

After the Divorce CEO Realizes He's the Stand-In Lover

By Madison King Chapter 311

Chapter 311 Set out for New York

Julian and Linda sat in the ward. Lying on the bed, Oliver's face was calm as if he were asleep. But his haggard face still exposed his poor state of health.

Julian sat on the left side of the bed while Linda on the right side.

They looked at each other in silence.

Linda calmed down a lot now, not as emotionally excited as she had just been. She returned to the dignified and elegant appearance she had always been.

Julian stood up slightly, wanting to say something to his mother to break the awkward atmosphere.

Coincidentally, Gina walked in with a towel and a basin of water, interrupting his movements.

Julian sat back again.

Oliver had been lying on the bed for several days, he needed someone to clean his body, and Gina was here to complete this task

"Let me do it," Linda suddenly stood up and took the towel from Gina's hand.

Gina was a bit reluctant, "Madam, I'm on it."

"It's my duty. You could go and have a rest."

Linda gently shook her head and spoke softly, "the Graham Family is on the line now. How could I take a rest?"

"I can't fall asleep. I feel like finding something to do."

Seeing Linda's determined face, Gina had no choice but to pass the towel to her.

Upon hearing this, Julian felt quite embarrassed.

He knew Linda said this to him...

Since his father had left, he took over the position of CEO of the Graham Group from his grandfather. He was now the backbone of the Graham Family.

Previously, his grandfather had been his mother's rock; but now grandfather was bedridden, and his life was on the line. His mother could only count on him.

Julian knew clearly that, as the only man left in the Graham Family, he was not a competent leader.

He pursed his lips,

He had never felt before that the weight on his shoulders was so heavy... Since his father and brother passed away in that car accident, everything has surged towards him like a huge wave.

From taking care of the aftermath, the company went bankrupt, his mother fell ill, his position was coveted by relatives, and then to the expiration of the authorization, Grandpa fell ill...

After experiencing so many things, Julian felt extremely exhausted, endless exhaustion wrapped around him.

In the dark room, he sat in front of the bed as if he was to merge with the endless darkness.

His half-opened eyes were devoid of emotion, his thin chin was tight, and his lips were pale green.

Gina noticed his fatigue.

"Sir, since madam is unwilling to take a rest, you can go take a rest first. I will accompany madam here," Gina said. She could see that Julian had become thinner from overwork and lack of sleep these days.

Julian raised his eyes and said, "No, I don't need rest."

"My grandfather is ill; I should accompany him."

He went to Chicago, but he failed to invite the

divine doctor of the Spears Family for his grandfather. He hoped that his grandfather would not blame it on him.

Accompanying grandfather was the only way to expiate his guilty.

Gina knew Julian had made up his mind, she sighed and silently retreated to one side.

Linda was wiping Oliver's face carefully; her movements were very elegant. Although her face was haggard because of overwork, it still exuded an air of relaxed calm and beauty that had never defeated by time.

This temperament was also present in Natalie.

It seemed that no matter what happened on them, they could maintain a noble posture.

The figure of Natalie submerged in Julian's mind, making his face even more gloomy.

He managed to erase her figure and then brought up other topics.

"Mom, I'm gonna go to New York to find the divine doctor of the Spears Family for grandpa."

"New York?" Linda put down the tower, she was a bit surprised.

"Yeah," Julian nodded, his tone was heavy with determination.

"Do you know the status of the Spears Family in New York? Not to mention whether you can call for the divine doctor, you may not even be able to know where the Spears Family is."

Linda clearly knew that it was an Impossible task.

"Niki could help me with it."

"Niki?" at the mention of Nild's name, disgust appeared on Linda's face. She sneered, "how is she going to help you?"

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“She knows nothing. How can she help you find the Spears Family? She is just deceiving you.”

Tricking men with flirtatious conversation was Niki’s strong suit.

Linda had seen enough of it when she was young.

Julian didn’t say a word when facing Linda’s contempt toward Niki.

He knew mother had been disliking Niki.

“Niki is a distant relation of the Spears Family. She can take me to find it.”

Upon hearing this, Linda stopped wiping Oliver’s face at once.

“Niki is the Spears Family’s distant relation?” Linda asked in confusion. How could that be?

The Spears Family was a famous scholar family, everyone in it was educated and classy, while Niki... Her existence was a shame on the Spears Family.

Linda doubted Niki’s background.

Julian knew that his mother was about to question Niki’s identity, so he butted in,

“Mom, trust me. Niki is indeed a distant relation of the Spears Family. We plan to depart for New York tomorrow. During this time, you need to take care of grandfather.”

“How can you be certain of Niki’s identity? I’m afraid you might be deceived...” Before Linda finished speaking, Julian stood up and left the room without looking back.

He had had enough of his mom’s nag.

“Hey, where are you going?” Linda put down the towel and chased out, but Julian had already sat in the car. All she could see was the exhaust gas.

She looked at the distance, putting down her hand in distress.

The next day, while Niki was still in sleep, someone knocked on the door of her apartment.

Lily was shocked by the loud sound and quickly ran to the door.

She opened the door and spoke before she could see who the person was clearly, “keep your voice down! You’re not allowed to knock until ten o’clock. Are you new here? Don’t break the rules!”

Nild had been very picky about her lifestyle and would become quite annoyed when she was woken up by others. If someone dared to disrupt her sleep, she would definitely go nuts on everyone around her.

So Lily had already told all apartment residents about Niki’s rules. Thus no one would dare to knock on the door in the morning,

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The person in front of her remained motionless.

Lily hurried to say, “are you deaf? Get out of here and come back after ten o’clock!” As she spoke, she lifted her eyes. and tried to push the man away.

Then she saw the man’s face clearly.

An exceptionally handsome face appeared in front of her.

Julian Graham?!

Lily was startled and quickly swallowed all the words, “Mr. Graham, pl... Please come inside.”

“Don’t knock on the door before ten o’clock?” Julian stared at her with cold, thoughtful eyes.

Lily stammered, “well... Miss. Linch slept late last night. I hope she could have a good rest, so...”

She couldn’t expose Niki’s true color in front of Julian, or Niki would kill her!

Julian felt dubious of her explanation.

“Wake Niki up and tell her to start packing and go to New York with me.”

“Okay, I’ll do it right now,” Lily nodded, “won’t you come in, Mr. Graham?”

Wearing in a black coat, Julian stood there expressionlessly. He slightly furrowed eyebrows, narrowed his eyes; his thin lips were like sharp knives.

“No.”

He stood outside the door, not willing to step into this apartment.

His detached expressions were like a stranger visiting an apartment.

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Chapter 312 Niki's Identity

Lily was a bit at a loss and didn't understand why Julian didn't want to come into the apartment..

His girlfriend was sleeping now, he was supposed to come in and take a look or call Niki up himself. That was what a

boyfriend should do.

But Lily dared not take the initiative to ask him. Her duty was to do whatever Mr. Graham said.

“Please wait there for a second, sir, I will wake Miss. Linch now.”

Then she hurried to walk towards Niki's bedroom.

Just then, Julian suddenly said, “wait a minute.”

Lily turned around.

“Does Niki usually wake up at this time?” Julian said as he glanced at his watch.

The pointer was pointing twelve.

“Well... It's...” Lily stuttered.

Niki usually got up at this time if there was nothing urgent. Did Miss. Linch boast to Mr. Graham that she got up early every day?

“Why are you keeping silence?” Julian stared at her, his eyes were like a deep and secluded pool of water.

“Eh...” Lily didn’t dare to look up, “Miss. Lynch was too tired yesterday, so she is still sleeping.”

“She usually gets up very early,” Lily said, wiping the sweat from her forehead with her sleeve.

She tried to conceal her discomfort in lying.

But she didn’t know that every small action and every nuance of expression was under Julian’s observation; he could see through her at a glance.

But Julian didn’t ask more, “go and wake her up.”

“Tell her we’ll set off at one o’clock.”

“Okay,” Lily jogged to Niki’s bedroom.

Niki was sleeping soundly but was awakened by a loud knock on the door, she instinctively frowned.

How dare Lily made such a loud noise!

The knock on the door grew louder and louder, as if it wouldn’t stop until she woke up.

Niki got up and flung open the door with great anger, “didn’t I say not to wake me up? What’s the matter with you?”

She let out string of curses.

Lily was startled and quickly grabbed Niki’s sleeve, gesturing for her to look out the door.

“What are you pulling me for? Don’t touch me!” Niki shook Lily’s hands away as she was mad at Lily’s interruption.

Lily became even more flustered and shouted out directly, “Mr. Graham is here! Right at the door!”

‘Mr. Graham is there?’

It took Niki half a second to recall what Lily had just said.

Mr. Graham... Julian Graham!

Niki quickly turned her head to look outside the door.

Julian stood at the door, dressed in black. He looked down at his shoes; though there was no special emotion on his face, Niki felt somehow edgy.

Why Julian came here?

She closed the door and returned to her bedroom without hesitation.

Damn it... She had just woken up and didn't wear makeup or wash up... Julian must have seen her face!

Did he hear all her harsh tone towards Lily just now?!

Her persona as a kind and elegant lady was completely destroyed by herself! Niki grabbed her hair in despair.

"Miss. Linch, Mr. Graham said he wants you to go with him to New York and you must pack your bags before one o'clock!" Lily shouted outside, patting the bedroom door.

One o'clock? Niki frowned.

She needed at least an hour to put on makeup, how could she find enough time to pack her things?

She intended to ask Julian to give her more time, but when thinking of his stinky face, she gave up.

One hour later, the clock just struck one.

Niki hurriedly went downstairs and walked up to Julian, she just had time to wear a light makeup.

Julian leaned half against the car, holding a cigarette in his hand. He looked into the distance, Niki didn't know what he was thinking.

Seeing Niki coming to the car, he silently pinched his cigarette and raised his eyebrows, "Let's go then."

No more words.

The alienated aura between them made Niki feel like they were just colleagues on a business trip.

Was Julian mad at her?

She lowered her head and looked at her phone: it was 1:01. She was just a minute late, he shouldn't be angry about it,

right?

Or did her plain face scare him?

Well, that was too much...

Niki was confident in her face without makeup. Although she looked prettier when wearing makeup, her plain face

wasn't so ugly.

"Aren't you leaving?" Julian looked at Niki who was sunk in her thought.

Niki could feel a hint of impatience in his tone.

"Let's go now." Niki nodded. Julian's indifferent voice broke her desire to launch a charm offensive.

"Julian, I..." sitting in the car, Niki tried to explain her morning performance.

But Julian didn't even give her a glance, but threw her a paper bag and said, "have some breakfast first."

"You must haven't act anything since you had just woken up."

Looking down at the paper bag in her arms, she pouted her lips in distress.

She knew why Julian threw her a bag of breakfast, it meant

'Shut your mouth and eat it, don't bother me.'

Niki felt even more depressed.

In the Spears residence, New York.

“You don’t want me to teach Lara a lesson for you?” Tory said with a serious face.

“I can handle it myself, uncle.”

Natalie said as she lowered her head to scoop a spoonful of congee, slowly putting it into her mouth with elegant

posture.

“You’re so lenient, how are you gonna deal with Lara?”

Natalie’s composure drove Tory nuts.

Natalie didn’t know what kind of person Klara was!

“Lara is a notoriously spoiled princess in New York! She is big into stirring up trouble all day long and makes the whole city a mess!”

“How can you handle such a person?”

Get Bonus

Natalie seemed to hear nothing. She scooped another spoonful of congee and slowly put it into her mouth. “The congee is tasty. Would you like to try it, uncle?”

“You...”Tory almost forgot what he wanted to say.

“Don’t digress from the topic! Let’s get down to business!”

Tory saw through her trick, Natalie had no choice but to put down her spoon, saying, “don’t you worry, uncle. I will gain my justice.”

“Really?” Tory was half convinced.

Natalie had a kind heart; he was afraid that she would cut Lara a little slack.

“Yeah. I’m certain.” Natalie nodded with a determined expression.

She would never offer to offend others. But if someone took the initiative to provoke her, then she wouldn't choose to

chicken out.

Suddenly the figure of Niki appeared in her mind.

"Uncle, I want to inquire you about one person," said she sternly.

Tory sat up straight and picked up his ears, "okay."

"Do you know a woman named Niki Lynch?"

"Niki Lynch..." Tory repeated the name which was quite familiar to him.

"She once said she belongs to our Spears Family." Natalie felt it was necessary to verify Niki's identity.

"What?" Tory raised his tone in surprise. He tried to search for this character in his mind.

As the second leader of the Spears Family, he knew everyone well in his family, but this name didn't ring a bell.

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Chapter 313 A familiar figure

"Don't you know her?" Natalie looked at Tory, waiting for his answer.

"I seem to have heard of this name, but she is not one of our family."

"You heard of this name?" Natalie nodded thoughtfully. Since uncle had heard of Niki's name, then Niki didn't lie

about it.

"Wait a second."

"Last time I went to the Graham Private Hospital, was the girl in Mr. Graham's ward called Niki Lynch?"

Natalie raised her eyebrows with great interest.

“Because her name also begins with ‘N’, so I was deeply impressed and remembered her name.”

“That girl has a fair skin, looking quite easy-going,” Tory squinted his eyes and tried to recall the scene that day.

Tory’s words reminded Natalie of what had happened in the hospital that day, “you have a good memory, uncle. That girl is indeed Niki Linch.”

Tory grinned proudly, “It seems I’m not old yet. I indeed have a good memory.”

Natalie smiled and nodded.

“Did Niki say she belongs to the Spears Family?” Tory straightened his face and asked.

“Yes.”

“Well, that’s so strange. There is no one named Niki in our family.”

So Niki lied??

How could Niki spend all day deceiving others under the name of the Spears Family?

What if she tarnishes the reputation of the Spears Family?

“Is it possible that Niki is a distant relation?” The number of people in the Spears Family was not very large, but after

counting the distant relations, the number had significantly increased.

“Um... it’s possible.” Tory nodded, “but there are too many distant relatives. I can’t remember them all.”

Natalie nodded thoughtfully.

“But why do you want to inquire about this girl, Nana?”

“Well... it’s that she has something to do with Lara.”

She had planned to go to the Spears Family's ancestral hall to look into Nild's identity.

"She knows Lara... Did she also participate in the exchange meeting?" Tory knew his niece well, he could tell what she was thinking at a glance.

He keenly smelled something unusual among Natalie's words.

"Well..." Natalie hesitated for a moment before finally losing out under Tory's sharp eyes, "she indeed participated in the meeting. But I am still investigating it. I'm wondering if she is the mastermind."

Tory locked his eyes with Natalie, her gaze was calm and composed as if nothing could leave a mark in them.

Tory knew that Nana could be able to handle it.

He nodded reassuringly.

"If you need any help, just let me know!" Tory patted Natalie on the shoulder.

Julian and Niki took a plane for nearly a night and finally arrived in New York at dawn.

Niki walked off the plane with bleary eyes, followed closely by two bodyguards, holding her luggage.

She casually looked up at the sky.

In the distance were the rosy clouds, and a golden ray of sunshine slowly appeared in the hazy sky.

Niki turned to look at Julian and said, "look! The sky is so beautiful!"

Julian followed her fingers and saw the brilliant morning light. He pursed his lips and nodded in silence.

"Shall we take a break here first?"

Such a beautiful scenery, such a full romantic atmosphere, she could take advantage of it to get on Julian's good side.

Unexpectedly, Julian frowned and said, "Let's go."

All he wanted now was to find the Spears Family and ask the divine doctor to treat his grandpa.

There was not much time left for him since grandpa was desperately ill.

He must hurry up.

Niki rubbed her numb legs and silently followed behind him.

Wasn't Julian tired? She was run down by a whole night's flight to New York! Why didn't Julian care for her at all!

Niki couldn't help but think of her past with him.

Streams of cars were belting along the road, the sun shone on the sea and the waves danced and sparkled. At the highest building of the city, she and Julian nestle together to enjoy the sunset,

How sweet they were at that time.

Cet Bonus

When she felt tired, she could enjoy Julian's meticulous care; When she was unhappy, he would comfort her and make her laugh.

But now... Niki couldn't help but shake her head.

She finally understood now.

Love was tangible.

Love was reflected in every detail of life.

Niki followed Julian, silently muttering in her heart. Unexpectedly, he stopped and she bumped her head into him.

She covered her head and let out a gasp.

Julian turned around. Niki looked up at his broad shoulders and handsome face.

Did Julian hear her voice and couldn't bear to let her bustle around?

“Julian...” a glimmer of hope flashed in her heart.

“You lead the way,” Julian said expressionlessly.

As his words fell, a sapphire blue sports car stopped in front of them, the sound of the wheels rubbing against the ground resounded.

The driver got off the car and bowed to Julian, “sir.”

Julian nodded casually to the driver, then turned his head to Niki.

“Okay...” Niki’s tone was heavy with upset, she thought that Julian noticed her fatigue.

“What’s the matter, Niki?” Julian raised his eyebrows and asked, seemingly unable to understand what Niki was thinking.

She suppressed her emotion and shook her head hard, saying, “no, I’m fine.”

The car drove from dawn to noon, from the city center to the wilderness, and the further forward, the fewer people they could see.

“Are you sure the routine is right?” Julian looked at the scenery outside the window, his expression gradually tense.

There was no one around.

Niki scrutinized the surrounding scenery, feeling a bit unsure. “I guess it’s right...”

Actually, she only came here once or twice when she was a child. She didn’t know either whether the routine based on her previous impression was right.

Now with fewer and fewer people at sight, Niki could only pretend to be calm.

Get Bonus

Julian glanced at Niki, her uneasy state ignited his suspect.

He was still emotionless, his slender fingers curled together, and blue veins stood out on the back of his hands.

The oppressive silence was like a big palm grasping Niki's heart tightly, making her unable to breathe.

After driving for about half an hour, a huge building came into their sights.

The building was extremely grand, and from top to bottom, the first eye-catching thing was the yellow glazed tile roof. The top was spread out in all directions, overlapping layers after layers, appearing exceptionally majestic in the midday sun.

"Here we are!"

Niki was over the moon: she had a good memory!

This building was just the same as she remembered!

Julian looked up; his eyes gradually gloomy.

Noble as he was, he had never seen such a magnificent building... It was more like a scenic spot than a residence.

The Spears Family truly deserved its reputation.

The driver parked the car at the main entrance of the building.

Just as the two of them were preparing to get off the car, Niki saw a familiar figure.

She squinted her eyes to see who it was.

The woman standing not far from the gate of the building looked like Natalie?!

She didn't make it wrong; it must be Natalie! But how could she be here?

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Chapter 314 Destroy whatever she can't get

Get Bonus

Julian realized that there was something wrong with Niki. He closed the car door and looked at Natalie, "What's the matter?"

Niki quickly shifted her gaze away from the person behind her, "It's nothing."

She didn't want Julian to see Natalie.

Not at all.

"I saw a dog there, so I took a few more glances."

"It looks quite pitiful. Shall we go and give it something to eat?"

In Niki's eyes, Natalie was like a wild dog. She was born, but she was uneducated. She managed to survive under the

mercy of others.

The Graham family was kind since they gave her something to eat.

Unexpectedly, Natalie was so shameless that she refused to leave.

"A dog?" Julian repeated in a low voice.

It was a quiet and remote place. How could there be a dog? It couldn't survive here at all.

But Julian didn't think too much. He just wanted to see the magical doctor of the Spears family soon. He didn't care

about

So he casually whispered, "It's just a dog, let's go."

Upon hearing this, Niki smiled.

Julian was right. It was just a dog. It

"Then Julian... let's go," Niki smiled and naturally held Julian's arm.

Feeling the warm feeling on his shoulder, Julian looked down without speaking.

The mansion was too magnificent. The place they parked the car was far away from the gate of the Spears' mansion.

The further Niki moved forward, the closer she was toward Natalie, and more disgust appeared in her heart,

She was really tired today since she stayed up late to catch the plane. Also, Julian didn't pity her at all.

She was even in a worse mood when she saw Natalie here. The tiredness in her heart turned to hatred.

She deliberately walked on the right side of Julian. Whenever Julian wanted to look up to the right, she would immediately raise her hand to block his gaze.

Actually, Niki didn't know why she did this in her heart.

Was it because of jealousy or fear?

Was she jealous that Natalie got Julian's love, which was really rare? Was she afraid that the love she got would be

robbed by Natalie?

Niki had no idea. And she refused to admit it.

She stubbornly told herself in her heart that as long as Julian did not admit it personally, Julian's love wasn't taken

away by Natalie.

Natalie was just a substitute.

She, Niki, was always the woman in Julian's heart. The substitute would never truly get Julian's love.

Natalie wanted to hook up with men? Then Niki would definitely stop her.

Niki would stop Natalie to the end as long as she was alive.

Niki didn't think Natalie deserved to get Julian's love since Natalie was only a substitute.

Nik's eyes turned darker. The dark side of her heart became bigger and bigger. Finally, the hatred grew to be like a big

tree,

She would rather destroy whatever she couldn't get than let others get it.

Julian walked to Niki's left. He didn't know what Niki was thinking, but she could feel that she was holding the corner

of his clothes more and more tightly

The suit he wore was handmade by a famous foreign designer. It was quite expensive.

The designer was specially invited over by Oliver, so it was special to Julian.

If Niki continued to hold the suit like this, his coat would be ruined soon.

Julian turned his head to look at Niki and wanted to speak up to remind her.

But before he totally turned his head, Niki immediately blocked his way in panic. She appeared that she wanted to stick

to his body. It seemed that she wanted to cover something.

Julian's vision was also completely blocked.

Julian was a little confused by Niki's move. "What's wrong with you? Why are you in a hurry?"

"Ah. No." Niki stuttered a bit.

As if to ease her panic, she quickly pretended to be surprised and pointed at Julian's clothes. She blurted out, "Hey, Julian... you have a leaf on your clothes. I will help you remove the leaves."

As she reached out, she took the opportunity to move over, totally blocking Julian's gaze.

She absolutely doesn't want Natalie to have any chance.

Get Bonus

Julian lowered his head in the direction pointed by Niki and looked down. It was just a small leaf, so small that it could

be ignored.

In contrast, there were a lot of wrinkles on her clothes. The wrinkles were like mountains.

Julian frowned subconsciously.

The first thing he thought of was that the suit should be thrown away since it was wrinkled like this.

Niki also noticed the wrinkles on Julian's clothes. A hint of embarrassment flashed on her face.

She knew how special this suit was to Julian.

She also knew why Julian chose this set of clothes today.

Niki was frantic in her heart. Why didn't she notice that?

She was all focused on Natalie, so she was unaware that she made Julian's clothes to be like this.

The atmosphere in the room froze a little.

Niki forced out a smile and said, "Julian, I will send your clothes to the dry cleaning shop today, alright?"

"No need."

Julian withdrew his gaze and said the two words coldly.

Niki had to swallow the words she was about to say next.

She dared not hold onto Julian anymore. She silently put her hands down, trying to stay low key.

But since she tried to stay low-key, she couldn't block Natalie any longer. If she wanted to block Natalie, she had to

stick to Julian. She couldn't achieve both.

Niki was really in a dilemma now.

Just as Niki was at a loss, Natalie suddenly moved. With her phone in her hand, she was making calls while walking toward the main entrance of the Spears' mansion.

Natalie was getting closer. Niki just witnessed Natalie approaching.

Now, Niki couldn't block Natalie even if she wanted to.

Julian slightly raised his eyes. Then he saw someone familiar.

He stared at the figure and briefly froze for half a second.

Time seemed to freeze.

Get Bonus

Natalie walked slowly forward while holding her phone until she stopped at the front gate of the Spears' mansion.

She didn't notice Julian and Niki not far away. She just lowered her head and spoke softly.

The smile on her face couldn't be hidden. She seemed to be really happy.

Obviously, the caller brought her a lot of happiness.

The one who called Natalie was Ryan. Ryan sounded quite excited. He was like a dog that parted from its master for a long time. It was really happy to see its master.

Natalie couldn't help but be infected. A smile appeared on her face unconsciously.

With a smile on her face, she suddenly felt someone staring at her and instinctively turned her head.

As soon as she turned my head, she met Julian's dark eyes.

When they looked at each other, Natalie was surprised, and Julian had much more complex emotions in his

eyes.

There were too many complex emotions that Natalie couldn't understand his meaning at all.

They were both stunned.

The gentle smile on Natalie's face froze.

She only had one thought in her mind at the moment.

'Is the man in front of me really Julian?'

'How could he be at the Spears' mansion? And he happened to see her!'

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Chapter 315 Matched strings of beads

The moment Julian and Natalie looked at each other, everything around them seemed to stop. They could only see

each other in each other's eyes.

Natalie thought quickly. She appeared to be calm, but actually, she wasn't.

She had countless questions in her heart. For example, how did Julian find this place? Why did Julian come here? Did

he discover her true identity? Or did he have some other ideas?

There were countless questions in Natalie's mind.

Her grandfather liked quiet places. He loved peaceful places and a quiet life.

Ancestors of the Spears family all thought so. This was why they built the Spears' mansion in such a quiet and remote

place.

Of course, there was another reason. This place was close to Dragon Valley. There were countless rare herbs in Dragon Valley. They could go to pick up rare herbs there at any time.

This place was really remote. Only members of the Spears family knew about this place. How did Julian find out about this place?

It really surprised her.

“Is this Natalie?” A gentle female voice suddenly appeared.

The strange atmosphere was broken by her voice.

“It’s really Natalie! Why is she here?” Niki sounded surprised and happy.

Although she had a smile on the surface, she was actually about to go crazy as she watched Natalie and Julian gaze at

each other in front of her.

She was afraid that if she remained silent, Julian would walk to Natalie.

Natalie followed the sound and saw Niki’s familiar face.

In fact, she was completely immersed in the shock of suddenly seeing Julian just now. For a moment, she didn’t even

see Niki at all.

Now she saw Niki, her eyes were filled with playfulness.

Niki also followed here?

If it weren’t for the sound made by Niki, Natalie would definitely ignore Niki.

Niki really came at the right time.

Natalie was trying to get chances to investigate Niki. And now, Niki sent herself here. What a great opportunity!

Natalie laughed in her heart.

Cut Banus

Niki naturally noticed Natalie's gaze. She didn't know what Natalie was thinking. She immediately tensed up, as if she

was about to fight.

The moment Natalie looked over, Niki almost immediately lifted her hand and held Julian's arm.

She stuck to Julian closely to declare her sovereignty over him. She was showing off to Natalie.

She looked proud, as if saying that she was the best match for Julian.

But the next second, Julian furrowed his brows and pushed Niki away. He took a step and walked straight toward

Natalie

"Hey, Julian, where are you going?" Niki panicked.

She quickly trotted to keep up.

"Why are you here?" Julian stood still in front of Natalie to question her.

Natalie raised her eyebrows and asked with an expressionless face, "Shouldn't I ask you this question?"

"Why are you here?"

Julian frowned. Natalie's words made him a little unpleasant.

He knew in his heart that the reason why Natalie came here was very obvious.

This place was really remote. If not for Niki's guide, he wouldn't know about this place at all.

How could Natalie possibly find this place by herself?

It shouldn't be impossible that she could know about the Spears' mansion, but she did.

She must have deliberately followed them here.

Apart from this possibility, Julian couldn't think of any other possibilities.

"You must have come here to see me." Julian raised his eyebrows lightly and spoke in a low voice.

This sentence is a complete affirmation, not a question.

Julian clearly had an answer in his heart, but he still chose to ask this question. Because he wanted to hear Natalie say the answer herself.

He wanted to hear Natalie personally admit that she came for him.

Upon hearing Julian's confident words, Niki had her expression changed. Finally, she managed to remain calm and put on a surprised expression.

She gently covered her mouth and spoke in a sharp tone, "What? Natalie has been following us?"

"How could this happen?"

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"Natalie, if you want to come, just tell Julian. He will definitely bring you over. Why do you have to secretly follow us?"

She seemed to remind Natalie kindly. But actually, she was ridiculing Natalie.

"But the Spears' mansion was really far away from the airport. This place is really remote. How did you come here?"

"You drove here alone?"

"It must take a long time, right? We flew on the plane for a night to get to New York."

"In order to meet Julian, you really spent a lot of effort."

Natalie quietly watched Julian and Niki ridicule her together. She only nodded slightly and smiled coldly. Then as Julian

glanced at her, the smile became bigger.

"Why should I follow you?"

There was nothing wrong with her. Why should she follow him?

She would try her best to avoid him, yet he framed her for following him?

“You know the best what you are thinking about.”

As Julian spoke, he looked at Natalie’s wrist with a somewhat meaningful expression.

Natalie’s clothes fell from her forearm with her unintentional movement. Then the string of beads on her left wrist appeared.

The string of beads was made of crystal clear white jade. It reflected a faint shimmer in the sunlight, looking very eye-catching.

Julian had such a string of beads too.

The one in the Graham’s house was made of black sandalwood. It emitted a faint fragrance.

One was white and the other was white. It was obvious that the two were matched.

Was there any better evidence than the beads?

The answer was no.

Natalie must have seen his black beads in the Graham’s house, so she bought the matched white ones.

Julian felt that she definitely still loved him, but he refused to admit it stubbornly because of her self-esteem.

Natalie followed Julian’s gaze and also saw the white string of beads on her own wrist.

She took this string of beads from her grandfather’s bunch of wooden boxes. She chose this one because it matched

the elegant dress she was wearing today.

Natalie was a little confused.

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She didn't understand what was wrong with her beads. Why did Julian keep staring at them?

"You....." Natalie thought carefully about what to say next. When she was about to say something, she was interrupted

by Niki

She shook Julian's arms and appeared to be cute. "Julian, didn't you come to look for the doctor? Let's hurry up and

get into the Spears' house."

"This is the most important thing"

Every time Julian talked to Natalie, she felt crazy.

So she couldn't help but speak up and forcibly snatched Julian's attention from Natalie.

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"Looking for someone?" Natalie keenly caught these words.

"Yes, Julian and I came to the Spears' mansion to look for someone." Niki raised her chin.

and said proudly.

She deliberately emphasized the words "Julian and I". She was afraid that Natalie.

couldn't hear her.

Upon hearing Niki's answer, Natalie frowned in suspicion.

Julian came to find someone?

Who did he want to see? He even came to the Spears' mansion himself?

Was this person so important? Julian flew in the plane for one night just to see this

person?

Natalie didn't like Julian, but apart from that, she had to admit that he was serious about his work. Once he was immersed in his work, he would forget about eating and drinking for days.

Julian spent a lot of effort in his company. He seldom really rested.

When Natalie still lived in the Graham's place, he often got off work until midnight.

And now, Julian left his work behind and came here to New York?

No matter what he needed to do this time, it would waste much of his time.

Why was he willing to leave the company for so long? Wasn't he afraid that something would happen to his company?

Natalie began to think. She was curious about who they wanted to see.

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Niki couldn't let go of any slight expressions on Natalie's face. When seeing the doubt on

Natalie's face, she was more excited.

Niki exclaimed exaggeratedly, "Natalie, don't you know about that?"

"I thought Julian had already told you."

"He went to find you in the hospital early in the morning. He seems to care about you

very much. I thought he would tell you everything."

It wasn't like this actually.

Sure enough, Julian didn't really care about Natalie. He only visited her out of sudden

interest.

"Find me in the hospital?" Natalie froze.

<Julian went to the hospital to find her? She didn't remember that at all.

She looked at Julian and said, "Did you go to the hospital to find me?"

Julian froze when hearing this.

The awkwardness and unwillingness he felt that day came again.

He didn't go to find her in the hospital like a fool, but she transferred secretly. Only he was fooled.

He had never been fooled by a woman since childhood.

His self-esteem didn't allow him to admit this.

"No."

"How could I go to find you?" Julian sneered with a hint of contempt on his face, as if he

thought that Natalie's words were ridiculous. Finally, he added.

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"I advise you to stop thinking nonsense."

Natalie was stunned by Julian's words.

He said she was thinking nonsense?

Natalie was angry by his words. She didn't know whether she should laugh or cry. She

took a deep breath to force her anger back.

Niki said that he went to find her in the hospital, so she asked.

Why did he say that she was thinking nonsense?

So, in Julian's opinion, whatever she did was to attract his attention?

"Julian, you didn't go to find Natalie? I remembered that you did."

"Did you forget? That morning, the day we were at the hotel..." When Niki mentioned the

hotel, she looked shy.

Seeing Niki twist shyly when mentioning the hotel, Natalie hurriedly looked away.

Her shy appearance was clearly telling others what happened to her and Julian.

"When we were in the hotel that morning, I didn't see you on the bed when I woke up.

Didn't you go visit Natalie in the hospital?"

Niki intentionally acted shyly while looking at Natalie with slanted eyes. Her eyes were

filled with smug.

She deliberately emphasized the word "hotel" to make Natalie misunderstand that she

had slept with Julian.

Natalie would definitely be angry to death.

But Natalie was expressionless when she heard this. Niki didn't see the expression she

wanted to see on Natalie's face.

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Natalie even had some mockery on her face. She seemed to look down on Niki.

It shouldn't be like this, right?

She expressed her meaning so clearly, but Natalie was still unmoved?

Niki raised her eyebrows. Okay, Natalie could really manage her temper well.

"You remember wrong," Julian said coldly with a gloomy face.

"No, I didn't. Julian, you definitely..."

Niki didn't seem to notice Julian's expression. She continued.

Before she could finish her words, she heard an angry roar.

"I said no. Are you questioning me?"

Niki had no idea how she offended Julian. She just found that his gaze turned sharp and cold. The way he looked at her made her feel that he wanted to kill her.

She was scared and stopped talking.

Fine. Why was he so fierce?

After Julian said this, he walked toward the gate with a cold face, not talking to Niki

anymore.

Niki quickly followed her.

After she was scolded by Julian, she finally found that something was wrong.

Did he roar at her because he didn't want Natalie to know that he went to the hospital?

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Niki blinked. She walked while secretly wondering what had happened between Julian.

and Natalie.

They arrived at the gate of the Spears' mansion.

When they were far away, they couldn't see clearly. When they came closer, they realized

how magnificent the mansion was.

The huge red copper gate appeared. It looked gorgeous and wonderful. Everyone would

be shocked when standing at the gate.

Niki looked at the gate and swallowed silently.

She had long forgotten the exact location of the Spears' mansion, though she had come

here when she was a child. When she finally stood here, she felt a little afraid.

Would the Spears family agree to see her?

Niki was only from a branch of the Spears family. Maybe they would just ignore her. Thinking of this, Niki wanted to retreat.

"Come knock on the gate." Julian turned around to look at Niki and signaled her.

This was the Spears' place anyway. He had to show respect. It was better to let Niki

knock.

Niki looked up in a panic, "Ah...? Knocking on the gate?"

Julian found that something was wrong with Niki. He said, "What's the matter?"

“Nothing. Nothing.” Niki stuttered.

She clenched her trembling hands into fists and slowly knocked on the gate.

Maybe the gate was too heavy, or maybe Niki didn’t use much strength because she hesitated. When she knocked on the gate, she didn’t make much sound.

Niki knocked again. There was still no sound,

Julian frowned.

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He seemed to have lost patience. He walked past Niki and knocked hard on the gate

with his own hand.

Finally, a sound was made. The giant red copper gate made a muffled sound. The sound

spread in the air.

Julian and Niki both held their breath.

Natalie stood not far away, silently watching them knocking on the gate without

expression.

It had been many years since someone knocked on the gate of the Spears’ mansion.

It was a rare thing for someone to knock.

She folded her arms around her chest with a meaningful expression.

This was really a rare thing. But it was hard to say whether her grandfather would let

them in.

The Spears' mansion was not a tourist attraction. Not everyone was allowed to come in.

After the muffled sound, nothing happened. Julian raised his hand and continued to

knock.

Finally, rustling footsteps came from the door.

Upon hearing the footsteps, Niki couldn't help but take deep breaths to calm herself down.

She silently told herself in her heart, "Niki, you can do it. Don't be nervous. Be calm. You are related to the Spears family anyway!"

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Her branch wasn't important in the Spears family, but she was related to the Spears family anyway. She believed that they wouldn't shut her out.

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The sound of the footsteps from the gate of Red Copper Bureau were getting closer and

closer. Niki's heart became increasingly nervous, almost being raised up to her throat.

Julian was expressionless, without any tension, forming a sharp contrast with Niki.

While waiting for the person inside to open the gate, Julian stood still, suddenly feeling

something in his heart somehow.

As if he had remembered something, Julian turned his head and looked at Natalie who

was standing not far away.

He saw Natalie was raising her eyebrows slightly with a faint smile at the corner of her

mouth, giving a hint of mockery, as if she was watching a drama.

< At the moment when Julian turned and gazed at her, Natalie immediately withdrew her

smile and regained her expressionless face.

Although her smile faded away quickly, Julian's gaze was even faster to clearly capture

her look just now.

Julian frowned subconsciously.

What did Natalie's expression just now mean? Was she actually gloating?

His grandpa was in danger. Without the help of divine doctor of the Spears family, there would be no chance of survival for his grandpa. He and Niki traveled thousands of miles.

to New York just to save grandpa's life.

But Natalie was gloating here?!

How dare she?

Julian's face looked bad, and he gritted his back teeth,

He didn't understand what Natalie was thinking all day.

Driven by anger, Julian turned around and waved to Natalie, gesturing for her to come

over.

Natalie saw the man's signal and was a bit confused. She widened her eyes and pointed

at herself, "Me?"

Julian was lack of patience and he nodded testily, unwilling to repeat his words again.

But Natalie was unwilling to take any steps towards Julian.

For what reason should she go to Julian just because he told her so? She was not a

servant of the Graham family, like she could come and go anytime whenever he gave an

order.

Besides, she was not stupid. If she proactively approached the front door, the Spears

family servant who might open the door must recognize her.

At that time, if the servant shouted "Miss" to her in front of Julian and Niki, wouldn't her

identity be exposed?

She would not be going.

Natalie shook her head expressionlessly at Julian. She didn't want follow Julian's rules.

Julian's face was visibly brushed with a hint of anger, and his eyes narrowed slightly, giving off a chill all over.

This woman... is really getting more and more reckless."

Natalie and Julian's cold eyes met each other.

For only just a second, she silently looked away from the man's eagle-like gaze.

Julian looked really stern and fierce... Although she had done nothing wrong, his look

made her feel like she had really done something wrong, and her heart even felt guilty.

Fortunately, this eagle-like sharp gaze only lasted for a few seconds, and the sound of

the door opening came.

Julian then turned his head.

Natalie took a long breath and silently took a half step back, getting more far away from

the two of them.

The red copper gate was slowly pushed open, and a huge thrust accompanied by a

refreshing breeze rushed towards their faces: Niki couldn't help but take a half step

back.

Julian looked up and saw that two burly chaps who opened the door. They were way too

strong in physique.

Although they were physically strong, they did not give people a sense of ferocity. Instead, they seemed learned and refined, striking a great sense of contrast with their

appearance.

"Greetings to you, gentlemen." Niki immediately greeted them sweetly with a very humble

and gentle posture.

Lucas Spears, the one who opened the door, ignored Niki's words and only looked ahead. to do official business according to official principles, "What are you here for?"

The Spears family's residence was located in a secluded and remote area, and outsiders

had never known the address, so no one had knocked on the door for many years.

And that left no reason to have gatekeepers for the Spears family.

If it weren't for the two of them coming out of the pharmacy and passing by the front

gate, they would have not heard the knock and would have not opened the door.

Otherwise, nobody would come to answer even if these two people kept knocking on the

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door for a whole day.

"Ah... Here's the thing. We're from Los Angeles and we're looking for the divine doctor of

the Spears family."

Niki spoke in a low voice. She was so humble that she almost lowered her head to the

ground.

"The divine doctor of the Spears family?" Repeated Lucas in a low voice, touching his

chin.

Niki quickly nodded and said, "Yes, that's right. It's the internationally known divine

doctor of the Spears family... We have something important to ask and want to see him."

“Since when does the Spears family have a divine doctor?” Lucas looked puzzled.

He is a Spears family member and he had never heard of this divine doctor of the Spears

family. Where did this rumor come from?

Niki was startled by these words and said, “Ah? Didn’t the Spears family have a divine

doctor?”

“It shouldn’t be... The divine doctor must exist.” Niki thought these two people were

deliberately trying to drive her away, so they lied that the Spears family didn’t have the

divine doctor.

So she quickly tugged at Julian’s hem, gesturing for him to speak.

Julian took the woman’s hand off his clothes.

He said, “We are looking for the doctor who attended the communication meeting in Chicago not long ago.”

“Ah...The communication meeting in Chicago...” Lucas once again touched his chin and muttered to himself, “Chicago... when did the communication meeting hold...”

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“Ah...I remember.” He patted his head knowingly.

Niki quickly looked over with anticipation, “Do you remember who the doctor is?”

“The person who went to the communication meeting last time was... “Lucas stopped.

He realized that it was Adam Spears, the head of the family, who went to the meeting

last time.

Are these two people looking for him?!

He suddenly changed his face.

“May I ask if you have made any appointments to pay your homage?” Lucas’s tone

changed from calm to serious. “Without that, outsiders are not allowed to enter.” His

voice was extremely cold.

“Appointment?” Niki frowned, as she had never heard of this requirement to visit the

“Spears family.

“Sorry, we don’t have it.” Julian said seriously, looking into Lucas’s eyes.

“If so, you two may leave now.”

As the words fell, Lucas put his hand on the door and was about to close it.

“Hey, hey!” Niki quickly stopped the man with her hand. “Please wait a moment.”

Lucas frowned.

This woman really had no sense of proportion. He already said no, why did she still try to be like this?

“I am a collateral relative by blood of the Spears family. My name is Niki Linch. Do you think you can stretch this rule and let us in?”

When Niki said this, her face had a gentle smile, as warm as the spring breeze, and her

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eyes were so charming, glittering like a river under the autumn sunlight.

This is her trump card. She has great confidence in her appearance. Seeing a smile like

that, every man will be a bit softhearted.

Unexpectedly, Lucas still remained expressionless.

If he met this woman in front of him who claimed to be a collateral member of the

Spears family before the young miss returned home, he indeed would take a closer look.

to her.

But he had already met the famous young miss of the Spears family a few days ago...

The appearance of the woman in front of him was not as stunning as that of the young miss from the Spears family.

If you've ever seen the best looking woman, then other women naturally won't catch your

eyes.

"No way." Lucas was resolute and decisive with no mercy.

Niki's smile went frozen on her face.

She asked resentfully, "You wouldn't even let a collateral relative by blood go in?"

"Isn't the Spears family always the most affectionate? How can you keep your own people out of the door?"

Lucas ignored Niki's words and just lowered his head to repeat the same words, "Please leave."

His attitude was so firm that there was no room for mediation.

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“Don’t go...” Niki tightly grabbed a corner of Lucas’s clothes as he turned around.

Lucas was forced to turn his head.

“What are you doing? I’ve already said that you can’t get in. It’s useless for you to be so

pitiful.”

The man’s tone shifted from friendly at the beginning to impatient right now.

If the person they were looking for was not Adam Spears, but other members of the Spears family, perhaps he could let them in.

But they just made it clear that they are looking for the divine doctor of the Spears family... who was Adam, the head of the Spears family.

Adam had been in seclusion for many years and had never met any outsiders. Moreover,

he was the head of the family. Without his orders, who dared to bring anyone in to meet

him without authorization?

Well, Lucas wouldn’t dare to do that.

“Is it really not possible...?” Niki looked at Lucas with eager eyes filled with pleadings.

Coupled with her delicate and pitiful expression, no one could resist her request.

Lucas remained expressionless and said, “No way.”

Niki couldn’t help complaining in her heart.

Why is this man so stubborn? She had already pleaded like this... How could he remain

unmoved?!

Was it because she became less charming? No one had ever rejected her yet when she

showed this look.

What went wrong today?

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Was it because she stayed up all night on a plane last night, so her skin deteriorated?

Niki could not help pinching her face, thinking that she might need to apply more facial

masks later.

“Please... Just let us to see the divine doctor of the Spears family.”

Niki tugged at Lucas’s hem and refused to let go, pleading bitterly.

With such touching eyes, even a woman would feel dizzy after seeing her.

But Lucas was insensitive to this. He took a half step back and said coldly, “Miss, please

behave yourself.”

“This is the place of the Spears family, not a bar or a tavern. Please show some respect.”

As soon as these word came out, the atmosphere was momentarily awkward.

At first, no one thought this action was impolite, but after Lucas said it, it became

strange.

It seemed that Niki was deliberately colluding with him.

Niki's face suddenly turned a bit pale, and she didn't know where to put her hands.

But she didn't dare to let go, either. She was really afraid that if she let go, Lucas would mercilessly close the door. They spent the whole day on the way to come to New York, if he closed the door...

All efforts would be in vain.

"Miss, are you still not going to let go?"

"If you're still going to hold onto me like this, what will this gentleman think?"

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Lucas turned his head meaningfully to look at Julian.

This man looked handsome, but he couldn't even watch his girlfriend and even allowed

her to behave frivolously towards other men.

That man was really spineless.

How could Julian not know what Lucas was trying to say? His eyes narrowed slightly,

and his face suddenly looked bad.

The atmosphere became even more anxious at this moment.

Even Natalie, who was standing not far away, felt the atmosphere between the three of

them was not right and couldn't help but look at them.

"Miss, are you still unwilling to let go?" Lucas's patience was about to run out.

Niki silently swallowed her saliva, but her hands remained firm.

But as Julian's expression looking increasingly worse, Niki's hand, clutching the corner

of her clothes, couldn't help but tremble.

Should her let go or not?

Why did she feel that Julian's expression was not quite right?

Just as she hesitated, a voice suddenly came to her ear, "Let go."

"What...?" Niki didn't realize whose voice it was, so she hesitated.

Seeing that Niki still didn't let go, Lucas looked at Julian with some provocation and said, "I wonder, what's the story between you two?"

"I think no matter what kind of relationship you have, you two are definitely not a couple, otherwise... how could your girlfriend be so disobedient?"

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The meaning of Lucas was self-evident.

Julian's face immediately worsened.

He had not yet reached the point where he needed a woman to help him by selling her

appearance and beauty.

"I said let go. You hear me?" Julian raised his volume.

The man let out a cold and angry shout, and Niki instantly, like she had a conditioned

reflex, took her hand away from the man's clothes.

This angry rebuke inexplicably brought fear to her, and even she herself didn't know why

she had this reaction and let go.

By the time she regained her composure, Lucas had already turned around and

completely closed the door.

The huge red copper gate stood in front of them like a giant wall, completely isolating

them from the Spears family.

“Hey!” Niki didn’t even have time to finish speaking. She couldn’t help but stomp her feet

in anger as she looked at the door that had been closed again in front of her.

“So rude! How could he treat his relatives like this?”

Although she was only a collateral member of the Spears family, at least she was also related by blood. That attitude was really gone too far!

“Julian, what should we do now?”

Julian stood in place, looking at the huge red copper gate silently.

Niki could only be anxious but unable to do anything.

She suddenly remembered that the reason why she had just let go was because Julian

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suddenly shouted at her.

Julian knew that as soon as she let go, the Spears family would immediately close the door, so why did he still tell her to let go?

A good opportunity was just wasted!

What’s on his mind? Well, now they really got no way to get in.

Niki was a bit disappointed and also a bit happy.

The reason she was disappointed was that today she didn't have the chance to get in the Spears family's house and find any secrets of the family.

The reason she felt a bit happy was that the old man lying on the hospital bed was finally completely hopeless... Since they could not hire the divine doctor of the Spears family, the old man could run his own course.

Thinking that Grandpa Graham would no longer stop her from marrying into the Graham family in the future, Niki's mood couldn't help but feel a lot better.

The dissatisfaction that had just risen in her heart due to Lucas slowly dissipated.

Only Julian slightly frowned his brows, looking at this massive gate thoughtfully.

Natalie stood in the most remote corner, silently observing the situation from the other side of the gate.

Seeing that Lucas mercilessly closed the door, she couldn't help but feel a little sorry for

a few seconds for Julian and Niki in her heart.

No matter how coquettish Niki might be, Lucas was a person who completely stuck to the bottom line.

Natalie couldn't help but gasp in admiration in her heart. Lucas was determined and truly worthy of being a member of the Spears family!

Just in the middle of this observation, Natalie's phone suddenly began to vibrate, and the

familiar ringtone pierced her ears.

Natalie bent down and glanced lightly at the phone interface. It was her uncle who

called.

She quickly picked up the phone.

“Nana, where have you been? Your grandfather is looking for you all over the yard. Just

come back now.”

Tory’s voice came from his phone.

“Grandpa is looking for me? Is there anything urgent?” Natalie didn’t understand.

“I don’t know what’s going on, but your grandfather is so anxious. Come back quickly!! can’t hold on anymore...”

Natalie held her phone and turned her head to look at Julian and Niki.

Does she need to go in now?

If she entered now, it meant she would enter the gate in front of Julian and Niki.

Just now, the two of them were seriously rejected, but the next second, she would just enter the gate with no difficulties.

Natalie wondered, how would Julian and Niki feel?

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Chapter 319 She would only be humiliated.

Natalie held up her phone and remained silent for a long time. She was unsure of what

to say. After a while, she finally decided on her words and said, “Uncle, can I go back

home in about... a few hours?”

After a few hours, Julian and Niki would be ready to go back to Los Angeles, and then

she could go in... so that she wouldn’t be exposed.

But Tory on the other end of the phone didn't seem to understand why Natalie said that,

"Nana, your grandfather is eager to see you!"

Natalie held her phone and listened to her uncle's anxious urging while looking up at the

two people in front of the door.

Julian and Niki stood not far away, only a dozen meters away from her.

Among them, Julian seemed to be in a bad mood due to not being able to enter the

Spears family. He stood still for a long time.

He was tall and had a relatively strong physique, slender with clothes on, yet brawny in

the buff.

Standing in front of the gate of Spears' mansion, he was just like a pillar.

Natalie frowned at the motionless man. His eyebrows almost get twisted.

Judging from his appearance, he would be staying at the entrance of Spears' mansion

for a while and would definitely not leave easily.

This made Natalie had no idea what to do.

"I..." Helplessly, Natalie could only frown, "Uncle, I really can't go back right now."

Sensing the uneasiness in Natalie's words, Tory couldn't help but asked, "Are you

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shopping in the center of New York? So you won't be able to come back in a while?"

Without waiting for Natalie's answer, Tory said boldly and generously.

"It's fine! I'll have Lucas go pick you up in our fastest car! I promise you'll be back soon!"

"You can go to the crossroads first. Lucas is very good at driving, and it won't take more

than ten minutes to get there. Just so you wait..."

Uh... It's not a matter of distance at all!

She was only about ten meters away from the entrance of the Spears' mansion, and she could go back by just walking a few steps.

But there was a beast guarding at the entrance of the Spears' mansion. She dared not

and could not go back.

"Nana? Did you hear me? Why didn't you answer?"

"I..." Natalie hold her phone, tried to say something but didn't know how to explain.

At this moment, her heart was filled with restlessness, and she couldn't say it out loud.

Just as she was hesitating to organize her words, a noisy voice suddenly came over the phone.

There were voices of elders, youngsters, men, women, and many of them were mixed with the harsh sounds of porcelain falling to the ground.

These voices all rushed over, and Natalie was almost startled. She couldn't help but take

her phone away from her ear.

'What's going on there?'

'Is Uncle fighting over there? How could it be so noisy?'

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As the sound continued, Natalie quickly asked with concern, "What's wrong there?"

What's the matter?"

Tory shouted back, "Don't mention it... blablabla..."

Natalie blinked and only heard 'don't mention it' clearly. But what was uncle trying to say

after that?

"What went wrong over there?" She was really anxious because she couldn't hear any

sound clearly and didn't understand the situation.

After more than ten seconds, a clearer sound finally came from the phone.

Tory seemed to have moved to a quieter place, and the noise had just disappeared.

He gasped slightly, as if stabilizing his breath. After a long time, he said, "Nana, your

grandfather has been arguing here and asking me that, have you secretly gone to Los

Angeles?"

"And he also asked me..." Tory looked up to the sky and thought carefully.

"Ah, yes... He asked why you didn't tell him if you had gone to Los Angeles. Is it because

you don't have this family in your heart at all? Do you want to leave this family and never

come back?"

"I told him that you didn't go to Los Angeles, but he still doesn't believe it. He has to see.

you with his own eyes... Now he has smashed three sets of tea cups..."

Tory couldn't help but complain incessantly.

"Your grandfather never used to be like this when he was young. It's so scary when he gets old and be like this..."

"Now only you can save me from this madness..."

If they let him keep being like this, maybe Tory would be the next one to be smashed.

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After all, if Natalie really had returned to Los Angeles, it was indeed that Tory, as ant

uncle, did not fulfill his responsibilities.

Hearing this, Natalie immediately remained silent.

Uncle had already said words like that, even if she didn't want to go, she had to.

Otherwise, she would be too childish and not sensible.

Natalie took a deep breath.

"Okay, I'll go back now. Don't worry."

Her relationship with her grandfather had only been eased slightly. If there was a

misunderstanding and they were not as close as they used to be, she was afraid that not

matter how much she tried to coax him in the future, her grandfather wouldn't forgive

her.

Natalie hurriedly hung up the phone and immediately walked towards the gate.

When she reached Julian and Niki, she still kept her gaze fixed, as if there was no one

around her and continued walking forward.

“Natalie...Where are you going?” Niki asked, as if she was a bit confused.

Where is she going?

There was only one road ahead of her, where else could she go besides the Spears’

mansion? Niki really had nothing to say, huh?

‘Can’t you see where I am going with your own eyes?’

Natalie didn’t bother to pay attention to her, and her footsteps still didn’t stop.

“Julian... Look!” Niki grabbed Julian’s hem and said, “Natalie is going to knock on the

door, isn’t she?”

Get Bonus

Her tone was surprised with a hint of imperceptible mockery.

They just knocked, and the Spears family didn’t even pay attention. Is Natalie going to

push forward?

This woman who come out of small households really was naive and inexperienced.

Now that she was heading to the gate, it only meant one end: she would be humiliated.

Was she out of her mind?

As soon as Niki said this, Julian raised his head.

In his sight, he only saw Natalie wearing a light green dress, walking so elegant.

The light green dress set off Natalie's height and shaped her body. Her slender waist. moving slightly and gracefully. The color on the dress made people think of a beautiful green mountain.

Julian's

eyes deepened as he looked at the woman's slender waist.

Niki did not receive the expected response, so she quickly turned her head to see Julian.

Unexpectedly, she found that the man's gaze was deeply fixed on Natalie's waist. He was completely unable to move his eyes.

'It's just a dress! Does that look so good?!'

Niki only felt that her mind was in a daze, and she was about to explode with anger.

Driven by anger, she followed the man's gaze and looked over.

But with just a cursory glance, she was filled with righteous indignation. 'There are countless women in this world with slender waists.'

'Now Natalie's waist was just a bit thinner. It's not a big deal!'

Get Bon

But when she carefully stared at Natalie's back, she suddenly fell silent.

The light green dress indeed outlined the woman's slender waist, which could only be

grasped with one hand, like a willow in the wind, provoking imagination.

This waist, even a woman like her felt like she couldn't move her eyes, no wonder

Julian's eyes were fixed!

But so what? Niki couldn't believe that Natalie would have such a temperament... It must have been influenced by other factors that set off the extraordinary temperament of this

woman.

She blinked and quickly concluded that it was definitely because of this dress!

If this dress were worn by her, it would definitely have the same effect!

Julian didn't know what Niki was thinking, his eyes just fell on the woman's back.

Seeing that Natalie had already climbed up the steps, and she was about to approach the gate...

Julian immediately frowned his brows imperceptibly. He called Natalie, and his voice was slightly cool, "Natalie."

"That's not the place you should go. Come back."

This gate stayed closed even if they came, let alone to say Natalie. It's definitely impossible for her to get in.

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Seeing that Julian had already made his position clear, Niki naturally refused to fall

behind. She chimed in, "Yeah, Natalie, that's not where you should go. Come back.

quickly!"

“If you wanted to play the hero and hope that Julian would look at you in a better light

because of it, I’d say you’re better off not wasting your efforts.”

Trying to please a man also requires considering the situation.

Acting like Natalie, disregarding the occasion and rushing outside recklessly, can only be

described as foolish.

What’s the Spears family anyway?

It’s not somewhere she can just take credit for herself.

“If you keep going forward, all you’ll get is humiliation. It’s better to stop here and wait for Julian to arrange what to do next.”

Niki said, involuntarily crossing her arms and looking disdainfully at Natalie not far

away.

Disgust was about to overflow from her eyes.

Upon hearing these words, Natalie abruptly halted her steps.

Niki wanted her to obediently wait and see what Julian would arrange next?

Ha... how ridiculous.

Natalie couldn’t help raising an eyebrow. Waiting for others to arrange everything? Was

she a child? Did she have no opinions of her own?

Get Bon

Or did she lose any of her own will after leaving a man?

Living entirely depending on a man, huh?

She couldn't be bothered with the two of them, completely ignoring the questioning

voices behind her, and continued walking forward.

One step after another passed beneath her feet as she approached the top.

"Natalie."

The voice of the man behind her echoed once again.

The content was the same, but this time it carried an angry provocation.

"I told you not to go, didn't you hear me?"

"The Spears family is not where you should be. Come back."

He had said this once before, and now it was the second time. Julian didn't want to say it

a third time.

He knew Natalie could be foolish at times, but he didn't expect her to be this foolish.

Although Niki's words earlier were somewhat uncomfortable, they did make some

sense.

This was the Spears family in New York, not a place for her to play the hero.

He could understand Natalie's desire for attention, but it shouldn't be used here.

He didn't like it.

"You don't have to waste your effort. Even if you can sacrifice your dignity and aren't afraid of being humiliated by the Spears family, I won't look at you any differently."

Get Bunta

His words were extremely cold, devoid of any emotion, and resolute.

As his words fell, Natalie's steps abruptly stopped. Her figure swayed, seemingly hurt by

his words.

Just then, a gust of wind blew, lifting the woman's hair, making her appear even more

fragile.

Niki watched Natalie's "fragile" figure and squinted her eyes, the disdain in her eyes

intensifying.

Was Natalie trying to imitate her by pretending to be fragile?

She couldn't help rolling her eyes. What a joke! What can a substitute do by acting

fragile?

She knew that Natalie was trying to get Julian's attention.

Look, Julian had just uttered his decisive words, and she couldn't hold on anymore. How

laughable.

The wind blew through the woman's light green cheongsam, causing her to sway

unsteadily, as if she could collapse at any moment.

Julian looked at the woman's fragile figure and suddenly felt a twinge of guilt. Had he

said too harshly just now?

He was angry in the heat of the moment and didn't pay attention to his words.

He must have hurt her...

Full of guilt, not even stopping for a second, the man had a change of heart again.

The blame was on Natalie.

If she had stopped right when he said it the first time, would he have spewed such nasty

stuff?

Get Borum

The first time, he still maintained a pleasant demeanor, but she ignored his words, which

was all her own doing.

“Come back with me to Los Angeles.”

Even though it wasn't entirely his fault, Julian reluctantly decided to be the bigger person and dragged Natalie along to Los Angeles,

She would surely become happy again.

However, what the two of them didn't expect was that Natalie didn't turn back, Instead, she slightly bent down and picked up a blade of grass from the ground.

She dusted off the dirt from the grass with utmost care and held it in her hand.

Once everything was in order, she resumed walking forward as if the previous voice

didn't exist.

What did she mean by that?

They thought Natalie had just stopped and become obedient, but they didn't expect her to do it just to pick up a worthless blade of grass?

Julian's face, which had just softened, instantly turned ugly. This time, he was thoroughly..

angry.

Enough is enough. His patience had reached its limit.

"Natalie, don't refuse the toast, or you'll face the consequences!" The man's forehead showed a slight vein, his voice laced with deep anger.

"Do you think my words went in one ear and out the other?!"

Because they were at a distance and not familiar with the grass, it looked no different

from a roadside wildflower to them.

But Natalie was different.

Natalie was well-versed in various medicinal herbs. The "little grass" she held in her hand was an extremely precious herb, mainly used for treating eye ailments.

She had no idea where such a valuable herb came from. Perhaps the gust of wind had brought it to her feet.

Since it had ended up at her feet, instinctively, as a doctor, she subconsciously picked it

But unexpectedly, before she could secure the herb in her hand, a hand with bulging veins suddenly reached out from behind and snatched the herb away without a word.

"What are you doing?" Natalie was startled.

She didn't even get a chance to look at the man and her entire focus was on that herb.

Without second thought, she turned around, half-crouched, and reached out to retrieve the herb.

Her hand was halfway there when suddenly a foot emerged from the green herb. The foot appeared small and cute, but its action was malicious.

Without mercy, it ruthlessly stomped on the green herb.

Natalie could clearly see the herb being flattened, and the fresh green sap oozing out of its tender veins, resembling blood.

She couldn't believe her eyes.

This herb, there were only a few dozen plants of it in the entire New York. It was a complete waste to destroy it like that.

Who could be so wicked? Not even sparing a single blade of grass?

Natalie looked up, meeting Niki's eyes.

In that moment of eye contact, Niki suddenly exclaimed, covering her mouth and

repeatedly stepping back, "Ah... I'm sorry, I didn't see this herb..."

She seemed confused and surprised, "Natalie, did you want to pick this herb just now?"

"I didn't see it, so sorry."

Natalie's expression turned cold, and a chilling glint flickered in her gentle eyes.

She could instantly tell that Niki was faking it.

"How could you be so rotten to the core?"

'Sinking to the level where you'd even stomp on a simple herb?"

"Do you feel superior by crushing lives under your feet?"

Natalie's piercing gaze at that moment left Niki puzzled and astonished.

"You... You... I already said it wasn't intentional. Why are you looking at me like that?"

Natalie's gaze was really intense, and her heart felt like it was pounding fiercely.

Niki took a step back and hid behind Julian.

“Julian... Natalie is so scary, I’m so scared.”

Julian stood in front, shielding Niki from Natalie’s sword-like gaze.

“It’s just a wild grass,” the man’s gaze was calm, his voice a bit impatient.

“Natalie, there’s no need to make such a big fuss, right?”

Niki found solace behind Julian, and her heartbeat gradually calmed down.

Julian was right, it was just worthless grass she stepped on. Why did Natalie have to go.

to such lengths?

She was being unreasonable.

Clearly, she has a pathetic life. Who was she to have such a spoiled princess temper?

Couldn’t she find a mirror and reflect on herself? Did she deserve it?

“Making a fuss over nothing?” Natalie’s anger deepened in her eyes. “Do you know how

precious it is?”

In her eyes, even if she sold Niki, it wouldn’t compare to this herb.

But Julian didn’t want to listen to Natalie’s words till the end.

He didn’t have time for two women fighting over a herb, getting jealous here. It was

making him irritated.

Without further ado, he issued his ultimatum, “Hurry up and come back to Los Angeles

with me.”

Saying that, he directly grabbed Natalie's wrist and pulled her down the steps.

What he did was all for Natalie's own good.

He didn't want to see her being humiliated by the Spears family. The Spears family thought they were superior to everyone else, looking down on people with absolute disdain... Going there would have undoubtedly led to unfavorable outcomes.

Why couldn't Natalie understand his heartfelt intentions?

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