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Chapter 1211 I Don't Like Flattery

Hands trembling, Erica answered after a while, "No time. I need to find Tessie and Julianna." She believed she was innocent and she didn't need to be afraid of what the public thought about her. She knew the malicious rumors going viral online were fake.

But she had underestimated the power of a mob mentality!

Matthew insisted, "If you show your face in Y City University now, you could be in danger!" Many media outlets had bought this story and reposted it. It went viral on the Internet. So, most people would know about it by now.

If Erica showed up on the steps of Y City University, she'd be mobbed by angry people who might try to take matters in their own hands.

"But I..."

"Come to my office now. Don't rush off to find Tessie," said Matthew, trying to persuade her patiently. He had to make sure she was safe.

Since he insisted, Erica had to agree first. "Okay."

The driver chauffeured her to ZL Group. Matthew was waiting for her in his office.

Seeing her come in, he got straight to the point. "Mr. Chai just called me."

Erica was stymied for a moment, and then remembered he was the boss of Champion Group. "Oh, why? Did he ask you to cut him a check? It's cool. I did smash the things in his operations department."

"No. That's not why he called me."

"What? Then what did he say to you?" 'Didn't Neville Chai talk to Matthew about the bill?' she wondered.

Matthew fixed his eyes on her face and said, "Mr. Chai said you are interesting. He also asked if you have a sister. You apparently made a good impression."

Erica was thrown for a loop. 'What's wrong with Neville? He really wants a girl like me to be his daughter-in-law? Doesn't he have enough drama in his life?'

to him?" Erica bent

wife

be so capable of winning people's hearts. Neville Chai only met her once, but he was already carefully about Watkins' handsome face in her mind, and said,

"Think it over before you say anything."

right to be annoyed—she shouldn't enjoy

window, and naturally wrapped her arms around his waist. "I have such a handsome husband; why would I be looking at other

when she hugged him, not to mention that she called

an O shape, and scolded coldly, "Be

face. "Jeez, you don't have to be such

point. "Whatever. Don't

something I didn't do." She was

a deep look at the slender girl in

do you know I wasn't the bully, though? They caught it on video. Looks like Phoebe was telling the truth. Why go to bat for me? Why not just throw

"You think I'm blind?"

"What?"

you.' Matthew couldn't finish his sentence. He was overcome with pain when he

did care about her—a lot. But she kind of wanted to deal with this herself. Get revenge

was just fighting back? What if I attacked her first, and she was just defending

was testing his intelligence. "More than ten people just stood by and watched that girl hit you. They knocked

head under a faucet, and slapped her. A lot." She wore a smug smile at that point. "Standing in the rain getting soaked bugged me, and she seized the chance to

plus the heavy rain, really put her out of sorts. She wasn't at 100 percent then. Under normal circumstances, she would have never let Lenora get the upper hand. But more than 10 on one? There was

silently. What did she

looked up at the man

in the files he left for her to read. Tessie and Tam were the real parents. Despite the fact that he found the baby wasn't hers, he never said a word

Chapter 1212 Give Me An Exact Time

"I'll believe you for the time being!"

Erica said, before she was interrupted by a phone call from Wesley.

Erica was mad with rage and she answered Wesley's call with furious intensity. "Dad! Tell me the truth! Am I nothing but a pair of stinky socks to you?"

Wesley was dumbstruck, his mind twirling with all kinds of questions. "What's going on?" The concerned father was just calling to ask his daughter about the violence on campus. However, before he could even open his mouth, he was greeted by the wrath of his daughter.

Erica glared at the man who was holding her in his arms and yelled into the phone, "Have you been conspiring with Matthew behind my back? You had someone investigate me and Ethan? How could you do that to me?"

Needless to say, Erica was not at all happy about what was going on all this time. Wesley refuted with confidence, "You lied to all of us! You have some nerve putting blame on me! I'd think twice before mouthing off like that if I were you!"

Wesley got her there. If the anger in Erica's heart had been an inflated balloon, the moment she heard this, whatever air that was inside the balloon was now deflated.

Erica had her reasons for lying to her parents, but unfortunately, she couldn't have told them about her reasons back then. "Then let me ask you, if I had told you that Ethan wasn't my child, would you have forced me to marry Matthew?"

"No!" If Erica hadn't lied to her parents about being pregnant at that time, Wesley wouldn't have forced her to get married at all, even if it was to Matthew.

However, Wesley hesitated as he started to have second thoughts. After all, Matthew turned out to be such a caring husband to Rika.

There was a twinge of regret inside Erica's heart. If she had told them the truth back then, her parents wouldn't have forced her into marrying Matthew. How could she have been so stupid?

"Trust me, if I had known any better, I would have told you the truth—Ouch, Matthew, that hurts!" Matthew squeezed Erica's arm tightly.

Wesley was confused for a moment, and then chuckled. "Are you with Matthew?"

"Well, I was going to ask Tessie about what had really happened back then, but Matthew insisted that I come to his office to see him first." Erica pursed her lips disapprovingly.

rumors about you inciting campus violence could do to your future! Can you imagine what kind of hostility you will receive if you confront

saw reason

photos

up by Julianna. They baited me to attack them, and then maliciously edited and uploaded my photos on the

need to be more careful. It's not going to be easy to be Mrs. Huo. You can't always be so naive. Don't trust anyone that isn't your family. No

her head leaning against Matthew's chest, she

Matthew on the

the phone to Matthew. "My father wants to
her waist and took the phone with the other. "Dad, it's
you going to do about the
I already had someone working on it. Rika's name
Matthew's Adam's apple bob up and down as he spoke. Something about the way it moved looked very
it gently with two fingers.
her hand
asked Matthew another question on the other end of the line, to which
pressed his Adam's apple again. Somehow, it was round, bulging and interesting to
Matthew
hand and whipped her head around, pretending as though nothing had
her coat pocket, pulled her
with his
grabbed her by the waist and swapped spots with her,
Matthew wrapped between her legs and she put her arms around his shoulders
even his kiss was aggressive. It was
lips with his thumb, he said, "Rika, you still owe me a wedding night. When will you

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Chapter 1213 A Man I Didn't Love

"Let's talk about that later. Right now, answer me this! When are we going to become a real married couple?" Matthew was not satisfied with the girl's nonsense. If she continued to act like this, he would really just sleep with her right then and there!

"I heard from someone that you are a scheming Scorpio." That someone was Matthew's own sister, Terilynn.

As far as Erica knew, Scorpio men were usually cold and powerful, arrogant and indifferent; the description was exactly in line with Matthew's personality. He was a typical Scorpio!

"I don't know much about what these signs mean, but my birthday is on November 20th. So, I guess that makes me a Scorpio."

He also knew that Erica's birthday was on August 10th. She was a Leo, and was indeed an outgoing and energetic Leo girl.

Erica calculated with her fingers. His birthday was only a few days away, about half a month or so. She blinked and finally answered his most concerned question. "How about we wait until your birthday?"

Matthew was very satisfied with that date. With a deep smile in his eyes, he said, "Alright then. Stay out of trouble till that day comes!"

"I know!" Half a month should be enough for her to make some mental preparation. If she was still afraid of having sex with him, she could sneak back to A Country.

"I have no choice but to believe you for the time being," Matthew said with a smirk.

"Hey! You know what... I read a book about the 12 zodiac signs. It said that a Scorpio man and a Leo woman don't match well. What do we do?" Erica tilted her head and frowned.

The man's eyes darkened slightly and his tone became domineering. "What is that? I don't believe crap written in a book by some lunatic! I'm the master of my own fate. It's not up to a book of zodiac signs to decide whether we make a good match or not. I will decide that! If I say we make a good match, then we do."

Erica laughed. "Don't you believe in the theories of the 12 zodiac signs?"

"I don't."

If the zodiac book had said that they would make a good pair, he would have believed it.

But since it said the opposite, he had no reason to believe a word of it!

Erica chuckled and kissed him on the cheek gently. "So, you think we match?"

a perfect match. I'm very lucky to have found you!" Matthew smiled.

second. Why do I feel like I've heard that somewhere?'

Champion Group, she had told Neville that Matthew had said that they were lucky

said, "No. I just said what was

her eyes. 'Does he take me for an

what they did to you yesterday." Only after fully knowing what they had done to Erica could he plan on how to deal with them.

in for some pain, and they were about to go

for her to think that she had been slapped in her face. She felt embarrassed to speak about it. Finally, after

fingers across her smooth face, his

of them. Julianna,

messing with his wife. After this, no one

but Matthew had silently handled many of the WeChat and Weibo accounts that had spread the news. He always

a problem using money, he wouldn't hesitate to do that

had other ways to handle them. When the account holders thought that their lives were in danger, they

was quickly solved. Not only did Matthew take down all the edited videos and fake news on the Internet, he also posted the full original video of

Group also ended up on the top

tried to drown her in the cold water. She struggled and broke free. To defend herself, Erica drenched the other girl under the faucet instead. The truth was out for everyone to

her. Obviously, it was all an act.

proud of her and were glad

earlier lashed at her in the comment zone of her Weibo account apologized

of Y City

for a long time, Erica finally saw Tessie walk into the

but the

whispered among themselves. "Isn't that Erica Li? She's the violent girl who bullied and slapped

read the latest news on the Internet yet? The official account of ZL Group posted

Show me

she was bullied by those girls. Erica fought back by slapping that girl five

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Chapter 1214 Too Cruel

"You and Tam have just gone back to normal. Like none of this affects you. You know better than anyone what I went through during your pregnancy. I gave up my cushy life at home and holed us up in a basement taking care of you. Everything I did was for you. And how did you repay me? Instead of thanking me, you framed me! Tessie, you..."

Erica cried so hard that she couldn't get the rest of it out. Matthew always said she was stupid. She was beginning to think he was right. She was more than stupid!

Tessie also cried. "I'm sorry...I'm sorry..." Before Erica uncovered the truth, Tessie was living worry-free for a few months. She thought things would go back to normal; that she wouldn't have to worry about her parents or a baby.

What Tessie didn't count on was Erica marrying Matthew, the most powerful man in the city. That man had vast resources at his command. She had nowhere to hide.

In the driver's seat, Matthew took out two pieces of tissue and handed them to Erica. He coldly warned his wife, "I asked you to talk to her, not sit here and cry. Cut it out, or I'll hand over her to some thugs now and then send her to the slum!"

'Wow...'

Erica and Matthew had discussed this before Tessie came out to the car. She remembered some of the things Matthew suggested doing to punish the girl.

More than ten minutes ago

With a distressed look at the man who came with her to look for Tessie, Erica asked, "Tessie needs to pay for what she did, but I can't think of anything." That was what bothered her the most. She wanted a punishment that fit the crime.

Matthew turned off the engine. "Simple," he said. "First, she needs to admit what she did. Then she needs to explain how she framed you. After that, she should apologize to you in public. Wasn't she afraid her family would find out what she did? You have to let the Su family know what happened, and make them apologize too. And don't stop there. Didn't she accuse you of bullying her? So do it. And finally, we drive her out of the city. She wanted to stay here, right? Didn't want her parents to yank her out of school? Well, she gave up that right when she messed with you. Ask nicely, and I'll ship her out of the country. To the deserted area of H Country, perhaps." 'She can join Lenora. An appropriate punishment,' he thought.

"The deserted area? Won't they starve to death?" Erica asked.

"Not really. There's grasshoppers, crickets, ants, termites, stinkbugs. Even scorpions. Those guys might be a pain, but if you remove the stinger they roast nicely. Why are you so shocked? Didn't you want that?"

Erica shivered at his suggestion. She mentioned making Lenora eat worms earlier. But she was so angry she just blurted it out. "I didn't really mean it."

But he was right about one thing. She never wanted to see Tessie again. So exile was just the ticket.

"You could send her to the slum in H Country," he said.

different countries converged.

place that decent folk avoided. So did the

weaker branch breaks first. If you don't drive her away, she'll only hurt you again! I'm sure of it. If you really can't do it yourself, then leave her to me. I've been pretty busy lately. I might have to leave her with some thugs, so they can do the job for me. I can't be held responsible for what

what he did

didn't handle Tessie herself, then Matthew would deal with it. Tessie might end up hurt or worse. If that happened, exile would look like a walk

said, "No, no. Let me think about it! I need some

Erica came back to

such a jerk. I'm crying because

face turned pale when she heard that they were going to send her to the slum. She grabbed Erica's clothes tightly and

back her tears. Tessie wasn't worth crying over. "I need you to tell the

hesitation in Tessie's eyes, but only for a moment, and she quickly agreed, "Okay, I'll do

change her mind, Matthew reminded her coldly, "Erica, don't

again that if she didn't deal

first. Now,"

that?" As long as they didn't send her

started the car

eyes widened in horror. She held her breath and looked

glanced at her coldly. "Don't worry. Even if I wanted to send you to the slum, that won't happen right

"Where are we going?"

know when we get

at the gate to the

family home, she was too scared to say another word. Her lips

inside. There were two girls in the center of this

groups: the Su family, the Wu family and the bodyguards brought by Owen.

the door, the people in the living room all made way for Matthew and greeted him warmly.

Chapter 1215 Leaving Y City

Fanya, far from her usual calm self, was fidgeting restlessly in her seat.

Their youngest daughter had offended Matthew. Now that the truth was out, Lyman and Fanya wished they had never had this daughter.

"Mr. Su," Matthew called out abruptly.

Lyman held his breath. He was clearly scared out of his wits. "Yes, Mr. Huo?"

The young man asked with a murderous chill in his voice, "What do you think I should do to your daughter?"

"Well, since Tessie is guilty, you have every right to deal with her as you see fit. I won't get in your way, Mr. Huo." Lyman cared only about saving his own neck. The disgraceful man was mainly worried about whether Tessie's actions would get him into trouble with Matthew.

Tessie, somewhat knew her father to be a heartless man who cared for nothing else in the world apart from himself, but when she heard those words come out of his mouth, she burst into tears.

Why? Why was she born into such a family? No wonder Tessie fostered so much hatred and jealousy in her heart for Erica and even her own sister, Camille Su.

Meanwhile, afraid that Tessie would implicate her too, Phoebe stood there frozen, wishing she could vanish into thin air.

Like everybody else, she only found out today that the illegitimate child she had cursed turned out to be Tessie's child with another man.

A blush of embarrassment heated Phoebe's cheeks and she looked down to avert Erica's eyes.

On the other hand, Camille, the Su family's eldest daughter, remained seated next to Fanya, staring at the arrogant and powerful man on the sofa.

'Phoebe is such an idiot. Even if she listened to Matthew and married Nathan, she still didn't get any benefit from Matthew. In the end, the man she loved so much ended up getting married to another woman. Why do I have two stupid sisters?' Camille sneered in her mind.

beaten to a pulp by Julianna, and asked, "Who invited my wife to the No. Eighteen Primary School yesterday?" There was no emotion in his

time and pointed at the girl beside her. "It was Julianna's

of what Matthew would do to her. Immediately, she denied, "It

in shock. "No, she said she wanted to teach Erica a lesson." Then she turned to Phoebe for help. Her eyes reddened and wavering in desperation,

however, turned her away with a harsh glare.

that Phoebe

passing the buck to evade responsibility. "In that case, both the Wu family and Su family must formally apologize to my

Matthew and Erica had arrived, Lenora and Julianna had already slapped each other a few times.

Sensing mercy in Matthew's tone, Lenora acted quickly and scurried to Erica. "Mrs. Huo, I am

presence there was enough to break their conceited and arrogant perception of themselves. Without

apologetically at Erica and said, "Mrs. Huo, I failed to teach my daughter how to behave properly. I hope you can forgive us. Please spare our family. Tessie is

Tessie to the lions to save the whole Su family.

but to come over too with Camille. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Huo. I have not

highest position in the Su family, proudly representing she stood up and apologized to Erica again, even though she had already done so many and looked at Matthew's face. She knew that if she didn't apologize to Erica today, she would get choice but to apologize to the wife of the man she loved. "I'm really sorry, Erica. I didn't know that Tessie had trouble. After this is all over, I wish to leave Y City. Hardly any company worth working for would be willing step forward. Her I have always liked you. I hope you forgive Julianna, at least Julianna did have some happy days in the past. Even Yanny would occasionally ask her daughter heart broke for Yanny because her husband was having an affair with their daughter's friend. But she chose to forgive him and left request. "I just want to prove my innocence. I don't care

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Chapter 1216 A Spendthrift Man

Erica was stunned for a moment and her voice trembled anxiously. "I was just trying to scare her! There's no need to send her there. She's already beaten up so badly. She won't survive out there!"

Although Lenora deserved punishment, she didn't deserve to die.

What happened this time also served as a lesson for Erica who understood the importance of speaking more carefully in front of Matthew. She realized that if she didn't choose her words more carefully, it could bear some irreparable consequences.

"I know what I'm doing!" Matthew said coldly. He wouldn't kill anyone, obviously, but he would definitely torture Lenora for a while.

"Matthew, I'm not joking! She is going to die! You are going to send her to a primeval forest in a deserted area. Just think about what you're doing! She won't even have any food there. If Lenora ends up dying, I will have to live with the guilt of it for the rest of my life!" Erica was clearly very anxious, but Matthew still acted as if he didn't care if that wretched woman died of hunger or some miserable disease.

He remained silent as he drove her back to the villa.

When they arrived, Matthew asked her to get out of the car and said, "I need to go back to the company first. You should get ready for class."

The girl walked to the driver's seat and put her hands on the half-down window. "I'll go to school, but don't send Lenora there, okay?"

Matthew looked at her small face and answered, "Erica, what kind of person do you really think I am?" 'What do I have to do to make her feel like I am the only man she will ever need?' he wondered gloomily.

Erica said readily, "You're handsome—" '—and hot.'

"I want to hear the truth."

'The truth?' Erica looked at him with puzzlement. She couldn't have been lying to him about his good-looks, after all, the man was, indeed, very handsome. "You're a nice guy!"

Anyway, he was always nice to her. But that wasn't it, he was, in fact, a great guy who treated her very well.

He looked at her hand holding the window and said, "Move your hands away!"

"But you haven't answered me yet. Can you..."

have more questions, you can come to me again after we become

Why did his mood change all of a sudden? He wasn't acting like this at the Su family residence just a while ago. Was it because

she moved her hands away when she saw the cold expression on his

with immediacy

there alone in the yard, staring at the back of Matthew's car as it

to the villa to get something from the third floor before heading back to

she needed. When she was about to

picked up each item and looked at it with great curiosity. There were various shades

stood there guessing, baffled and confused. Who

out her phone to send Matthew a message, but when she remembered that he

concerning Tessie

Erica's childbirth out of wedlock was spread all over the Internet. Tam and Tessie publicly apologized to Erica in front of the camera. In the end, the news article was also accompanied by a paternity test of Ethan. The result showed that Tam and Tessie were, indeed, the biological parents of the

taking care of her best friend's child, but her best friend betrayed her instead.

At the school

around campus with her camera, randomly taking photos of anyone and anything that caught her eye, while Hyatt

Hyatt said, "I called your brother the other day, but why did Mr. Huo come to

he called Matthew. Thank you, Hyatt. I don't know what I would have done without your help." Erica had been looking for the chance to thank Hyatt, but

said, "Don't thank me. I didn't

his shoulder in a friendly way and said, "That's okay. You helped me anyway. I only have

could I ever... I..." Hyatt was so embarrassed by Erica's remark that his face turned

"I believe you. By the way, has your mother

see me

you again?" In her thoughts,

have I told you not to follow Erica Li. You just won't listen to me! You're such a disobedient son. You even

mother, I would have nagged you too! You ran away with a married woman. In your mother's eyes, what you did was probably the same as eloping with a married woman. How could she not be mad

don't have any friends in A Country and you're the only one who ever treated me like a true friend. I will follow you wherever you go. If you are busy, you don't have to worry about me. I can read novels in the dormitory by myself." Hyatt was obsessed with

was nothing but a waste of time in his mother's

Chapter 1217 The Kiss

"What are you talking about?" Erica asked.

Matthew looked at her coldly. It seemed like she hadn't taken him seriously.

Erica's hands trembled in anger. 'What is wrong with this man?'

If he continued to act this way without explaining the reason for his bad mood, she was really going to blow up.

"I'm not kidding! If you need my help again, come to me after we have become a real couple!" he declared.

Erica wanted to yell back, "Fine! I don't need any favors from you!"

But she couldn't yell at this man. Tessie's and Lenora's lives were in his hands. She said instead, "You don't have to be so mean. I just wanted to ask you something, Matthew."

The man retorted expressionlessly, "I am mean? All I want is to exercise my right as a husband!"

Erica was confused now. Hadn't she already promised to consummate their marriage on his birthday? Was he angry because he had to wait? It couldn't be. They had reached an agreement on that, and he seemed okay with it.

Seeing the frown on her face, Matthew turned around and walked to the bathroom.

Erica reached out her hand in an attempt to stop him, but when she remembered what he had just said, her hand froze midair and she withdrew it silently.

After taking a shower, Matthew went straight to the study, leaving Erica alone to toss and turn on the bed. She couldn't fall asleep because of everything that had happened.

No one knew if he had done it on purpose. As soon as Erica fell asleep, Matthew slowly pushed open the door to the bedroom and walked in.

The next morning, Erica got up early because she had extra-curricular activities that day. As she walked down the stairs with a muddled face, she saw Matthew having his breakfast.

Still mad, she snorted and walked towards the door.

He called, "Come back here!"

"What do you want?" she asked in a hostile tone.

last night! Why is he talking to me

"Have your breakfast."

She was in no mood to eat with him.

one good reason!"

give him one!' she thought angrily.

hell? That's the most ridiculous excuse ever!' "Erica Li!" Matthew called, with

She turned around

towards that door, I'll have you sent to the deserted area

away so that you and Phoebe can live together! You want me gone, don't

does this have to do with her?' he

dining room and sat down opposite him, ignoring the

the trembling cook immediately brought her share from the kitchen and placed it on the

looked at her gloomy husband, who was chewing his food slowly. She reminded him mischievously, "You should eat slower than that, or you

put down the spoon in his hand. A cold aura

am? What will you do?"

mind. You don't

I was about to leave when you stopped me. But now, I think this breakfast is too delicious

his teeth, agitated. But he remained

know I have a bad

can't handle," he said casually, trying to comfort her as he thought she was beginning to reflect conversation didn't go as

should reflect on your own personality. Why can't you bear my temper while others can? It's obvious that you're

Why did he have to ask

breakfast, Matthew decided to drive Erica

want him to drive her, because she didn't want to be with him at that moment. But since she couldn't drive, she had to regretfully get into the

fastened the seat belt, she felt like she was

her seat and

A lipstick!

Huo! Why is there a lipstick in your car? On the passenger seat! Which woman left this here? Who is she? I won't stop asking till

solid proof that he was cheating on her. There

Chapter 1218 Deny It

Things at ZL Group were going smoothly, as usual.

Matthew adjusted his tie and flicked a mote of dust off the sleeve of his five-thousand-dollar suit jacket as he strode past the personal assistants' office. After getting settled in his own office, he called Paige in.

"Good morning, Mr. Huo," she said pleasantly.

With a slight nod, Matthew took out his phone and tapped at the screen. "I'm sending you two photos," he explained. "Go and check if this lipstick is one of the ones Mrs. Huo bought when she went shopping with my mother, or one that I asked you to send to the villa."

As soon as he was done speaking, the phone in Paige's pocket vibrated twice. "Yes, Mr. Huo!"

When she was gone, an evil smile appeared on Matthew's face. He knew the lipstick was most likely Erica's own! He was waiting for his wife to be embarrassed.

If that happened, he guessed that her anger would be something to see!

Meanwhile, Erica was taking pictures of a vase on campus when a question suddenly flashed through her mind. Was the lipstick her own?

Setting her camera down, she went looking through her backpack. Where previously there had been two lipsticks, now there was only one left.

Deep in thought, she reached into her pocket and produced the lipstick Matthew had taken the pictures of. It was definitely one of those she and Debbie had bought together.

She seldom actually used the lipsticks after buying them, so she hadn't recognized her own one earlier.

Thinking of what she had done in front of Matthew, she began to think she was doomed!

After all, Matthew even had pictures. Surely, he was going to have someone find out whose lipstick it was.

If it turned out to be hers, how humiliating it would be.

'What should I do? What should I do?' she asked herself over and over.

After spending some minutes panicking, she decided simply that she would not admit to anything. She would never talk about this matter again. As for Matthew, if he brought it up again, Erica would just change the topic.

Still, it was the best

without incident—until her last class in the afternoon was over, when she got a call from Matthew. "I'd like you to come to

to sound worried, Erica asked why. She was immediately suspicious that he had

to be on guard, Matthew

Erica bought it. "Okay."

later she arrived at ZL

Tam call you?" asked Erica. Privately, she wondered, 'Didn't I tell Tam not to rush

about Ethan right now. I have another

"What is it?"

face as he began,

Smiling awkwardly, Erica tried to deflect the matter. "Um, Matthew, let's not talk about the lipstick

it—that lipstick was

with embarrassment. "There's nothing going on with Ethan, is there? You just mentioned him to trick me into

it's funny that you didn't recognize your own lipstick. You even insisted that I was cheating on

wider and wider. Unable to stand it, Erica slammed a palm against his desk. "Matthew Huo, I've tolerated you for

creak as

anger, Erica didn't notice. Looking daggers at Matthew, she went on, "I would have been finished with you a

woman's voice. It was a good-natured laugh, and this time

were Debbie and Carlos, beaming as

"Dad,

with her outburst, Erica immediately dropped her angry expression. She stood up straight and greeted the newcomers obediently,

and dried your hair? Why, I'm his

to maintain her composure, Erica thought, 'Damn. Why didn't he tell

distressed wife to his affectionate mother, Matthew put in,

trained Matthew very well. I'm impressed. Keep it up." Indeed, Debbie had found a new side of Matthew. Rika must have really

It's not that at all. Matthew's just very tolerant, so he doesn't

can only be because he loves you so much. Now, listen, your father-in-law and I were about to pick you up at school, but Matthew called and told me that you had already come

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Chapter 1219 Helpless And Hopeless

"Everything's been settled, Evelyn. There's only one thing that hasn't been taken care of yet, but that's coming!" Erica said. She hadn't figured out what to do with Tessie and Lenora yet. The young newlywed was still discussing this with Matthew.

"That's good. Anything I can do to help?"

"Thanks, Evelyn. But I think I'm good. Matthew H...Matthew took care of everything. He's so good to me." And the events of recent days had taught her that. She had always been grateful to him. She might as well invite him to dinner to thank him for his help.

Evelyn nodded, "Nice! Well, dinner's almost ready. We probably need to get in there. Let's go."

"Okay."

The noise level was rather high. The Huo family was a big one, so that was to be expected. They all chatted and bantered back and forth, gathered around a huge table in the dining room.

Eventually the topic turned towards attractiveness. Erica decided to suck up to her elders. "Hey, Dad, you were pretty hot back in the day. You could have been a model or a movie star. You still could, to be honest."

Matthew snorted. 'She's defiant and arrogant around me. Why do they get all the love?"

She had them charmed. The more she talked, the deeper Matthew's frown became.

"Why the frown, Son? Rika is young and playful. You should enjoy having a woman like that," Carlos said.

Debbie echoed, "That's right. Rika doesn't even have any makeup. If I hadn't reminded Matthew last time, she still wouldn't have any."

It was not until then that Erica realized that it was Debbie who had reminded Matthew to buy the makeup that sat on her dresser. She smiled sweetly at Debbie and said, "Thank you, Mom!"

"No need to thank me. Hey—if you need something and Matthew doesn't pick it up for you, just remind the guy. Matthew, you should learn from Sheffield and Joshua. Look how they treat your sisters!" In Debbie's eyes, Sheffield and Joshua were the perfect sons-in-law. They could do no wrong and treated her daughters like queens.

Matthew put down the wet tissue in his hand and looked at the others indifferently. "If you could see how she treats me at home..."

pinched the man under the table and thought, 'Couldn't he say something

continued, "I carry her up the stairs, cook for her, wash her feet,

University to confront Tessie, he knew that she would be in a bad mood. So he canceled appointments with some major clients so he could be there for her. That was

come on, be

you're something else. You're so obvious when you lie," Carlos

cooking, much less washing Erica's feet. That would just

to learn to

family shook their

of them believed it.

had heard Erica say that herself. But she

without a care in the world. But she wouldn't meet Matthew's

beaten. So he wouldn't say another word about how they were together. This woman was clever!

own family. His father, mother, sisters, and brothers-in-law. But none of them believed him. The only one

was the black sheep of the family. Come to think of it, Matthew was beginning to feel kind

said, "Don't you want to say something

want to say anything, then she doesn't have to.

make her do anything. He wanted her to speak up, and was reminding her to

Matthew does something like that again, pack your stuff and move in here. Stay

did he come here for dinner

hearing what Debbie said. He

to maintain her image. So, she smiled a

where Matthew's room is. You're welcome here anytime." Debbie was on Erica's side.

about her because of it. Now her name was finally cleared. She had no child or boyfriend. Matthew was pretty thorough at getting the news out. He and Rika had a bright

me," Erica said. She turned and smiled at

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Carlos scolded Matthew, "Did you come here for dinner or to make me mad? Keep acting like this, and I'll have you serving the dishes for everyone at our next family dinner."

Matthew put down his chopsticks with a stern look.

Seeing that father and son were about to come to blows, Erica felt sorry for Matthew. Her husband had even been harangued by Carlos. She tried to fix things. "Mom, Dad, it's not what you think. Matthew is a good guy! He treats me like a princess. Really. He cooks for me, watches movies with me and washes my feet... "

She recounted a list of all the good things Matthew did for her.

Everyone at the table was stunned. Matthew wasn't lying. Everything he said was true!

Carlos pondered this for a while. He still didn't believe Matthew was so humble that he'd wash someone's feet. "Why are you covering for him, Rika? He's always been high and mighty. Why would he do all this for you?"

Carlos looked at Matthew and saw his mini-me. The young man had inherited a lot of Carlos' traits, like his icy demeanor and arrogance.

But marriage tempered Carlos, changed him, melted his icy heart. But to his father, Matthew hadn't changed at all.

"Let it go, Dad. It's true. Can we eat now? I'm starving!" Erica urged. She felt guilty and tried to change the topic. If she had stuck up for Matthew, maybe Carlos wouldn't have been so angry. She was full of regret for just doing nothing.

The father and son had been at each other's throats for a long time. The family was used to it, and just accepted it as a normal thing. Erica tried to smooth things over as best she could. And soon, things were a lot less tense at the table.

Hearing everyone talking and laughing again, Erica quietly breathed a sigh of relief.

She also felt that Matthew was put upon. She kept picking up food for him at dinner and tried to smile.

Seeing that, Carlos shook his head. He knew Matthew was lying. Obviously, Rika had been taking care of Matthew, not the other way round.

After a while, Matthew stopped Erica from picking up food for him. "Don't mind me. You need to eat, too!"

"I am eating!"

Matthew glanced at the rice in her bowl. She had only taken a few bites and was busy picking up food for him.

full. Just eat your food and

will!" Erica didn't pursue the matter and started to dig

sofa and on the chairs strategically arranged around the place. They

hand and said with a smile, "Know what you missed? Your uncle

Gwyn looked at

I was going to bring some to you, but you went to your grandpa's place, so I ate it all!" She didn't mean to, but it was so delicious

and more confused. "Uncle Matthew knows how to make

He's made macaroons, too. Didn't you know

didn't. I don't like macaroons. Chocolate's

confusion grew. "You never

would he have time to make chocolate

in puzzlement, "Oh, okay!" There seemed to be something wrong, but she couldn't figure out what it was.

the man who was driving. "You know what day it is? It's Thursday. I'm free on Saturday. How about I buy in taking me

out a lot lately. This is my way of saying thanks!" she answered honestly.

feel like

want to show you

eat it, you pass it, you're done. Now, experiences? That's

she wondered. Erica protested timidly, "Didn't we agree to wait

"Then tell me, who were you going to marry if you hadn't married me?" He had heard her say she didn't of hot men. Young, handsome ones; big, beefy ones; suave, mature men; and domineering CEOs.

But Matthew had to keep his

type of girl you could imagine? You could sleep with tons of women..." Even she found it tempting to think of all these sexy

sped up the car and said through gritted teeth, "Mrs. Huo, aren't you

pecs and abdominal muscles were so tantalizing. It was hard to resist. And thinking

troublemaker. She sounded like a man-eater.

choice questions. I want all