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Furthermore, she was holding the glass herself. She should be able to tell if the milk was hot or cold.

As Ivy anxiously warmed up the milk again, Josiah asked, "Miss Landers, can we talk for a bit?"

"Huh?" Ivy turned around and smiled at him. "What do you want to talk about?"

Josiah hesitated before he spoke, "Tell me the truth. Are you in some kind of trouble? Maybe I can help you if you tell me."

Since Meredith insisted that Ivy was in some difficulties, he could only help her to seek the truth.

Ivy was startled. Then she shook her head and smiled. "What trouble could I have? The only trouble I have is you, isn't it?"

It was the same excuse as always and the same attitude too.

"Josiah, if you are willing to marry me, then my life will be perfect." Ivy's smile became bitter, "But don't worry. I won't mind if you and Meredith continued to be in love with each other. I don't care if you sleep in the same bedroom with her or bring her back to the old house in Delmas Town. I won't have any opinions."

Josiah nodded. "I guess Miss Landers is still the same."

"Josiah, my love and perseverance with you will never change," lvy said.

She passed the warm milk to him. "It's really hot this time. Drinkit while it's hot. Sleep early."

Without a doubt, Josiah was not about to take the milk. He even lost his desire to drink the milk. He turned around after placing the glass down. After a few steps, he looked back and said, "Miss Landers, if you are really in any trouble or need help, it's not late to tell me any time."

Ivy smiled at him and did not say anything.

When it was time to return to the old house in Delmas Town to celebrate the New Year, Nia and Cooper were the happiest of all. The old house was located in a quiet area in Delmas Town. It had a large compound. The castle-like building hinted at a slight extravagance, yet it was subtle enough to be elegant.

Old Madam Shelby was waiting in the yard for everyone's return. Nia quickly rushed toward her when she got down from the car. " Great Grandpa. Great Grandma. I missed both of you so much!"

Old Madam Shelby was so happy that she could not stop smiling. She held Nia's hand and looked at her. She praised, "Nia is taller now. And also becoming such a pretty little lady."

"Thank you, Great Grandma." Nia turned around and ran back to the car to drag Cooper to Old Madam Shelby. She introduced him with excitement, "Great Grandpa, Great Grandma. Look, Nia has a brother now. He is so amazing. He can do anything."

It was the first time old Madam Shelby see Cooper, she was amazed to see how pretty Cooper looked. "Oh, wow. He is so pretty just like Nia. Both of you look like twins."

Ivy, who had heard this from behind, walked to the front with a smile. "Grandma, Cooper looks exactly like Josiah so naturally, he looks identical to Nia too."

Old Madam Shelby straightened her back and glared at lvy.

Followingly, her eyes looked at Mrs. Shelby who was still quite far away. Then she tried hard to put on an awkward smile. "Why are the both of you back?"

Ivy smiled. "Grandma, I came back to bring Cooper to visit you."

"Can't his father bring him here?" old Madam Shelby asked.

lvy did not know how to answer that question. It was obvious that Old Madam Shelby did not welcome them. Mrs. Shelby was unsatisfied with the treatment, she walked over and put on a fake smile. "Mother, Ivy is Cooper's mother. You shouldn't talk to her that way in front of the kids even when you dislike her."

"Besides, Ivy and Josiah..."

"Mother, the same applies to you too." Josiah interrupted the conversation. "You shouldn't talk nonsense when the kids are around."

Mrs. Shelby gritted her teeth and said to Ivy, "Ivy, bring the kids in. II

Ivy was here in the old house to play very often when she was a kid so she was quite familiar with the layout of the old house. She nodded her head at old Madam Shelby. "Grandma, I will bring the kids in to have some food."

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"Ivy, let me accompany you." Penny followed.

Only then did old Madam Shelby walk up to Meredith, holding her little hand and saying softly, "Meredith, long time no see, how are you and Josiah?"

Meredith quickly glanced at her from the corner of her eye, and found that she was frowning, so she nodded slightly and said, "I'm fine, how about you?"

"I'm fine too." Old Madam Shelby patted her hand. "I've wronged you."

After speaking, she glared at Josiah again. "It's all your fault, why don't you quickly apologize to Meredith?"

Josiah said to his grandmother with a guilty conscience, "Grandma, I don't want to, and I have apologized to Meredith many times."

"What's the use of an apology? Can it change the fact that you have a relationship with lvy?"

"Since you know that it can't be changed, then don't take sides." Mrs. Shelby said, but she was still smiling, "As an old woman, you are criticizing and fighting in public?"

Old Madam Shelby looked at her. "Ivy is someone on your side. Are you not responsible for doing this kind of thing?"

"When Meredith was caught cheating, I didn't see you taking any responsibility." Mrs. Shelby sneered to old Madam Shelby.

Old Madam Shelby retorted, "Meredith is innocent."

"Then what's wrong with Ivy liking Josiah? Isn't she innocent?

Why do you look down on her as soon as she comes back?"

Old Madam Shelby was so angry that she continued to reason with her. Josiah hurriedly stepped up to stop her and said, "okay, please stop talking."

Meredith nodded in agreement. "Yes, didn't you ask US to come back together for the New Year? It's not worth it to hurt the peace because of this trivial matter."

"This is a trivial matter?" old Madam Shelby whispered," Meredith, are you stupid? How can this be called a trivial matter..."

"Grandma, this is a small matter, just leave it to me to handle it." Josiah said as he walked her into the house, "I will handle it."

"Stinky boy, if you dare to bully Meredith, I won't spare you!"

"I wouldn't dare."

"Don't touch me!" old Madam Shelby shook him off, not letting him hold her hand.

Meredith helped the old lady in instead.

Josiah stood there for a while, turned around and said to Mrs.

Shelby, "You haven't come back for more than ten years, and my grandparents are getting old, so let's try to put away the temper."

Mrs. Shelby immediately glared at him. "Josiah, let's talk about it, didn't you see how your grandma treated me just now?"

"I think Grandma is right, you shouldn't treat Meredith like this." Josiah paused, then said, "I think you came back this time not just to quarrel with my grandparents, but there should be more important things?"

When it came to more important matters, Mrs. Shelby could let go of her temper.

Together, they went to see old sir Shelby.

Given that there was suddenly a boy in the family, the old man who had always looked forward to having a great grandson was very happy, he held Cooper's hands and was reluctant to let go.

Finally, he spit out a sentence, "Very good, he is almost exactly like Josiah when he was a child!"

Cooper, who had always disliked contact with others, gently pulled back his little hand.

Ivy came up immediately, took Cooper's little hand and rebuked, "Cooper, you can't treat Great Grandfather like this, it's rude."

"It's okay, the child is still young." old Madam Shelby held the wheelchair in both hands and looked at Ivy. old sir Shelby said, "So you are Ivy, you have grown so big."

"Yes, Old Sir Shelby, I was very young when I left the city."

"Well, yes, it's been more than ten years in the blink of an eye." Old Sir Shelby nodded, and then asked again, "By the way, how have you been? How was it being abroad all these years?"

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"Thankyou, old sir Shelby, I have a good time."

Old Sir Shelby also watched Ivy grow up back then, but he was not as emotional as Old Madam Shelby. He felt more distressed for Ivy, from the perspective of being a girl who had no parents and no mother since childhood.

Moreover, she also gave birth to the eldest grandson of the Shelby family, so he would not embarrass her.

As for what she did to Josiah and how she got pregnant with Josiah, he no longer wanted to pursue it.

After everyone left, old Madam Shelby said to her husband unhappily, "Hey, Ivy ruined the relationship between Josiah and Meredith, you don't seem to mind at all?"

Old Master Shelby took a sip from the teacup before looking at her and said, "If Josiah and Meredith's relationship is deep enough, how can it be destroyed?"

"Based on what you said, mistresses are innocent?"

"Well, not innocent, but the man who was hooked away is to blame too." Old Master Shelby patted her hand. "If Josiah was really hooked by Ivy, you should be happy for your Meredith."

"What a mess, I'm too lazy to talk to you."

Old Madam Shelby glared at him angrily, then walked away.

Old Sir Shelby grabbed her wrist and smiled at her. "My wife is the most gentle and kind, and Ivy's child doesn't look like a villain, so... be gentle with the child."

Old Madam Shelby rolled her eyes, but replied obediently, "I know, old man!"

"What did you call me?"

"Old man!"

"You're only one year younger than me, if I'm an old man, what are you?"

"That's younger than you, hum!" Old Madam Shelby walked away with her head held high.

Meredith guessed what was going on when she saw her walking out of his room triumphantly.

She smiled and said, "You didn't just lose a quarrel with him again, right?"

"Of course, when can he ever win a quarrel over me?" old Madam Shelby was extremely proud.

Meredith praised the situation, "You are amazing, Old Madam Shelby."

"Why are you calling me by my name so formally? Just call me Grandma."

"Yes, Grandma."

"Let's go, accompany me and talk to me in private." she took Meredith's arm and glanced at Josiah behind her. "Don't come, I don't want to see you!"

Josiah was speechless.

What did he do to offend her?

"Come on, Meredith, sit down." Old Madam Shelby pulled Meredith onto the sofa in her bedroom, sat down, and brewed flower tea for them.

"Grandma, it's better for me to do it. Be careful of the scalding water." Meredith hurriedly reached out to help her make tea, but was stopped by old Madam Shelby.

"I'm not old enough to be so useless." The old lady glanced at her with a smile. "Meredith, tell me about you and Josiah these days."

The expression on Meredith's face froze slightly.

Seeing that her face changed, she immediately added another sentence, "Meredith, I know everything about you and Josiah. I know that you were wronged and that you are uncomfortable, so let's not talk about it."

"Grandma, I'm not wronged, I'm just..." Meredith choked up secretly and did not continue.

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"I know that you just feel sorry for Josiah's child." Old Madam Shelby handed her a cup of freshly brewed tea. "To be honest, I am also distressed, but let's just say that everyone has their own fate, and I can only say that Josiah doesn't really have a good destiny."

"Yeah, he will only be with me when his life is not going well." Meredith said bitterly.

"Meredith, if you say that, I disagree."

"Grandma..."

"You have done a good job, and I see it." old Madam Shelby reassured, "If you hadn't done well enough, Josiah wouldn't have tried his best to save you."

"Grandma…" Meredith leaned over and hugged Old Madam Shelby, tears slipping from her eyes.

"Okay, okay, we'll be over after crying this time." Old Madam Shelby patted her shoulder and said, "Get up, Ivy is not someone nice to handle."

Meredith let go of her, sniffed and said, "Grandma, do you hate Ivy too?"

Old Madam Shelby had just been sounded by old Sir Shelby, and she felt a little uncomfortable, so she said, "I didn't hate her before, I even liked her very much. But knowing that Josiah is married, she still drugged him to conceive a child on the wedding night. When you and Josiah were trying to get married again, she came back to mess with him. This is really unacceptable to me."

"Grandma, what kind of person was Ivy before?" Meredith asked curiously.

"Before?" She thought back and said, "In my memory, Ivy is very sensible, independent, and versatile. In short, she was very well versed in all aspects."

Old Madam Shelby's description of Ivy turned out to be the same as Josiah's.

"Speaking of which, she is very similar to you, with a similar temperament and personality."

"Really?" Meredith puzzledly said, "Why did Grandma choose me for Josiah to marry in the first place?"

"Well, this..."

Old Madam Shelby thought for a while, and finally said, "Meredith, you may not like to hear it, Ivy was the first choice in my heart, but... After her parents died, she was taken by Josiah's mother and raised by her side."

"Miss Landers was raised by Mrs. Shelby. Does it have anything to do with her marrying Josiah?"

"Meredith, you may not know, I have always had a bad relationship with Josiah's mother, she brought Ivy to Josiah and taught her the tricks and ways on how to be the future heiress of the Shelby family. Alas, you don't know the dirty tricks this family plays."

"I understand." Meredith said bitterly.

Was her mother not the victim of the grievances of the rich and powerful?

And she herself.

So she immediately understood that Old Madam Shelby meant that she was worried that Mrs. Shelby and Ivy would join forces to attack her.

In this case, before Josiah and Ivy got married, she forced Josiah to marry the Leighton family's daughter.

To put it bluntly, she was just a pawn for the two generations of the women of the Shelby family to compete for power.

Seeing her droopy eyes, Old Madam Shelby coughed dryly, "Meredith, you don't hate Grandma, do you?"

Meredith returned to her senses, shook her head and said, "Of course not. You treat me so well, how could I?"

Well, as well as a pawn could be treated.

In these years, only old Madam Shelby loved her the most and trusted her the most.

Maybe it was just like how Mrs. Shelby trusts lvy.

"That's good, I am relieved then." old Madam Shelby nodded and said.

Meredith thought for a while, and then asked, "Grandma, Ivy has liked Josiah very much since she was a child. Do you think she still hopes that she has a chance?"

"It should be." Old Madam Shelby said, "When she was a child, she had the best relationship with Josiah and Liam, and the three often studied together. As for whether Josiah is still the man of her dreams, I don't know."

"She had an equally good relationship with Liam, so why doesn't she marry Liam?"

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"Although the financial position of the Sheldon family is one of the best, it is not as good as the Shelby family. Ordinary women would choose Josiah."

"But Ivy is not an ordinary woman."

"Uh..."

Old Madam Shelby was actually stopped by her.

Meredith hurriedly smiled and said, "Grandma, don't mind, I just asked casually."

Old Madam Shelby nodded. "It's okay, I don't mind."

There was a knock at the door.

Old Madam Shelby responded, "Come in."

She thought it would be Penny who came to call for dinner, but Ivy came in unexpectedly.

She glanced at Meredith on the sofa and said to the old lady, "old Madam Shelby, dinner is ready, do you want to eat now?"

Old Madam Shelby tried her best to give her a small smile and took Meredith's arm. "Meredith is hungry, let's go eat."

Meredith glanced at Ivy by the door and nodded, "okay Grandma.

'Grandma, I'm going to call the children," Meredith said.

Ivy immediately said, "No need, Nia is taking Cooper around to visit the house, and she just ate a lot of snacks, and said she would eat later."

"That's fine."

In fact, Meredith did not really want the children to sit down to eat together with them.

After all, the atmosphere at home is not very stable at the moment, and there may be quarrels at any time.

Penny pushed Old Sir Shelby to sit on the main seat. With Old Sir Shelby there, neither old Madam Shelby nor Mrs. Shelby dared to express their emotions.

Old Sir Shelby glanced around at everyone. "Let's eat."

Only then did everyone dare to pick up their forks and spoons to eat.

Mrs. Shelby could not help but say, "Dad, the doctor said that as long as Josiah and Ivy get married and have a harmonious family, Cooper's illness can be cured. That's why I took Cooper and Ivy with me. We can set their wedding date on the sixth of next month, do you have any opinion?"

Old Sir Shelby took a sip of the soup and said, "I chatted with Cooper just now and found that his mental illness is really serious and needs to be taken seriously."

Old Madam Shelby bumped the old man's arm with her elbow.

Josiah also put down his chopsticks and said solemnly, "Grandfather, I already have Meredith, and it is impossible for me to marry Ivy, but don't worry, Grandfather, I will find a way to cure Cooper's illness."

"How are you going to treat it? Are you looking for a famous doctor? If there were such a powerful famous doctor, they would go home early and retire early."

"I'll figure it out myself."

"Josiah, you have to admit that Cooper's condition has obviously improved these days." Mrs. Shelby said, "Cooper really needs a complete home."

Just as Josiah was about to speak, Old Sir Shelby interrupted him, "No need to say anymore, Cooper is the eldest grandson of the Shelby Family, and he is very likely to be the heir of the Shelby Family in the future. You have to take responsibility for him."

After the old man's order, no one dared to speak.

After dinner.

Meredith pulled Josiah into the bedroom.

Josiah took her into his arms and promised in her ear, "Meredith, don't worry, I will never obey his arrangements."

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"Well, I believe in you." Meredith withdrew from his arms, looked at him and said, "I want to ask you something, isn't Liam's hometown in Delmas Town, will he be returning for the new year?"

Josiah did not know what to say.

At this time, should she not cry and ask him what to do, how to deal with the forced marriage?

Why was she still asking about other men?

"What's wrong? Are you going to cheat on me to get revenge on me?"

"What nonsense, even if I am willing to, Liam may not be willing."

"Then why are you asking if he will return to Delmas Town?"

"It's nothing, I just heard Grandma mention Liam and asked curiously."

"Really?"

"Of course it's true." Meredith stared at him. "Do you think I look like a woman who can't get men? Even if I wanted to cheat, why would I want your close friend?"

"You mean that if Liam was not my close friend, you would cheat with him?"

"I didn't mean that." Meredith said a little angrily, "Josiah, are you finished?"

Josiah coughed and said, "I'm worried that you will run away."

"I didn't worry about you running away with Ivy, but you worry about me instead?"

"So, why don't you worry about me?" Josiah became jealous again.

Seeing that the situation was going in a way she didn't intend, Meredith had no choice but to say, "Because I believe in you."

Sure enough, this sentence worked wonders on Josiah. A satisfied smile finally appeared on his handsome face.

"So can we have a serious chat now?"

Only then did Josiah return to her initial question, saying, "He will go back to Delmas Town every year to celebrate the New Year, and he will definitely be doing so this year."

"Then will he come to your family home for New Year's greetings? II

Josiah could not help but to doubt her motives again.

Meredith hurriedly raised her hands. "I promise, I swear, I have absolutely no intention of cheating."

Josiah was amused by her, and reached out and rubbed the top of her hair. "He usually comes on the first day of the new year. Is there any problem? Mrs. Shelby?"

"Oh, no, do not worry."

"Are you sure you don't want his mobile phone number?" Josiah asked deliberately.

Unexpectedly, Meredith thought about it for a while and said, "Yes, give me his contact."

Josiah's face was a little dissatisfied. "I don't have his number."

"Do you think I was born yesterday?"

"Please check." Josiah took out his mobile phone and handed it to her.

Meredith was not polite, she took the mobile phone and opened it.

It was found that there was only one person in his messaging app, and that was her!

"..." She glanced at him curiously. "Don't you usually use the messaging app?"

"No." Josiah said solemnly, "Except for the occasional acceptance of your messages, it is useless."

Meredith felt a little satisfaction in her heart.

She returned the phone to him.

Josiah turned the phone with one hand and held her waist with the other. "So are you going to make my messenger app more useful?"

"How come you are talking about this?" Meredith asked, "Would you like me to send you an emoji?"

"Yes, I just want whatever you send."

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Seeing that she was leaving, Josiah stretched out his hand to pull her back. "Meredith, are you sure there's nothing you want to discuss after the conversation at today's dinner table?"

Was she really not going to worry about it?

Knowing what he was thinking, Meredith smiled at him. "Didn't I just say it? I believe you."

"Really?"

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"Really."
"Then give me a kiss."
"Why?"
"To prove that you're not angry."
"…" Meredith found that Josiah was asking more and more.
But in order to appease him, she had to tiptoe and kiss his lips.

After the kiss, she realized that it was wrong, and was a little unconvinced. "It's me who should be angry, why is it now that I have to coax you."

Josiah said, "I also hope that the one who is angry is you, but you are not angry."

Anger would actually mean she had him in her heart, didn't it?

"Meredith, when will you be jealous about me once?" Josiah looked expectant.

Meredith replied bluntly, "Well, on the day you and Ivy get married."

"Then don't worry, you won't have this chance."

"Then I would wait until you kiss another woman."

"It's impossible."

"Then why do you want me to be jealous? Are you jealous of yourself?" Meredith rolled her eyes speechlessly.

Josiah thought about it and said with a smile, "It seems like I am." "I'll go see if Nia and Cooper have finished visiting the mansion." "The mansion is so big, they can never finish running around it. Let them go." Josiah was reluctant to let her go.

"You have to eat."

"Then I'll go with you."

Meredith went downstairs together and walked toward the garden.

She was in such a rush to visit old Madam Shelby and Old Sir Shelby, that she did not have time to take a good look at the mansion to see if there were any changes.

After all, she has not been back for seven years, the trees in the mansion have grown up, and the flowers and plants were more luscious.

Walking through the moonlit garden, Meredith suddenly asked, "I remember there were a lot of roses planted in the mansion, are there still any?"

"Yes, in the north wing." Josiah took her little hand. "Come, I'll show you."

It takes five minutes to walk from here to the north wing. The scenery along the way is pleasant, and Meredith could not help but sigh, "This place is really suitable for old people, no wonder old Sir Shelby is reluctant to leave."

"Well, in the future, we will come back here to retire when we are old."

Meredith raised her eyes and glanced at him. "Are you so sure that you can survive the disaster on the sixth?"

"Didn't you say that you trusted me?"

"Okay." Meredith shrugged.

"Okay, we'll come back here to retire in the future." Josiah pulled her back and looked down at her fixedly.

Meredith thought for a while and said, "We can talk about that later."

"Why do you say that?" He demanded.

"I mean we can talk about it when I'm actually old."

"How can there be no day when you're old?"

"Life is impermanent, who knows what will happen tomorrow."

Josiah was speechless by what she said.

In the end, he said, "Well, if we have the good fortune of growing old together, we will go back here to retire."

"Okay." Meredith agreed this time rather cheerfully.

Josiah was finally satisfied.

When they came to the north wing, they saw the rose flowers in the garden, and the vines spread upstairs along the white and red walls.

The entire north wing was almost covered by the sea of flowers.

"Oh my God! It's so beautiful!" Meredith exclaimed and ran into the garden, opening her arms and spun in circles amongst the sea of flowers. "How can the gardeners here keep the flowers so beautiful, it's amazing!"

Josiah looked at the woman surrounded by the moonlight and the sea of flowers, and felt that she was extremely charming.

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He walked over with a smile and said, "Be careful of the thorns." "It's worth getting hurt!" Meredith said excitedly.

"It's not worth the stabbing, I'll feel bad." Josiah forcibly pulled her body back to stop turning, and asked her to walk in for a look.

"Inside?" Meredith followed.

Seeing the pavilion covered with flowers, he said, "I remember that Old Sir Shelby and old Madam Shelby liked to come here to play chess and drink tea. Do they still do that now?"

"Occasionally."

Josiah led her into the pavilion.

"Sit down and have some tea." Josiah nodded at her.

Meredith sat down and asked, "what kind of tea can I drink?"

"What kind of tea do you like to drink?" Josiah waved to the waiting servant, who immediately came over and said, "Well, there are all kinds of tea here, all freshly picked in the garden. There's jasmine, roses..."

"Just roses." Meredith said.

"Okay, please wait a moment."

The servant turned and entered the house.

Josiah took off his coat and put it on Meredith, and asked, "Is it cold? Don't catch a cold."

"I'm not cold, you can wear it yourself." Meredith returned the coat to him.

Even though he was just rejected by her he still insisted on her wearing it and said, "You should still wear it."

Meredith had no choice but to wrap the coat tightly over her shoulders.

"I think it would be better to drink tea and enjoy flowers here in summer, it's still a bit cold in winter."

"Spring is not bad." Josiah sat down on the chair opposite her. "I'll bring you back in two months to see it."

That would be two months later.

At that time, the matter between him and Ivy should have been settled.

She just did not know if she would really have the chance to come again.

"What's wrong? You don't want to come?"

"No." Meredith said, "I was thinking about what clothes I should wear to take pictures to look better."

"You're so pretty, you'll look good in anything."

Meredith glanced at him speechlessly. "Josiah, can you stop treating me like how you treat Nia?"

"I'm telling the truth." Josiah raised her little face with his fingers to look left and right, and nodded with satisfaction. "Prettier than roses."

Women like to be praised, Meredith was no different.

She deliberately suppressed the little joy in her heart, and said with a smile, "So am I your type?"

"Well to be honest, Ivy is prettier than you."

"You..."

Meredith was not happy.

Although she actually thought that Ivy was prettier than her, it was fine for her to say it, but not for him to!

Seeing that she was angry with him, Josiah could not help but laugh again, "Can't you understand me? I mean, no matter what you look like, I only love you. Whether disfigured, or otherwise."

"As expected of a businessman, you are a real smooth talker!"

The servant brought out the flower tea, and Josiah poured a cup of flower tea for Meredith herself. "Come and warm your hands."

Meredith held the teacup in her hand, smelled the fragrance in the cup, and could not help but admire it and said, "It's really fragrant. II

"You haven't even had a sip yet."

"Who said tea is for drinking, it smells delicious." Meredith took a light sip. "Well, it tastes good too."

Josiah also tasted it and nodded. "It's really fragrant."

In fact, he did not like drinking flower-based tea, but it was a pleasure to sit and drink tea with her in such beautiful scenery.

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After drinking the tea, Meredith suddenly remembered why they headed out.

She immediately stood up from the chair. "Hey, I said I was looking for Nia and Cooper, but I was delayed here."

Josiah got up with a smile. "You finally remembered?"

"It's all your fault!" Meredith said angrily, "I originally just wanted to see the roses, why did you bring me in for tea?"

Josiah shrugged innocently. "I was wrong."

"If Cooper and Nia get lost, I'll blame you."

"Don't worry, I can't lose them." Josiah reassured, "This is our family mansion."

"This mansion is so big. If I remember correctly, there is a pond behind it. Hum...that is quite dangerous."

"Do you think I'll let the little guys run around on their own?"

"What do you mean?"

"Don't worry, I sent two people to accompany them."

Meredith finally felt relieved.

She still took him to the front garden and said, "No matter, let's go back anyway."

Back in the main house, I saw that Cooper and Nia had returned and were eating together in the dining hall.

Old Sir Shelby and Old Madam Shelby watched dotingly from the side.

From a distance, old sir Shelby can be heard saying with relief, " Although this child doesn't like to talk, he looks smart, just like when Josiah was a child."

"Cooper is smarter than Josiah!" old Madam Shelby said.

"Is Nia smart?"

"Smart and talented, of course you are smart." old Man Shelby laughed heartily, "Nia is smart and lively, like a little sun, if only Cooper could be so cheerful."

"Don't worry, as a little sun, I will definitely illuminate my brother and make him a little sun too."

"Okay, I am waiting for the day when you turn your brother into a little sun." Old Sir Shelby turned and said, "By the way, Nia will accompany brother every day from now on, don't leave him, yeah."

Nia nodded heavily. "Well, I won't leave my brother behind."

"Nia, Cooper, have you finished visiting the garden?" Josiah took Meredith's little hand into the restaurant.

Meredith was self conscious and gently wrenched his hand out of his palm. She greeted Old Sir Shelby politely.

"Daddy and Mommy, we haven't finished going around, because it's too big." Nia said.

"It's okay, Daddy will go around with you tomorrow."

"Really? Thank you, Daddy."

"Daddy can also accompany you to go fishing, do you want to go?"

"Yes!" Nia responded excitedly and turned to Cooper. "Brother, do you want to go?"

Cooper nodded lightly.

Old Sir Shelby coughed lightly and said, "Are you fishing? I want to go too."

Old Madam Shelby immediately objected, "What are you doing out there in the cold? You just have to cause people to fuss over you when you have a cold, don't you?"

"What's wrong with the cold? Can't I wear more clothes?"

Josiah smiled and said, "Nia, Cooper, let him go fishing with you tomorrow."

"Okay." Nia nodded, "Daddy, let's go together."

"I'm not going." Josiah said.

When Meredith heard that Josiah was not going, she asked in a low voice, "What about you? What are you doing?"

"Me?" Josiah leaned over and said in her ear, "I'll accompany you to the garden."

"Who said I need you to accompany me, I'll go walk around by myself."

"I want to accompany you."

Josiah's voice just fell, when Mrs. Shelby's voice suddenly came from behind, "oh just right, tomorrow Josiah has to accompany Ivy to her home."

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Josiah's handsome eyebrows twisted slightly, and he turned to look at Mrs. Shelby who had just walked in. "why do you want me to accompany lvy back to her house?"

"When Uncle Landers was alive, Aunt Landers always loved you very much. It's rare for Ivy to visit her home. Shouldn't you accompany her there?"

"Do not..."

Before Josiah could finish his refusal, Old Sir Shelby took the lead and said, "Well, Josiah, this is out of politeness and courtesy, you should do it."

Josiah was speechless.

Old Madam Shelby looked at everyone and nodded in agreement. "I think you should go too, but not only Josiah, Josiah's wife, Meredith, should go along."

She turned to Meredith and said with a knowing smile, "Meredith, you'll have to go."

Meredith nodded immediately and said, "Well then, it's no bother."

Mrs. Shelby glared at Meredith angrily, and said to old Madam Shelby, "Mom, didn't Dad already say that for Cooper's health, Josiah has to marry Ivy."

"It doesn't matter what he said, marrying a wife and having children is Josiah's own life, and he has to make his own decision." Old Madam Shelby said.

Josiah gave Old Madam Shelby a secret thumbs up, and pulled Meredith with the other hand.

"Grandpa and Grandma, please take care of the children here, I want to go upstairs to rest first."

"Wait!" Old Sir Shelby stopped him.

Josiah took a step and turned around with a frown.

"Tomorrow, make sure you go see Uncle and Auntie Landers and greet them properly." old Master Shelby ordered.

Josiah's expression sank

Meredith hurriedly replied on behalf of him, "Don't worry, we will go."

After that, the two left the dining hall together.

Back in the bedroom, Josiah turned around and stared at Meredith and asked, "Are you serious?"

"Yes."

Josiah was furious and said, "You..."

"Josiah, are you afraid of having me with you?" Meredith raised her hand and patted him on the shoulder. "Don't worry, I won't let you be eaten by Ivy."

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Early the next morning, Ivy was ready to go back to her family home.

Standing beside the car, she looked at Josiah and Meredith who walked out hand in hand and said, "Actually, I can go back by myself, I don't need to bother you."

Josiah said in a low voice, "You should say this to Old Sir Shelby."

"Josiah, I actually said it, but he..."

"Let's not waste time on useless talk, let's go quickly." Josiah turned around and pulled Meredith into the car.

Meredith glanced at Ivy, and Meredith immediately sat down next to Josiah and said in a soft and coy voice, "Josiah, I'm a little cold."

It was rare to hear her speak in such a tone, even Josiah felt numb, but he soon understood that she did it on purpose.

Although it was not like her temperament and he did not fully understand her intentions, he still cooperated and pulled her hands into his arms to warm them up.

"Is this better?" Ge asked softly.

"It's still cold."

"Then I'll put the coat on you?"

"Why don't you give me some of your body heat." Meredith put her arms around his neck, her pink and tender lips pursed softly.

Josiah smiled slightly, lowered his head and kissed her lips.

"What about now? Is it still cold?" Josiah looked at her, "If it's still cold, I still have a trick."

"It's not cold anymore." Meredith smiled slightly at him, looking past his shoulders at Ivy on the other side.