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Meeting The One For Me Chapter 261-"Does Julian know about this?" Audrey asked.

"Julian is very busy, and it's not appropriate to bother him for such trivial matters," the bodyguard replied.

She nodded and smiled. "If you need anything, just knock on the door, and I'll bring it out for you." "Okay. Thank you, Ms. Yeomans." Audrey returned to the couch in her slippers and saw an incoming call.

She picked up the phone and saw that it was from Peter. She answered, "Hello?" "Hello, is this Ms. Yeomans? I'm sorry, I'm Peter's girlfriend. Today, when we were having dinner, a Mr. Franklin suddenly came out and started a fight with Peter.

"It seems that Mr. Franklin misunderstood the relationship between you and Peter and said he wanted to make Peter spend some time in jail. I don't know what to do, but I thought Mr. Franklin might know you. So I was wondering, could you please explain the situation to him?

Audrey was taken aback. Mr. Franklin?

"Is the person called Nathan?" she asked.

"Yes, yes, yes!" Peter's girlfriend exclaimed, "Their lawyer said they want to make Peter spend time in jail. I begged him to stop, but he wouldn't listen. I really don't know what to do." "Alright, I understand. Which police station are you at? I'll come over now.

"At the Northern Liberty Police Department." It wasn't far from Audrey's place.

"I'll be there in about 15 to 20 minutes." Audrey changed her clothes and had the bodyguard take her to the police station.

As Audrey reached the police station, she immediately recognized the girl spinning anxiously with a backpack—it was Peter's girlfriend.

Audrey got out of the car with her handbag and approached the girl.

Their eyes met, and the girl quickly descended the steps when she saw the bodyguard accompanying Audrey.

"Hello, I'm Peter's girlfriend, Evelyn. Are you Ms. Yeomans?" the girl asked nervously.

Audrey nodded. "What's going on?" Tears started streaming down Evelyn's face before she could speak. "Peter and I were having dinner, and Mr. Franklin suddenly came out and attacked Peter.

'He kept asking if Peter had done something to upset you. Peter didn't fight back at first because he knew it was a misunderstanding. It was only when that man started insulting me that Peter fought back!" As Evelyn spoke, Edmond and Nathan emerged from the police station.

as the Edmond followed closely behind Nathan, chattering walked out.

"My dear Mr. Franklin, the most important thing now is Evergreen Biotech. How could you get into a fight because of Ms. Yeomans's bodyguard?

"He's just a bodyguard! If this makes it to the news, people might think you're fighting a bodyguard over a woman!" Nathan's hand was in his pocket, his expression impatient as he rubbed his chapped lip with his thumb.

 He was about to light a cigarette between his lips when he looked up and saw Audrey. His steps halted as he stared in astonishment.

The soft orange glow of the streetlamp outlined Audrey's slender figure.

She was dressed in a black camisole layered with a white long–sleeved shirt, black trousers, and white sneakers. Her slightly curled long hair cascaded over her shoulders.

She was handing a tissue to the girl who was sobbing, her lips moving as if offering words of comfort.

As he saw Audrey, his heartbeat quickened abruptly.

It was as if nothing else existed around them. In Nathan's eyes, there was only Audrey under the streetlamp.

He lowered his hand, his breath uneven, and his eyes suddenly reddened.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 262-She was the same as Nathan remembered, yet somehow different—with a touch more femininity.

"It's Ms. Yeomans." Edmond looked at the stiffened Nathan. "Mr. Franklin?" Edmond knew that Nathan had regained his memories.

As the chief legal counsel of the Franklin Group, he was aware it was Audrey who had shielded him during the accident on Nathan's birthday, ultimately saving his life.

Such deep love was unmistakable, even to someone as oblivious as Edmond.

This was especially true considering Nathan's first action upon regaining his memory was to annul his engagement to Amelia, whom he had cherished for so many years.

It was evident how deeply Nathan loved Audrey.

Peter then stepped out of the police station, clutching his coat.

Seeing Evelyn standing with Audrey, he immediately realized that Evelyn had called her.

Evelyn and Audrey glanced toward the steps of the police station as if sensing something.

At that moment, Nathan's breath seemed to come to a halt.

Audrey waved her hand in his direction, reminiscent of their school days when she'd signal him during basketball halftime to come over for water.

As Nathan instinctively stepped forward, Peter quickly strode past him and hurried down the steps to where Audrey and Evelyn stood.

Nathan's steps stopped abruptly.

"Peter! You scared me to death!" Evelyn hugged Peter's arm.

"Are you okay?" Audrey asked.

"Sorry for troubling you again, Ms. Yeomans. Everything's been explained on my end. Mr. Franklin knows that I'm your bodyguard and has apologized. It's just that Evelyn was too anxious." Peter expressed his remorse. "I'm sorry for causing you trouble." Evelyn chimed in, "I'm sorry for bothering you, Ms. Yeomans.

"This whole thing started because of me, so it's only right that I come." Audrey felt guilty seeing the bruises on Peter's face. "Let's go, I'll take you to the hospital." "No need, it's just a minor injury. I'm used to it from training, it's nothing serious." Peter reassured, touching the swelling on his face. "I'll just apply some ice when I get back." Although Peter was unaware of Nathan and Audrey's relationship, the fact that Nathan had mistakenly attacked him over Audrey made him believe that they must be very close friends.

Therefore, Peter didn't want to pursue the matter further.

"Alright, if you feel uncomfortable at any time, just give me a call," Audrey said.

She then added, "Take these few days to rest properly at home." "I'm fine; I'll be back at work as usual tomorrow!" Peter flashed a bright smile, holding Evelyn's hand. "Well, we should get going now." "Take a taxi back, and I'll reimburse you tomorrow." Audrey lightly patted Evelyn's arm and said to Peter, "You two go ahead. I need to have a word with Mr. Franklin." "Protect Ms. Yeomans," Peter instructed his colleague before leaving with Evelyn.

The black car parked across from the police station had its rear window rolled down.

Daniel's chin rested on his hand.

He watched as Peter and Evelyn got into the car, then shifted his gaze to settle on Audrey with evident interest.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 263-"So she's the one Ryan instructed Peter to protect!" Daniel's lips curved into a sinister smile. "No wonder Ryan was moved. She truly is a rare beauty. Her temperament and appearance are impeccable!" Daniel raised the car window and turned to his subordinate sitting in the passenger seat." money to Evelyn. Thank her for helping me bring Ms.

Yeomans out!" Alright, transfer the After watching Peter and Evelyn get into the car, Audrey looked toward Nathan on the platform.

With one hand in her pocket, she adjusted her shoulder bag and walked toward Nathan. Daniel glanced in Audrey's direction again before starting to leave. But seeing Audrey approach Nathan, he quickly said to the driver, "Wait a moment!" Nathan saw Audrey approaching him, and he felt his breath quicken. He hurried down the steps, not wanting to pause for even a moment—rushing toward Audrey.

However, when he was four or five steps away from Audrey, he noticed the cigarette still between his fingers. He stomped it out with his foot, and he looked up to see Audrey already standing before him.

Nathan's eyes were red, his breath erratic, and his movements clumsy like a child. He looked like the boy who had once madly loved Audrey.

His tightly clenched hand couldn't help but tremble slightly, his throat choked up—unable to even utter Audrey's name.

In his youth, he had imagined countless times what they would be like after graduation, picturing scenes of picking Audrey up from the lab after work—almost like the present moment.

But it was different; they shouldn't be at the police station, and Audrey shouldn't be walking toward him.

Watching Audrey standing before him, her long hair tousled by the breeze, Nathan's lips quivered. He wanted to force a smile, but tears fell first.

He quickly lowered his head to hide them, wiping them away with his thumb. He then licked his lips before smiling at Audrey.

Daniel lowered the car window and took a photo with his phone, his brows raised.

After examining the photo carefully, Daniel smiled sinisterly again. He passed the phone to his subordinate in the passenger seat. "Run a check on this guy!" Daniel glanced in Audrey and Nathan's direction before saying, "Let's go!" "Nathan." Audrey's tone was calm and indifferent, colder than when speaking to a stranger. "Can you please stay out of my life?" Nathan felt a stab in his heart and explained anxiously, "No, I really didn't know he was your

bodyguard. I thought he was flirting with female students while dating you. I was just really upset." "Does this concern you?" Audrey's voice was icy as she tucked her hair behind her ear.

She crossed her arms as she looked at him. "What right do you have to interfere in my affairs?" Nathan's breath hitched hearing this, tears falling uncontrollably as his eyes and nose.

turned red.

He lowered his gaze and wiped away the tears with the back of his hand. His voice was thick and nasally when he said, "I know I have no right, but even if we're just friends, I-" "What kind of friends are we?" Audrey countered. "Have you forgotten everything you've done to me? How much I despise you? Does none of that register in your mind?" Nathan looked at Audrey, trying to speak but finding it difficult. Tears filled his eyes, and he clenched his fists, turning his head away.

The things he had done to Audrey in the past caused him immense pain, something he couldn't even bear to think about.

He wished he could turn back time and erase the person he used to be.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 264-Even if he were to kneel and apologize now, it wouldn't be enough. He didn't know what he could do for Audrey, or how he could make her future better.

Nathan only dared to look up and gaze at Audrey when he heard her footsteps recede.

"Aud..." Nathan choked up, unable to produce a sound.

When he saw Audrey walk up to the bodyguard, he suppressed his emotions and cried out, Audrey! What do I need to do to make you stop hating me?" Nathan's voice was thick with tears.

Audrey paused briefly and then turned her head calmly to look at Nathan.

"Never appear in my life again." Nathan stood frozen, feeling like the whole world had collapsed around him.

Watching Audrey enter the car, Nathan could no longer hold back and rushed toward her.

Audrey said to the bodyguard as soon as the car door closed, "Drive." Nathan rushed toward the car door and pounded on the window, crying, "Audrey, you can't leave me! You promised you wouldn't leave me! You promised you'd grow old with me.

"Punish me! Audrey, I was wrong! Hit me! Please don't leave me! Audrey, I can't live without you. You can't break your promise. All I wish for is you—us! It's our future. You promised you'd make it come true for me." Nathan chased after the car like a madman, crying out, "Audrey! Audrey, I was wrong! Audrey, please don't leave me! Audrey..." The bodyguard saw Nathan relentlessly chasing the car and said, "Ms.

Yeomans, the person behind is still chasing us." "No need to worry," Audrey replied.

Perhaps Nathan had regained his memory.

Audrey could tell from Nathan's reactions and gestures today.

But what difference did it make?

The damage had already been done. Anne was dead, and Harper was gone too.

Nathan was her whole world when she loved him. But nour that cha didn't law him anymore, he was nothing.

2/2 When childhood sweethearts first begin to drift apart, it truly felt like being torn apart–like having your skin peeled and your limbs severed.

Audrey had once thought that when Nathan regained his memory and regretted his actions, she would feel a sense of liberation—maybe even burst into laughter.

Then she would tell Nathan she would never take him back. The more he broke down, the happier she would be.

But now, it seemed that there was nothing else left besides annoyance at the trouble he brought.

It wasn't that she no longer hated him. It was that her current status had surpassed Nathan's.

Now, she could easily trample on Nathan and the Franklin Group—making him lose everything.

Since she returned to the country, Nathan couldn't shield Charles anymore, and the Franklin Group wasn't there to support him either.

Nathan's voice grew hoarse as he chased after them until he collapsed from exhaustion.

Edmond drove up to him, turned on the hazard lights, and used the car to block the road. This prevented Nathan from being hit by oncoming traffic.

He then quickly got out of the car and helped Nathan sit up. "Are you okay?" Edmond struggled to lift Nathan, noticing cyclists turning their heads to look at them. "Mr. Franklin, can we stop causing a scene?"

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 265-Nathan was drenched in sweat. He lifted his drooping head and looked at Edmond with bloodshot eyes like a lost child. "Audrey doesn't want me anymore. She hates me! I lost Audrey!" Nathan didn't know what to do. Audrey had once asked him if he would regret it when he regained his memory.

He now had an answer. He regretted it so much he wished he could kill himself

Audrey was his entire youth, his entire world! But he had destroyed his world with his own two hands.

"Why wasn't I the one in the coma after the accident all those years ago? How could I-" Nathan's emotions completely collapsed.

He pulled at his hair. "How could I forget about Audrey? How could I treat her like that!" Edmond had never seen Nathan like this before. He firmly grasped Nathan's shoulder, picking up the broken phone from the ground.

He helped Nathan up and guided him toward the car. "Just look at yourself. If you want to win Ms. Yeomans back, you have to have some dignity first! If you

keep acting like this, not just Ms. Yeomans, I'm afraid no woman will want to be with you!" Edmond opened the car's rear door and pushed Nathan inside. Just as he was about to drive away, he noticed the broken phone in his hand.

Seeing it was a call from Hugo, he cleared his throat and answered, "Hello, Mr.

Stewart." "Hello? Edmond? Where's Nathan?" Edmond glanced at Nathan, sitting in the back seat with his eyes closed and tears streaming down his face. "Mr. Franklin has regained his memory. He just saw Ms. Yeomans.

"Ms. Yeomans refused to acknowledge Mr. Franklin, and Mr. Franklin chased after her car. His emotions are not very stable right now." "Regained his memory?" Hugo was stunned.

Since Audrey emerged from her vegetative state, Hugo had witnessed the mess between Nathan and Audrey. He also knew about Nathan's animosity toward Audrey.

He had hoped that Nathan would regain his memory so he could fully understand the consequences of his actions.

But there had been no signs of Nathan regaining his memory after so many years. Hugo had thought that Nathan would never recover his memory.

"He regained his memory so suddenly?" "It wasn't sudden..." Edmond sighed. "One night, Mr. Franklin went to the nightclub and saw his cousin, Joseph, being bullied. He intervened but ended up getting hit on the head with an ashtray.

"After that, he regained his memory and even went to call off the engagement with Ms. Doyle!" Hugo hadn't expected so much to happen in between.

"Is Audrey in Mythravia now?" Hugo asked.

"Yes!" Hugo wanted to ask for Audrey's contact information but hesitated, thinking that Nathan might not have it either, given their relationship.

Instead, he said, "I'm in Mythravia right now. Where are you? I'll go find Nathan." "I'm currently taking Mr. Franklin back to the Mythravia villa. You can come see him," came Edmond's reply.

"Alright!" After ending the call, Edmond drove Nathan home.

Audrey received a call from Ryan just as she was about to arrive downstairs.

She explained the situation and asked why her phone had been on silent the whole day.

"Yeah, I know. I put it on silent for you in the dressing room today, and you probably forgot to turn it back on." The bodyguard following Audrey hurriedly pressed the elevator button to go up.

Audrey nodded in thanks and said into the phone, "You're heading back to Mr.

Lambert Senior's place later? He probably has something to instruct you. Mr.

Lambert Senior is getting older, so please be more considerate toward him."

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 266-"Did Lily and Dallas complain to you?" Ryan chuckled. "Don't worry, I'm aware.

Mr. Lambert Senior did have something to remind me, but we've already spoken. I've already left his place." Audrey noticed that Ryan no longer referred to George as "dad" in front of her, but as "Mr.

Lambert Senior" instead.

"Okay." Audrey responded, then reminded Ryan, "You should rest early tonight.

I'm getting into the elevator." Audrey told the bodyguard as he escorted her to the door, "I won't be going out again. You should go back and rest early; there's no need to wait here." "Alright, Ms. Yeomans. You should rest early." The doorbell rang when Audrey had just entered the door. Thinking it was the bodyguard, she opened the door, only to find Ryan standing outside.

She looked surprised. "How did you Before Audrey could finish her sentence, Ryan had already entered the walkway. He tossed his glasses onto the shoe cabinet, then cupped the back of her head and kissed her passionately.

He closed the door with his foot.

Audrey was enveloped in the familiar masculine scent, and the forceful kiss caught her off guard. She kept retreating, responding passively while feeling bewildered.

Her steps were unsteady, causing her shoulder bag and unbuttoned shirt to slip down.

Ryan casually threw them at the entrance.

Audrey was lost in the moment, her heart racing, eyes tightly shut. Her hands helplessly climbed up Ryan's shoulders as he removed his suit jacket.

Her legs went weak; she might have collapsed if it weren't for Ryan's strong arms wrapping around her waist, pressing her tightly against his scorching hot body.

The kiss came too fast and too intense. Audrey was caught off guard, her heart racing and her breath in disarray. Her entire body buzzed with excitement.

Ryan said he would accompany her for dinner but then said he couldn't make it.

In truth, Audrey felt a profound sense of disappointment deep down.

Chapter 266 2/2 But as she stepped inside, the person she had just been talking to on the phone suddenly appeared outside her door and kissed her unexpectedly.

Ryan's heavy breathing made her face flush. And despite the chilly air, her exposed skin broke out in goosebumps.

Ryan held the woman, now as pliant as water, and kissed her as they fell on the bed.

While Ryan loosened his tie and unbuttoned his shirt, Audrey struggled to prop herself up with her elbow.

The colorful neon lights of the city shone through the uncovered window, casting alternating shadows and light on half his face.

His sharp features and intense gaze sent Audrey's heart racing and her body tingling with excitement.

"You-" She barely uttered a word before Ryan kissed her again. His growing desire for control and possession was becoming overwhelmingly suffocating.

He tangled his tongue with hers, deepening the kiss by grasping the back of her head- leaving her with no escape.

She endured Ryan's increasingly frenzied kisses, her body tingling and trembling. Her mind was lost in confusion and desire.

Her hands, pressed against Ryan's chest, couldn't help but wrap around his neck.

In the darkness of the night, overwhelming emotions filled her.

The sensation sent her body tingling as if cursed, and she could no longer think straight- longing to give in.

Audrey's phone partially slipped out of her bag, its screen lighting up repeatedly while the motion sensor light in the entrance flickered on and off.

On the other end of the phone, Lily furrowed her brows and asked her usually astute. brother, "Is Mommy not answering because she's asleep?" Dallas sat cross–legged beside her, his expression serious. "I think Ryan must have gone to find Mom!"

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 267-Lily was taken aback.

She then cautiously lowered her voice and asked Dallas, "If Mommy and Daddy are together, does that mean we're going to have a little brother or sister soon?

Does that mean I'll finally get to be a big sister too?" Lily was born the younger of two, so she had a unique interest in becoming an older sister.

Dallas glared at Lily, then got up and left.

Hugo looked at Nathan, who sat weakly on the couch. His emotions were hidden beneath a towel, his throat burning with suppressed feelings.

Hugo asked uncertainly, "Did he remember everything? Or just some parts?" Edmond drank half a bottle of water before speaking, "It seems like he's

remembered everything." Although he didn't know about the past between Audrey and Nathan, Edmond knew how much Nathan loved Amelia.

But despite his deep love for Amelia, Nathan's first act after regaining his memories was to break off his engagement with her and pursue Audrey.

Why would he treat Amelia like this if he hadn't remembered everything?

"Hugo, Edmond..." Carol was awakened by the commotion. She wrapped herself in a shawl and stood at the top of the stairs.

Seeing Hugo and Nathan on the couch, she thought Nathan had too much to drink, and they had brought him back. She smiled and walked downstairs.

Edmond put down the water bottle and straightened his tie. "Mrs. Franklin." Hugo hurriedly pulled his hands out of his pockets and greeted, "Aunt Carol." "How come you're here in Mythravia, Hugo? When did you arrive? Nathan didn't tell me anything about this," Carol said with a smile.

"I just arrived. Tomorrow is the birthday banquet of Mr. Lambert Senior. Mr. Ryan also sent our family an invitation because my sister and he were college classmates." Hugo didn't hide anything.

Although Carol maintained her smile, her hands wrapped in the shawl involuntarily tightened.

Ryan didn't even send an invitation to the Franklin family.

2/2 Their family had helped raise Audrey for Ryan. Even during those years when their family was caring for Audrey, Ryan never invited them to George's birthday banquet.

Looking at Nathan on the couch, Carol asked, "Had too much to drink?" "No, he met Audrey today," Hugo deliberately said this, feeling somewhat relieved in his heart. "Nathan has regained his memory." The smile on Carol's face instantly faded. Her hand tightened its grip as she watched her son continuously swallow and tightly purse his lips.

She had witnessed her son's love for Audrey in the past.

If her son had regained his memory... Carol didn't dare to think about what her son might do for Audrey.

She pretended to be calm as she said to Hugo and Edmond, "Thank you for bringing Nathan back. It's late now, so I won't keep you.

"When we've signed the mediation agreement with Evergreen Biotech after a couple of days, I'll invite you to our house for dinner. I'll even cook myself."

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 268-Hugo nodded. "Alright, then Edmond and I will take our leave." After Hugo and Edmond left, Carol sat down beside Nathan. "I don't know how much of your memory has returned, but it's impossible for you and Audrey now.

"Forget all the things you did before to pressure Audrey into divorcing you. Even now, everyone knows about your engagement to Amelia." Nathan sat still on the sofa, silent.

Carol grabbed his hand. "Nathan, even though I didn't like Amelia before... Compared to Audrey, at least Amelia is now an international superstar. She's still the lifesaver of Mr.

Russo.

"Amelia loves you. Now that you've separated from her, there's no guarantee that she won't cause trouble for you behind your back!" "Can you please stop talking!" Nathan's voice was hoarse, and he didn't want to hear another word.

In his mind, all he could see were images of Audrey telling him never to appear in front of her again. The memory of her indifferent gaze pierced him.

The Audrey of the past had always looked at him with those loving, bright eyes.

"Though it may not sound pleasant, I'm your mother, and there are some things I must say!

Carol gritted her teeth and continued, "Audrey is only related to the Lambert family through adoption! Ryan definitely wouldn't dare to let Mr. Lambert Senior know that he secretly cared for relatives from his previous family behind his back.

"Otherwise, we would've received an invitation to Mr. Lambert Senior's birthday banquet. when we were raising Audrey! To Ryan, Audrey is not as impressive as his college alumni!" "Can you please stop talking! I don't want to hear it!" Nathan stood up abruptly, throwing the towel onto the coffee table.

"Nathan! Is this how you talk to your mother?" Carol also stood up, unable to contain her anger. "Your father is like this, and now you! Are you trying to drive me crazy?" Nathan didn't reply. He loosened his tie and headed upstairs.

"Nathan! You're an adult now, not the spoiled little boy from before! You've taken over the Franklin Group and are now responsible for it!" Carol watched her son's back as he walked upstairs.

She followed him up a few steps and said, "I don't like Audrey or Amelia! But Audrey is just a village girl from Sayeno Town! And her biological father is a rapist! Being with her will only bring ridicule upon you!" Nathan covered his ears, feeling annoyed.

Seeing Nathan like this, Carol became even more furious.

Raising her voice, she yelled, "If that child of Audrey's is yours, we'll take her back no matter what! But I won't even consider having Audrey as our family's daughter—in—law again!" Nathan's response was the loud slam of a door.

"You! Nathan, why don't you just kill me and let your father bring that wild woman back to be your mother!" Carol sat on the couch, her eyes filled with tears and swirling with emotion.

Neither her husband nor her son gave her any peace of mind.

Thinking back to how her son was fascinated with Audrey in the past, Carol became even more furious.

There was no way Audrey would have become a part of the Franklin family if it weren't for Nathan's insistence and his impulsive decision to marry her.

Later on, Audrey had an accident on the day they got married. Nathan then lost his memory, while Audrey fell into a coma.

Carol felt blessed upon hearing the news.

At that time, after their family paid for Audrey's medical expenses out of moral obligation, they left her at the hospital without further care.

After all, Nathan had forgotten about Audrey, and no one could be blamed for her accident.

Later, Carol thought that Audrey's life would be over after hearing that Ryan had arranged for Audrey to be transferred under Hannah's care.

She never expected that Audrey would wake up!

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 269-Thankfully, Nathan had forgotten about Audrey and insisted on being with Amelia. Even though Audrey persistently pursued Nathan, he never relented.

Finally, their family was on the brink of freeing themselves from Audrey, whose father was a rapist and whose mother was a kidnapped woman.

Somehow, her son had now regained his memory. Was this some kind of prank?

No! No matter what, Carol couldn't allow Audrey to have any connection with Nathan again. She had to find a way to expedite the marriage between Amelia and Nathan.

Tomorrow was George's birthday banquet. She wondered if she could leverage Hugo's connections to attend together.

It would show sincerity and respect toward George while garnering Ryan's assistance with the Franklin Group.

After all, the ordeal with Evergreen Biotech caused considerable losses for the Franklin Group because of Charles.

If Lambert Corporation could aid the Franklin Group, perhaps they could bounce back in a few years.

Carol made a firm decision and quickly went upstairs to call Hugo and Amelia.

When Audrey woke up, there was an arm draped across her waist.

Her back was pressed against a warm wall, and her head rested on a strong, sturdy arm. Her hand was firmly held by slender fingers.

She turned and saw Ryan's handsome face before her.

Her heartbeat suddenly quickened when she recalled last night. She closed her eyes, commanding herself to calm down.

The more she tried, the more last night's scenes replayed in her mind.

She remembered Ryan's consuming desire for control, his fervent gaze as he tied her hands with a tie, and the sound of her own pleading voice.

She only hoped that there were no marks left on her body from last night, especially since she had to attend George's birthday banquet today.

Just as Audrey was about to move the arm around her waist, the man's arm tightened around her, pulling her even closer.

Their bodies fitted snugly together.

"You're awake..." Audrey didn't dare to look back at Ryan. "The makeup artist will be here soon, we can't sleep anymore. It wouldn't look good if someone saw us like this." It would be difficult to conceal their relationship if others caught them.

Audrey didn't want anyone else to know about them before she figured out how to confess their relationship to George.

Ryan held Audrey for a while before letting her go to freshen up.

She checked herself in the mirror and was relieved to find no marks on her body.

When Audrey finished freshening up, Julian also brought the suit Ryan would wear today.

Audrey's makeup artist arrived after Ryan was properly dressed and ready.

Seeing Ryan and Julian, the makeup artist and the others assumed that Ryan had come early to pick Audrey up.

They swiftly began preparing Audrey according to the makeup plan they'd agreed upon yesterday.

Ryan sat patiently on the couch for over three hours while Audrey was attended to, showing no signs of impatience.

Buried in paperwork, he occasionally glanced up in Audrey's direction.

His eyes were full of predatory intent concealed behind his glasses.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 270-George's birthday banquet could be described as exceptionally lively.

Dignitaries from the political and business realms, along with top celebrities, flocked to celebrate.

Jacinda Hotel was surrounded by groups of bodyguards—both inside and outensuring tight security everywhere.

Journalists were kept at bay outside the hotel, but the staff thoughtfully provided them with refreshments.

Some reporters questioned why they were not permitted entry this year despite being allowed to discreetly snap a few photos the years prior.

Following Edward's arrangements, the staff explained that this year's celebration was slightly different. They assured the reporters that five photos and news releases would be provided later.

Inside Ryan's car, Audrey looked at the continuous flashes from photographers as the car pulled into Jacinda Hotel.

"Are we a little late?" Audrey asked.

"We're right on time," Ryan replied, finishing a message before tucking his phone into his suit pocket.

He exited the car first.

He buttoned his suit jacket as he walked around to the other side, opened the

door, and took. Audrey's hand to help her out of the car.

In the distance, journalists snapped pictures frantically in the direction of Ryan and Audrey.

"Wow! That's Mr. Lambert! Mr. Lambert is with a companion!" A journalist exclaimed, adjusting their lens. "But she doesn't seem to be Ms. Cecilia!" "What? It's not Ms. Cecilia?" The nearby journalists became excited. "Hurry!

Hurry! Mr. Lambert's with a companion who isn't Ms. Cecilia from the Shaw family!" "No wonder they're not letting us in this time. Mr. Lambert is of age, yet he hasn't married Ms. Cecilia. Now, with a new companion accompanying him, could it be that he's breaking off the engagement only to get engaged again?" "Unbelievable! This is huge news! Quick, focus on Mr. Lambert's companion!

We need to be the first to uncover her identity in our magazine!" The journalists scrambled, snapping wildly in the direction of Audrey and Ryan.

However, Ryan skillfully shielded Audrey.

Despite their fervent efforts, the journalists could only capture Audrey's slender figure being protected by Ryan as she gracefully ascended the steps into the hotel. Her hand linked with his, her gown trailing behind her.

George was in the banquet hall, shaking hands with familiar faces. When he saw Ryan and Audrey enter, he smiled and waved to them. "Ryan, Audrey." Audrey's grip on Ryan's arm tightened.

George was going to introduce her as his granddaughter, so she was beginning to feel nervous.

"Don't be nervous. Just treat it like when Professor Douglas introduced you to other scholars at the symposium," Ryan whispered.

Ryan approached George and shook hands with Chester from the board of directors. "Mr. Langley, it's been a long time." "Ryan, it has indeed been a while!" Chester replied with a smile before turning his attention. to Audrey.

"So, this is Wanda's adopted daughter! She looks so much like Wanda when she was young! Ah, and she also resembles Ryan quite a bit!"