more than a stand-in for Sophia. Everything she currently possessed was simply borrowed glory from Sophia.

After some contemplation, it became clear that the only way forward was to quickly earn money and extricate herself from this awkward couple as soon as possible.

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The next morning, Suzy woke up and instinctively stretched. As she raised her arm, she suddenly realized that the man beside her was still there!

He had already showered and was leaning against the headboard, engrossed in reviewing documents.

"Are you awake? I've already ordered breakfast from the hotel," Liam's voice was slightly hoarse and had a deep, gravelly tone.

The bathrobe on him was untied and hung loosely over his chest, revealing his toned abs.

His bathrobe was untied, hanging loosely over his chest, revealing his well-defined abdominal muscles. 1

Seeing this early in the morning, Suzy couldn't help but swallow hard.

The view was quite exhilarating.

Perhaps the sound of her swallowing her saliva was a bit loud, as Liam's body stiffened slightly. He turned his face slightly towards her and asked, "Hmm?"

Caught off guard, Suzy quickly shifted her gaze and said, "Sure, let's have breakfast!"

"I think you might be more interested in having me."

"No! Absolutely not!"

She appeared as if she were about to raise her fingers and make a solemn pledge, behaving just like she did in junior high – straightforward and innocent.

When someone joked with her, she took everything as the absolute truth.

Liam changed the subject, asking, "How's the research for this project going?"

Suzy shifted her eyes to the side and then hurriedly got out of bed to fetch the materials she had organized.

"It's almost complete. There are a few aspects that require more time. I'm concerned they might try to manipulate the information, so when I obtained the documents, I used my phone number.

"This way, if they want to review or tamper with the documents, the Department of Commerce (DOC) will have to notify me first."


Liam nodded in approval. "You've thought it through carefully."

"It's all thanks to Mr. Park for giving me the opportunity."

"Since you're so grateful, how about agreeing to do something for me?"

He paused as he buttoned his shirt.

Suzy nodded directly. "Please, let me know how I can help

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you."

"This weekend, accompany me to visit the Park family."

Chapter 57: Get Straight to the Point

He wanted her to visit the Park family?

The first thing that came to Suzy's mind was the message Sophia had sent to Liam.

"I don't think it's a good idea for me to accompany you there."

Her current status made her feel awkward!

"There's nothing wrong with it. Just accompany me. If you don't want to get out of the car, you can wait for me inside."

When she realized that he simply wanted her to be there with him and had no plans for her to meet anyone, Suzy felt relieved.

"Alright then. Just let me know a day in advance so I can rearrange my work."

Liam nodded, watching her relax from her initial tense state.

He wondered if it was the right decision to bring her to meet his parents so abruptly. His primary intention was for his mother to meet Suzy, and then gradually work on getting his mother to accept her.

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In the morning, Alec efficiently gathered substantial

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information about SNS, leaving Suzy silently impressed by the competence of those who worked alongside Liam.

As noon approached, she suddenly remembered her appointment with Jeffrey. Trying to keep it concise, she sent him an emoji, and he responded almost immediately.

"I was just contemplating whether to disturb you or not, afraid you might be busy."

"I don't have much going on at the moment. Let's schedule a meeting to discuss the project," she replied straightforwardly, leaving no room for misinterpretation.

Shortly after, Jeffrey sent her an address.

"Mr. Lincoln, there's a project I'm interested in. Would you like to join me?"

After spending these days together, Suzy found herself getting along quite well with Alec, who might appear grumpy but was genuinely helpful and dedicated to their work.

Both of them were entirely focused on their common goals.

"I need to visit the DOC, so I can't go with you. Make sure to return before 4 PM; there are a few confirmation letters that you need to coordinate with the Legal Department."

Suzy gestured "ok" and quickly prepared herself before taking a taxi to the agreed-upon location.

As she traveled, Suzy occasionally glanced out of the car

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window, marveling at how much West City had changed. Many of the old, rundown houses had been replaced by towering skyscrapers.

Although she didn't have a deep emotional attachment to this place, it was still her hometown, where she had spent her formative years.

Looking at it now, the hardships of her past seemed less vivid in her memory, and some were even fading away.

The taxi came to a stop by the roadside, and the driver handed her the fare receipt. Suzy absentmindedly looked at it, realizing the ride cost 7 dollars, and the date was August 20th.

In five days, it would be Sophia's birthday, which explained why Liam had suddenly instructed her to go to his family's house without needing to get out of the car.


Her purpose that day was likely to make Sophia jealous.

Sometimes Suzy wished she could have a clear conversation with Liam to understand the misunderstandings and issues between him and Sophia.

It felt like he was tormenting both of them and dragging her, an insignificant third party, into the mix.

With mixed emotions, she entered the restaurant, where Jeffrey was already waiting for her.

Unlike his usual conservative and formal attire, today

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Jeffrey was dressed in a white tracksuit, giving him a youthful and energetic appearance.

However, the gold-rimmed glasses perched on his nose still hinted at his scholarly nature.

"You can order whatever you like." Jeffrey pushed the menu towards her.

Suzy waved her hand. "No, I ate before coming here."

"Then shall we get straight to the point?"

She nodded. "Sure, go ahead."

"Ahem." Jeffrey paused, took a deep breath, and finally asked, "Do you think... I'm suitable to be your boyfriend?"

Chapter 58: Goes Against Regulations

"What?"

His sudden topic caught her off guard. Wasn't he here to discuss the project?

Seeing the surprised look on Suzy's face, Jeffrey couldn't help but curl his lips.

"Did I startle you?"

"Well, yes, a bit." Suzy forced a stiff smile, completely unprepared for this situation.

Jeffrey was quick to break the awkwardness. "I'm sorry, I was too abrupt! I did come today for the project, but I couldn't help myself when I saw the sunlight shining on you so beautifully. I made a little joke."

After saying this, he pushed the files and documents that were placed nearby in front of Suzy.

"Take a look, these are the design drawings and several national patent certificates."

She took a look, and the information inside was comprehensive and clearly well-organized.

Among them were some patents obtained jointly by several people and some signed solely by Jeffrey.

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"Regarding the project collaboration, I'll need to take these back and discuss them with the higher-ups. But personally, I think if we can achieve mass production, this should be a great project that the country would strongly support."

After all, technological development had always been a top priority!

"I came here in a rush. Once we're back in Northorn City, we'll have a concept car ready in our laboratory. I'll invite you to experience it."

Jeffrey continued to smile warmly, speaking in a gentle and soft tone, giving off the vibe of the boy next door.

"I'm mainly in charge of this project, so I'll wait for your response. If you find it unsuitable after your discussions, I'll contact the company separately."

"Then I'll have to expedite things!" Suzy finally showed a hint of a smile. After all, he had shown a lot of sincerity.

Projects in the high-tech sector like this one would typically get approached by multiple investment banks during the financing stage, and the highest bidder would win!

By saying what he did today, Jeffrey was undoubtedly giving her the decision-making power.

Although she knew that FortuneWave would likely approve of this project, she didn't want to make any immediate promises out of caution.

"I assume there was a lot of interest when you announced the first round of financing?"

Jeffrey paused and nodded, somewhat embarrassed. "Yes, many people reached out to me. But my cousin had already given me a heads-up early on, asking me to give FortuneWave the first choice."

"If the cooperation is successful in the end, I'll definitely request to have Wendy's name be added to it too."


"You and Wendy have a really good relationship." Jeffrey smiled. "My cousin is quite lively, and at first, I thought your friendship wouldn't last long. I never expected you to tolerate her."

Thinking of Wendy, Suzy's lips curled slightly. "She's really kind to me."

In her entire life, she had experienced very little care and warmth, and Wendy's interaction with her had been the most consistent and pure among them. Wendy remained as her friend for many years.

"Every time we meet, she can't stop talking about you. If you were a guy, I'd start suspecting my cousin has a crush on you."

Jeffrey joked about some of Wendy's childhood stories, and the atmosphere between them became more relaxed, shedding the initial awkwardness.

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It wasn't until Alec called that they ended their conversation.

Taking a taxi, Suzy went straight to the DOC in West City. On the way, she received a call from Sophia.

"Do you have the core technical drawings for the Far East project?"

"Yes."

"Send them to my email. I need them."

Suzy hesitated for a moment and furrowed her brow slightly.

"But... that goes against the regulations. If you need them urgently, you can inform our manager, Mr. Shaw, and he can send them to you."

After all, technical drawings are confidential, especially the core ones."

Chapter 59: Add Me

"It would be too late by then. The contract requires an appendix to be marked, and I must take a look at it before the Legal Department can finalize the contract."

Suzy was speechless.

Sophia seemed to need it urgently, and there was a commanding tone in her voice. "Don't waste any more time. The lawyers from FortuneWave are waiting here. Just send it to this email."

After saying that, she hung up the phone.

Soon, an email address was sent to Suzy's phone.

Thinking that Sophia, as the General Counsel of Park Group, wouldn't do anything detrimental to the company, Suzy opened the documents for the Far East project and sent what she needed.

Upon arriving at the Department of Commerce, Suzy got out of the car and noticed that Liam was standing next to Alec.

Had he finished his work?

"Hurry up, we're waiting for your confirmation and signature."

Alec waved her hand, urging Suzy.

Suzy quickly walked over, and as she passed by Liam, she

politely greeted him, "Mr. Park."

Following Alec, she quietly observed how Liam communicated with the staff, always remembering that she was there to learn.

Once everything was settled, the business trip was successfully completed. All that was left was to wait.

As they exited the DOC, Liam remained in the same spot, holding a cigarette between his slender fingers.

He always dressed meticulously during working hours, wearing perfectly tailored suits, neatly combed hair, and even in the summer, he never switched to short sleeves.

"Is everything in order?"

"Yes." Suzy nodded.

"I'll treat you today to show my appreciation," Liam said, extinguishing his cigarette and tossing it into a nearby trash can.

"Thank you, Mr. Park!"

Alec had already joined Liam in the car, and Suzy followed behind at a leisurely pace.

Once they arrived at the hotel, a waiter led them to the reserved private room.

Suddenly, Suzy heard someone calling her name.

She instinctively turned around and saw a young man hurrying towards her. She recognized his face, but his name eluded her.

"Suzy, it's really you!"

Seeing her slight confusion, the young man grinned. "Don't remember? I'm Kenneth May, your classmate from junior! Back in ninth grade, I confessed to you and got rejected!"

Suzy was so taken aback that she could not utter a word.

At the mention of junior high, Suzy glanced at Liam, her expression uncertain.

Kenneth followed her gaze. "You're Liam Park?! I can't be mistaken, can I?"

This was someone he could only see on TV!

"You're not mistaken."

Compared to Suzy's stunned reaction, Liam acted naturally. He strode over, gesturing for Alec to go inside with the others.

"It's been so many years, and you've grown even more good-looking. In junior high, you were the tallest and the most stylish in our class."

Kenneth was quite chatty and didn't seem to realize anything was unusual. "Hey, why did you and Suzy suddenly leave our group chat?"

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Suzy wanted to answer on their behalf because Kenneth seemed to like bringing up unrelated matters.

"I deleted the group accidentally." Liam, standing in front of her, took over the conversation.

"How about we exchange contact? I'll add you back to our group chat! They've been talking about a class reunion lately; you guys should come!"

Liam didn't put on any CEO airs and simply took out his phone.

After Kenneth quickly added him, he handed his phone to Suzy to share his contact.

Suddenly, Liam spoke up, "Just add me; I'll invite her into the group chat."

Chapter 60: Your Admirers Are Everywhere

"Uh, well..."

Kenneth finally realized that something was amiss. He looked at Suzy and then at Liam.

"Are you two...?"

"I work at his company!"

Suzy didn't wait for Liam to speak and quickly explained.

"I see!" Kenneth let out a sigh of relief, and his eyes wandered more freely as he gazed at Suzy.

She had always been beautiful.

Back in junior, even when she wore tattered clothes and her hair ties were frayed, she couldn't hide her delicate features.

Furthermore, she was dressed impeccably now with her long hair flowing like a waterfall. He noticed her eyes, nose, and overall features looked like someone who came straight out of a beauty magazine.

Seeing that he seemed to have more to say, Liam discreetly pulled Suzy back a step.

"We'll chat another day; we have something to attend to today."

"Ah! Alright then. Go on with your business. We can talk more when we meet at the reunion."

Kenneth, as a man, had somewhat sensed Liam's cold and polite demeanor, so he didn't insist on adding Suzy on WhatsApp right there.

He thought that once she was added to the group, he could have her contact as well!

Liam led Suzy into the private room where they had pre-ordered dishes that were already served.

Alec had left the seat at the head of the table for Liam, and another empty seat was beside it.

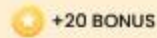
With this arrangement, Suzy didn't have much choice and had to sit naturally next to him.

"Mr. Park, concerning our subsidiary's acquisition of Skyline Group's sixty million dollars in bad assets, we've decided to pursue a debt-for-equity swap with Skyline Dairy. Miss Burns is now handling the contract details."

Alec was a workaholic, and usually, it was because Liam was too busy, so whenever he got the chance, he would hurriedly start reporting on work.

"Hmm, she knows how to find a solution for the company," Liam replied softly.

His certain tone and indifferent attitude all indicated his



trust in Sophia.

Suzy subconsciously glanced at his profound profile. How could she describe the feeling she got after hearing these words?

Their deep understanding meant Liam didn't need to remind Sophia of anything, even though he was typically cautious.

Suddenly, Liam looked up.

She quickly turned her face away and picked up the fork on the table. Looking around, she found no appetite for any dish, eventually only picking up a piece of green vegetable and chewing it quietly.

"After signing the 'Debt Restructuring Agreement,' we will hold 23% of the shares in Skyline Group. After I return to Northorn City, I will confirm the specific repayment method and amount with them."

"They want a 6% interest rate?"

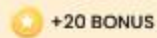
Nodding, Alec replied, "They naturally want it as low as possible, but 6% is already the bottom line we can accept."

"Thank you."

In fact, Liam's bottom line was at 5%, and the extra portion depended entirely on Alec's negotiation skills.

He had never disappointed Park Group.

After finishing dinner, Suzy returned to the hotel and



immediately began to submit detailed work on Jeffrey's project.

She only put down the keyboard when Liam, who had finished his meeting in the living room, came back.

"Oh, by the way, you haven't added me to the group chat."

She suddenly remembered this and thought Liam had forgotten.

He paused while unbuttoning his shirt.

"Why do you want to join?"

Suzy was confused by his question.

"Your admirers are everywhere." He leisurely put on a robe and walked up to her. "You don't need Kenneth; he's not qualified."

As his romantic rival, Kenneth wasn't up to par.