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### Chapter 1071

“Miss Singed, you should return home. We'll help Sir find the cat,” a bodyguard suggested. The bodyguards intended to escort Ren back into the house before he caused a ruckus by exposing himself in the public.

In the end, Ruka could only return home first. One of the bodyguards told Ren, “Sir, we can search the cat for you. You may return to the residence.”

Ren waved his hand and raised his head to scan the area. Next, he rounded toward the backyard. Though Ruka had previously searched around this area, the bushes behind the walls of the garden were outside her radar.

Once she arrived at the yard, the maids came up to her and reported that they did not see the cat anywhere upon looking at every nook and cranny of the place. Obviously, the kitten had escaped outside the yard.

“What am I going to do?” Her face scrunched up in distress. Where can a little kitty possibly go? What if she's hit by a car on the road? Or kidnapped by a lunatic to be tortured?

Forget about taking a bath, she did not even wash her face. However, the maids noticed the bruises on her finger and brought over a band-aid.

A couple of moments later, a commotion happened outside the yard. Ren trod into the place as the beam of golden sunlight gleamed upon him. Nestling in his arms was a little white feline with its slightly dirtied and messy fur. It was none other than Callie!

The juxtaposition of his towering stature and the curled up furball in his arms created a different side of him whom Ruka had never witnessed before.

Right at this moment, the idea of morphing into that little furball in his arms to be pampered and overindulged by him suddenly occurred to her.

Her face glowed with red when the notion seeped into her mind due to the embarrassment of having such a thought. Although they were not blood related, she should not have such nonsensical thoughts!

“You found her! Where was she?” She scurried to him in surprise and delight to check on the little kitten.

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“She was behind the walls of the garden,” Ren explained while a maid proffered a primordial pouch to him. He then put it into the bag before zipping it. Guess | should give her a bath.

“Did she hurt herself anywhere?” “No. Only her fur is dirty,” he soothed her before facing the maid. “I’ll have dinner here.”

“Madam Falkner has called to inform us that she has an appointment with Old Master Lloyd. We will prepare dinner for you and Miss Singed,” the maid replied.

His brows were slightly knitted together. When the maid turned around, he suddenly added, “Nevermind, then. I’ll take Miss Singed somewhere else for dinner.”

Ruka was baffled as she blinked her beady eyes. “Are we dining out?” “Hmm. You should wash yourself up and change your clothes. I’ll wait for you,” said Ren.

Her heart palpitated at the thought of going out with him for dinner. The sudden change of plan was a surprise to her, causing her to be jittery because never once had she shared a private meal with him before.

As such, she returned to her room for a shower. Considering how late it was and the possibility of the man growing impatient from all the waiting, she dried her hair and headed downstairs with a bare face. She wanted to put on some light make-up, but there was no time for that.

“Mr. Ren, I'm ready.” She smiled at the man who was sitting on the couch. She dressed up like a college student—a thin, white down jacket; a pair of jeans and white sneakers.

After getting into his car, she felt the urge to hush her breathing. The air was solemn enough with the presence of the two bodyguards. Now that there was another man that exuded impelling force, her mind was in a daze and she could not even come up with a decent topic.

In actuality, she was not that close with Ren; they met less than twice in a year, especially after she was told off during middle school. They had not seen each other for years when he pursued his studies abroad. He did appear when Scarlet was celebrating Ruka's graduation from high school, but that was the last time they met. Now, he was a mature man who no one dared to approach.

“Did the translation department contact you?” Ren suddenly inquired.

“N-not yet,” she stammered with her words due to nervousness.

At that time, her phone suddenly rang, which prompted her to ask, “May I answer the call?” Her expression somehow indicated that it was a sin for her to answer a call in front of him. “Sure.” He nodded.

It was not until then that she glanced at the screen. Despite the surging surprise and pleasure, she kept her voice as low as possible. “Are you here yet?”

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“Yup! I've just landed. What about you? Have you eaten? Should I pick you up and have a meal together?” It was the brisk voice of a man.

“No, it's alright. You should go home and get some early rest. We'll meet up tomorrow.” She smiled lightly.

Unbeknownst to Ruka, the man next to him could hear the voice resounding from her phone due to the silence in the car. “Why? Don't you miss me?” the man grumbled.

“Of course |... | do miss you! But you've just returned to the country. You should head home first.”

“Then, we can meet up for a meal and a movie tomorrow. Your favorite sci-fi movie has just been released.”

“Really? I'm totally up for it.” She was on cloud nine. Not only did her crush return to the country, the movie she anticipated was also released. It was as though wonderful things were happening at the same time.

On the other hand, Ren turned his head to look out of the window as if he was deep in his thoughts. However, he kept listening to how happy her voice was while she talked over the phone; mixed feelings stirred in his eyes.

It was not until Ruka terminated the call that he turned to look at her, only to see the smile across her lips. Her joyous expression struck somewhere deep in his racing heart.

He stared at her while images of past memories flashed across his head. He could vividly remember the way she looked as she grew up like a butterfly.

They met for the first time when he was twelve; Scarlet carried a little girl home, who was weeping non-stop with her hands held onto Scarlet's shoulders tightly. It was safe to say that tears did not stop falling from her beady eyes.

Chapter 1074 At that time. Ren was doing his homework at Scarlet's house and the girl was so noisy that he was annoyed.

During the afternoon, she would snatch away his ball when he was playing basketball. Not only did she refuse to return it while hugging it, she even cried while lying on the ground like a brat!

Back then, she was only two years old, the age where even dogs found them annoying. It was her first time rebelling, but she was not someone to mess with.

Scarlet told him that she was going to take care of the child since the parents left the country upon receiving a job transfer at the very last minute. Meanwhile, Scarlet's son was taken to the army base to be raised by his grandfather; the far distance rendered it difficult for them to meet up. Thus, she really wished to look after the girl.

"Ren, play with me." The little girl chased after Ren after he finished school. Scarlet pulled her and told her, "Ruka, Ren is your Uncle. You should address him respectfully."

From that day onward, he had a faithful shadow who imitated everything that he did; whenever he was finishing his homework, she would sit beside him and pretend to write something on a small notebook while reading, "Rabbit, pig... duck, baby... Done!"

However, the once puny girl, who learned new vocabularies next to him, was dating a guy right now.

Time flew by in a blink of an eye. When Ruka was still five, Ren left Scarlet's house to pursue his studies abroad. He bet she did not remember anything before she turned five, but he maintained the recollection for all of it.

"Was that your boyfriend?" He turned his head to confirm the situation. "No. He's my senior." She waved her hand.

"Are you going out with him?" he questioned further.

Her expression turned sad as she scratched her head. "Nah, we're just friends."

His intense gaze fixated upon her as he claimed, "You're still young. You have a lot of time to find yourself a partner." "You're right. I don't have plans to date one in the near future either." She nodded like an obedient child.

It was not that Ruka did not want to; there was a fine line between her and her senior that neither of them crossed just yet.

Moreover, it was not the time for a love confession since they only had favorable impressions of each other.

Chapter 1075 Ren and Ruka arrived at a restaurant, which did not seem like one at all. Surprised, she sized up the place with eyes of scrutiny.

Instead of a restaurant, it appeared more like a private kitchen because the decor was that of a kitchen with no tables of customers around.

Even so, the waiters treated him with utmost reverence. They even addressed him as 'Sir' without his surname, which was obviously an honorific form of address like he was their master.

Sitting on the table next to a pond, she need not order food as she leaned her body to observe the little fishes. She was like a kid who still held onto a childlike interest.

Meanwhile, Ren sat down with his elbow on the table and chin on his palm. As his intense gaze landed upon the girl, his eyes glazed over.

More and more past memories conjured in his mind. The recollections of twenty years' expanse were vivid as if they had occurred just yesterday; even the image of Ruka sobbing played in his mind so vividly.

He could remember that one time, when she was listless due to a cold, he bought a pretty doll for her. She was so pleased that she ran to him to give him a peck and thank him with a squishy voice.

Ren reminisced about her childhood while looking at the slim figure, which was crouching next to the pond. He had an illusion that he could still find her younger self from the beautiful girl.

He zoned out as his deep gaze contained inexplicable emotions. When Ruka rose to her feet, he came back to his senses. His eyes regained their clarity and tranquility, whereas his visage turned to its usual solemn and reserved one.

“Mr. Ren, | reckon this is not any ordinary restaurant. Is it your private restaurant?” Ruka sat down and asked curiously.

“Yep. | usually treat my clients here. It's not open to the public.” He nodded.

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“No wonder, but it's beautiful here. It's mesmerizing.” Ruka scanned the ornaments in which each of them held a special meaning to it.

At that moment, the appetizers and fruit juices were served. Her eyes sparkled as she was already starving. She gulped her saliva while looking at the mouth-watering appetizers.

“If you're hungry, just dig in.” Ren smiled as there was a smidgen of affection seeped into his voice. She nodded and took one of the mozzarella sticks before feeding herself. It tasted awesome with its cheesy crunchiness. “What is the earliest memory you can remember?” he asked out of curiosity.

With narrowed eyes, she chewed the food while recalling. “I think it's when I was six or seven. It was the time | started elementary school. Why?” she questioned back.

He bit his lips. | knew it. This brat can't remember everything that had happened until she turned five. She doesn't know how clingy she was back then.

“Nevermind. Have more.” He had no intention of explaining.

“You should have them too.” Ruka placed a mozzarella stick onto his plate and he looked at it. Ren, who did not favor fried food, ate it nevertheless.

“Mr. Ren, are you normally busy with your work?”

“Very.”

“| bet you know many big names of the country, don't you?”

“Hmm.”

“Aunt Scarlet told me that you don't even have the time for blind dates.”

Ren narrowed his eyes. “Do you have a hobby of digging into my matters?”

“No. I'm worried about your marriage, like Aunt Scarlet does. | just hope that you'll find someone that you can spend the rest of your life with.” Ruka gazed at him with sincerity, showing her genuine concern about one of his biggest life events.

He snorted. “Yeah, yeah. | should be worrying when even a kiddo like you has a boyfriend.”

Her cheeks tinged with red. “We haven't gone that far yet! It's just that we click and we enjoy the company of each other.” “Oh, really? Do you have his picture?”

She was slightly stunned. Does he wanna see him?

Nonetheless, she bashfully took out her phone and found a photo they had taken together before showing Ren. “See the guy wearing a white T-shirt? That's him.”

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He grabbed the gadget to take a look at it. It was a picture of eight of them on a mountain. A smiling Ruka stood next to a tall guy, whose smile was dashingly bright. He seemed like the type that girls would fall for in schools.

“He's Jethro. | have known him since high school. He's my senior,” she announced seriously yet nervously as if she was introducing his friend to the elders.



“Hmm. He's quite handsome.” The moment Ren returned her phone, his phone rang and he picked it up. “Hello.”

“Sir, Miss Parfait is at the door to see you,” reported the bodyguard.

Ren's brows furrowed as he responded, “I'm coming”

He then told Ruka, “I'll be outside for a while. Go ahead and enjoy the food without me.”

“Okay.” She nodded while thinking, He is a busy man. He has to deal with work even during meal time.

As soon as Ren's tall stature appeared by the door, a woman sprinted toward him and hugged him tightly. Considering the faint smell of alcohol on her, it was obvious that she had some drinks.

Clinging onto him, she buried her face into his chest and uttered with delight, “Ren, I knew that you'd be here. I miss you, especially tonight.” “You're drunk. I'll ask someone to send you home.” He pushed her away and grasped her shoulders while looking at her calmly.

She seemed to be in her late twenties. With that bushy curly hair and sublime make up, she appeared gorgeous yet sexy. She was a total beauty queen and yet, someone like her had been pursuing Ren for a whole five years, but it did not come to fruition.

“No! I don't wanna go home. I wanna stay with you. Ren, I don't wanna go anywhere except staying by your side. Please don't drive me away.” Victoria Parfait stared at

him with glazing eyes, which was rife with her deep admiration for him.

Chapter 1078 Ren rejected in a low voice, “I'm slammed tonight.”

“That's the excuse you use every single time. You just don't wanna see me, do you? Tell me, which part of me are you unsatisfied with? I'll change. I'll change until you're satisfied. For the past five years,

there's not a day | live through without missing you. I've waited for you this long. You gotta give me a reason." Victoria's voice was filled " with sorrow and grievance.

She was indeed drunk and hence the daring confession to the vice president of the country. He beckoned the bodyguard over. "Please send Miss Parfait home."

However, the woman, who was pushed away, threw herself into his embrace once again. With her hand tightly wrapped around his waist, she shook her head. "No! | ain't going anywhere. Five years ago, you told me that there's someone you like, but I've never seen any women by your side all along. There's not a shadow of women near you either. Was it a lie? Why can't you give me a chance?"

Ruka drank too much fruit juice and so nature was calling for her. She rose from her seat and went out to search for the restroom. When she left the ladies', she happened to hear a vehement woman speaking. Out of curiosity, she walked toward where the woman was.

Just a single glance of the situation made her cover her mouth.

Holy moly! Is that a woman in Mr. Ren's arms? She seems to be grumbling about something to him. She's kinda agitated at the moment.

She wondered if the woman was Ren's crush. If so, she could inform Scarlet about it and tell her not to worry about it. "Ren Husson, hurry and tell me. Is there someone you like? Just say it! Who is she? I'll give up as long as you give me a name."

Victoria lifted her head and looked at him with teary eyes, which were blurry and grieve.

Just as Ren was about to say something, he saw someone fall from behind the pillar. It was Ruka, who decided to return to the private room upon noticing an incoming waiter. However, there was a threshold next to the pillar, which made her trip and fall onto the ground.

This is so embarrassing!

She raised her head to see him shoving the woman away from his arms. He then strode toward Ruka with a worried face whereas she hastily rose to her feet. "No worries! I'm fine."

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"She is my sister's best friend's daughter," Ren continued Ruka's words.

Victoria was stunned for a moment, for she could clearly tell that he was avoiding something. Is he protecting her? Who is she?

"Nice to meet you. I'm Victoria Parfait." She took the initiative to introduce herself due to the sudden swell of self-confidence. If this young brat was truly the one he liked, she need not have to worry about her rival.

"Hi. I'm Ruka." Ruka returned a smile.

However, Victoria's arm was suddenly grabbed by a hand. Ren pulled her while ordering Ruka, "Go back to the private room. I gotta talk to her for a moment."

Ruka sensibly wheeled around and left. Victoria's gaze zeroed in on her figure until she vanished in the corridor. Then, Victoria raised her head at him. "So, you like that kid?"

"Stop spewing nonsense. It's not like what you think." He let go of her arm and his countenance slightly darkened. "You've gone overboard tonight. You should leave."

At this moment, she was almost sober and was slightly mortified. However, she did not regret blurting these.

"Sorry. I'm behaving like this because I love you so much." She bit her lip before lifting her head to question, "So, what's going on between the both of you?"

Asinister glint flickered in Ren's eyes. "There are things that you just don't ask."

His gentleness attitude was displayed only for a normal interaction; once the other party had crossed the line, Ren would warn them not to go too far.

To that, Victoria's heart squeezed. The more he steered clear of that topic, the more she knew how important that girl was to him. She had never imagined someone, who was younger than him by many years, would claim his heart.

Has he been waiting for her all along? But she seems ordinary, except for her beauty and young spirit. She doesn't seem outstanding in any way. Which charm of hers managed to captivate a man like Ren, who's perching at the top of the authorities?

Victoria could not get through to it, yet she wished to know the reason because she was not a quitter. Some people would set back others' lifetime once they met up: how could she lay her eyes on others when she had met someone like Ren?

“Fine. No more questions.” She sighed. “Sorry. Please forgive my ill behavior, but my feelings for you will never change. | will always wait for you. As long as you're not married, | will continue to do so