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Chapter301 We are not to be the Sacrificed Lamb!

"Jamie Nordhaus!"

"Chairman, how come he's here?"

Everyone present was stunned, not only because the comer was the project manager from the rivaling company which had taken a \$700-million worth of business from Lion Group, but he dared to break into the meeting room in such an ostentatious manner.

Eliot's face darkened the moment he turned round to catch the sight of Jamie.

Yet Jamie just per-empted him, "Why can't I show up here when this meeting of yours is said to be held for the sake of me?"

At this moment, he became the frivolous Junior Nordhaus again, who was notorious for his insinulative sneer.

Glancing at Jamie coldly, August ordered Burton, "Since we are having a guest here, could you make a seat for Junior Nordhaus, Burton?"

Hearing himself being called as "Junior Nordhaus", Jamie put on a grim look.

That name had too much to with his infamous past, when he was hanging around all day resorting to his family.

But he had molded into the project manager of Jervas Group now.

Yet August deliberately insisted on calling him by that name, that was obviously out of mockery.

Casting a quiet look at August, Jamie then turned to Eliot, "Mr.Adams, I came here to make something clear to you guys."

After that, he turned to Lucia with an overt smile.

That smile made Lucia much more relieved.

She had just sent him the message out of sheer desperation, not really expecting him to show up.

him really standing in the meeting room, she was still quite uncertain whether he would be able to make it clear as

had to

Jamie, but immediately perceived a sharp glare from August, which got

rejection in front of so many people would only get

please." said

that someone is spreading the rumor of me and Lucia shopping together yesterday, and suspecting she's leaked out

unreasonably, but based on forceful

"What a forceful analysis!"

Jamie snorted to laugh.

show you guys what's called

his assistant, who'd been waiting at

are going to see the surveillance video in the clothing shop where I ran into Lucia. Here is convincing evidence to

front and started playing the video to

Jamie was asking the staff about the location of the dressing room when he entered the shop. He then knocked at the door of the dressing room

apparent on both sides, which meant they hadn't

said "it's long since

just indicated they were definitely not that

room when everyone had

the shop all the way by a piece of message. It's obvious that someone was manipulating the so-called appointment, just in order to take the candid photo of us. I don't mind letting you guys

to

who only shut their lips after reading

even with a candid picture. And then this morning, the mailing system of your company was hacked to send out that misleading mail,

up the crime with a scapegoat, of

trust me, you could well go to the clothing shop for the video yourselves, or just talk

who made the gimmickry is, I will never let slip of him or her! Making Lucia the scapegoat is not only framing her up, but also slandering my working ability. We are not to be the sacrificed lamb! Anyone who still have any question, please stand up to confront with me. This is the business of mine

actually quite well-grounded, and nor could they find any direct evidence

stalemate could only get the

just to find

Chapter 302 False Friendship

Lucia didn't wake up from her thought of August's facial expression until Jamie talked to her. She was still wondering whether she'd done anything to infuriate him, yet failed to figure it out. She thus went out with Jamie as he required.

They were now walking through the passage, one after the other and followed by Jamie's assistant.

Lucia finally expressed her gratitude to Jamie, "Thank you for what you did."

She had to do that because she might have been driven out of Lion Group but for Jamie.

"Come on!"

Jamie raised his eyebrows, and suddenly held her shoulder, joking, "Or how are you going to thank me? By being my girlfriend?"

Knowing he was only joking, Lucia retorted in a jocose tone as well, "For real?"

As something was flickering in Jamie's eyes, there came the footfalls before he could make any response.

Lucia turned to the direction of the footsteps, just to find August standing not far away.

As her heart jolted, she jumped some steps away from Jamie out of reflection, looking rather flustered.

August fixed on them coldly with a noncommittal look.

When Lucia looked up to him again, he had been walking past them, looking straight ahead.

Lucia just felt her heartbeat quicken in sweat, and she wasn't able to brace herself up until she entered the lift.

Having noticed all her reaction, Jamie's smile froze, though he still said in a casual tone, "Or just invite me for dinner if you really want to express your gratitude."

"Sure!"

Lucia replied, though still lost in her thoughts.

Her mood was just shadowed by some inexplicable pressure due to August's seemingly casual glimpse just now.

Having sent Jamie to the gate of the company, she began returning to the Administration Department.

Emma had been waiting for Lucia at the door and her eyes flashed when she finally saw her.

"How is it going, Lucia?"

Emma went up to her.

"Nothing serious."

weak smile and went on walking

who thus started jeering coldly, "Something's got to give if he or she is

come to light sooner or

pondering on August's behavior to care about the

it necessary to protest for her

thus frowned and retorted, "Think before you speak, please. Stop gossiping when you've got no idea of thinking? Or did I get at

woman raised her defiant eyebrows, "What are you being proud of? Simply because you've been promoted?

for nothing, which made Emma flushing at once and turned to Emma,

and was about to walk on with Lucia, when that woman continued, "Why? Where has the arrogant air of yours gone? So my

"What a bull-shitter!"

round to rebuke

crackled with tension as the woman rose to her feet, being the supervisor's room opened

the people around, she snapped coldly, "So I've assigned you guys too few abated as everyone took their eyes back for their own

"Do you have

her teeth, Lucia nodded

to be left alone in the office after the heart-thumping storm in sigh, she

Lucia could get around to saying anything, "You could go Lucia was stunned.

I do anything wrong,

why she was still driven home when Jamie had Carter laughed.

happened in

Lucia touched her forelock, "Oh it just gave

"All right."

when you're back. You're appointed by the higher ranks for it, and other coworkers will take bit surprised, Lucia

and felt relieved when she found her
supper with her parents, she eventually went back to her
had made her so exhausted that she fell asleep unconsciously
up. She hastened to
already quite late

Chapter 303 She was Only a Substitute? Standing beside the flower beds in the night breeze, August was
in front of his car.

Being a bit tipsy, he tried to steady himself by leaning against the car languorously while squinting at the
direction of the stairs.

He actually couldn't account for his behavior now.

He had been drinking with Joshua in Perfect Fortune just now to dissipate the gloominess in his heart.

Yet Lucia's face kept floating into his mind, making him even more upset.

He thus kept on drinking, and was a bit drunken when he eventually left Perfect Fortune.

Burton was to send him home, yet he just gave him the address of Lucia without much thinking,
probably because he was already unable to think.

The sound activated lights on the ground floor was lit before long, and Lucia appeared some seconds
later.

Wearing a long ivory overcoat which got her white and spidery legs exposed outside, she ran towards
him like a butterfly, her hair floating in the air.

Feeling a crush in his heart, August just couldn't take his eyes off her.

Lucia went up to the car, and passed him the bottle of icy water after taking a gasp.

"Now you can let me know the matter"

Looking down at the bottle, August got his eyes fixed on her thin wrist.

"I'm sorry I wasn't helping today."

he muttered after a moment's silence.

He'd promised her in his office that he would keep her safe, yet in the end he wasn't the one who
managed to help her out.

Lucia paused for some seconds before she finally grasped what he meant.

"It's OK.

It's gone now."

said she blandly.

She knew the situation had been quite disadvantageous to August, when Bishop was challenging him and Eliot had to consider the broad picture fairly.

was already quite gratified when he was willing to

looked up at her, frowning, "So

"Not at all."

Lucia shook her head.

short silence, it suddenly occurred to August that Jamie had mentioned the girlfriend stuff to her, and that made

water, August abruptly stretched

action made him stagger before he held her into his arms out of

Lucia was astounded.

of her waist

"I might be drunken."

hoarse and low

just felt

a little dizzy, probably because of

as this

abruptly turned round with her in his arms, and thus pressed

beseiged her between his arms which were leaning

up at him

"What..."

drunken

as orderly as usual, with some locks falling down over his

tie had been loosened and two buttons at the top, undone, just

was no longer the chilly August, and seemed quite appealing

and whispered to her, "I'll try my best

so low and tantalizing that her face began burning

still in silence, August raised her chin up with his hand, "Did you

ineffable urge, Lucia had lost

bit her lip and took a

absolutely right, or else he wouldn't allow himself to utter such frivolous words to her which he had hidden well in

approached her ear under his breath, "Could

herself almost paralyzed, and her mind really

this? She couldn't help considering those ambiguous words of

to her -- she actually had seldom dined with him in the canteen, but it was Jeanne who often ate

quite certain now August was mistaking her

just got Lucia

to be the substitute, she said to herself, especially when the man was not sober enough! She calmed down and demanded

if I refuse

warm hands and abruptly bent down

enough composure

Chapter304 Visiting the Filming Spot Lucia didn't sleep well.

She actually didn't fall asleep until early morning after tossing and turning for a whole night.

It was quite late when she woke up and she was inevitably late for work.

Yet to her great surprise, her table was empty when she rushed to the office.

Emma hastened to explain, "Carter told me to take over your current work as you're assigned with a new task."

Lucia now remembered the higher ranks of the company, as Carter had told her, wanted her to put priority on Jonathan Black's commercial.

That signified the importance of this task.

Lucia thus nodded quietly, printed out the travel itinerary of Jonathan Black and began studying it.

Though the popular actor said he would consider Lucia's suggestion, she actually hadn't got any reply from him so far.

Lucia thus figured she had to take the initiative as a gesture of good faith.

As his schedule showed, Jonathan would spend the whole day with the crew today.

Lucia then detected his whereabouts from the group of his fans before she left the company.

She had to pay a visit to him again since he didn't show any interest in her business.

Arriving at the Film Town of Austos City, Lucia managed to obtain an identity card from some little crew aside before she headed for her destination - a filming group engaged in a historical drama.

Identity cards looked alike amongst the groups, and Lucia only needed to mislead the guards by hiding the front to her chests.

She believed no one would question her as long as she had got a string around her neck for the identity card.

She was right, and she actually was able to strut into the complex of historical drama without any trouble.

With secretly pleasure, she glanced around the crowd among the machines and finally spotted Jonathan on a portable chair at the landing of the stairs.

With an umbrella above and snacks all over the table aside, he was way better treated than the extra actors who could only sit on the ground next to him.

Sighing about the inequality, Lucia made her way through the crowd and approached Jonathan.

As his agent Suecy was absent, he was accompanied only by his young assistant while being engaged in his phone as though playing a game.

His assistant rose after drinking some water, "I'll have to go to the toilet, Jonathan."

agreed even without raising his face

sight, Lucia approached Jonathan quietly from

be exasperated when he was beaten in

someone was aside out of the corner of his eye, Jonathan ordered irritably, "Pass

realized Jonathan had mistaken her

him the

her, though he finally noticed something as he

"It's you?"

after a

Lucia grinned.

at the filming

"Visiting me?"

fraying at

visiting a star without brining anything

was a little

you actually know my intention

"Could you have some

the tissue, Jonathan snorted, "What makes you think I'll

could make you

Lucia thus asked.

in his eyes, Jonathan tilted his head to her after

"I want some coffee.

it for

with a

became a star for nothing, exclaimed Lucia to herself, because a mere stare from him when he titled

perfect and handsome face! She finally woke up after a while,

I'll go grab it."

a price to pay as long

Jonathan laughed out.

only want the coffee with milk foam at

that Jonathan himself was the boss of Jonathan Coffee, and that he only needed to get it sent to him by his staff if

she eyed him, he still appeared quite bland

she almost knew his intention, and answered cheerfully,

Just a minute."

"OK."

a cutesy way, "I'll be waiting for you

agent Suecy showed up at

the sight of Lucia, she darkened her face, "What are you doing

signal to the

Chapter305 Look Out for the Paparazzi Jonathan's hostility out of no good reason got Lucia to take a gasp, and that woman happened to turn round to her when Lucia was hesitating about what to do next.

Despite the dark glasses, one could still grasp the vague shape of her eyes.

And Lucia just noticed that woman decidedly paused and jerked her head back irritably at the sight of Lucia.

That made Lucia even more puzzled.

She thus began observing that woman more closely, just to find her quite familiar.

As Lucia was trying to figure out the identity of the woman, her sight was blocked.

She looked up and met the furious face of Jonathan, who was frowning and snapping, "What are you doing here?"

That raises Lucia's hackles too.

Wasn't he the very one who demanded the coffee? And now he just denied it when she had taken great troubles to buy it for him.

Yet she repressed her anger and permitted herself a smile, "Mr.Black, here's the coffee you wanted."

She then lifted the bag in her hand.

Jonathan frowned, obviously having no interest in her business any more, even perfunctorily.

At that instant, his earphone flashed as a phone call came in.

He got it through by touching the earphone and asked, "What's it, Suecy?"

He then got alert after hearing something from the other end of the phone, only scrutinizing around and asking under his breath, "Where's the paparazzo?"

Some seconds later, he fixed his eyes along a direction, as his face darkened.

With some consideration, he suddenly stretched out his hand to grasp Lucia by her collar, and tilted his head back, "There's a paparazzo here.

Let's talk about it tonight."

He was obviously saying that to the woman in sunglasses.

Yet she only strode aside with a cold remark, "We are not to talk about it any more."

Lucia paused as she just felt that woman so familiar, and the truth eventually dawned on her after some seconds.

who had been so close to August that their candid pictures had

have an intimate tie too...As Lucia was still pondering on the stream of

whispered to her, "Get into the car if you want me

hushed at with a

car by him, Lucia turned her face round, just

figured it

into the car, Suecy began roaring, "Jonathan, what are you doing? Why did

tone suddenly turned softer as she realized something, "You are doing
resumed the

got himself seated on his place and began drinking as cozily as
hard to figure

"Her"

Jones, who'd been talking with Jonathan just
in the public

affair about him, but that

tie to August? So this was a three-some affair? Or there was something

"Hey!"

fingers at

at him, Lucia stopped mind-wandering

wouldn't believe

on a grim look with a knot in his forehead, "So

"Detected what?"

pretended to be ignorant, "Detected your intention to fool me by getting

with a quite sneer, and stopped eyeing her, only going on drinking the coffee

outside the window, just

she turned to Jonathan again,

in curtly, "I'll think

side of the

remind me when we're

take a

more comfortably and

noncommittal smile,

began quivering

guy become an idol! She eventually bellowed out, "Jonathan, don't you think you are being too mean to
you, you just shrink

Are you fooling me?"

Chapter 306 Throwing Herself on Him When Lucia returned to her small apartment in the evening, she had no appetite.

After cooking some porridge, she went back to the bedroom and took out the dress she was going to wear tomorrow.

The dress with perfect texture was hung up, looking like a painting.

When she sat on the bed and looked up at it in a daze, what had happened between August and her flashed across her mind like playing a movie.

Suddenly, the mobile phone on the bed rang.

After she slowly picked it up, she saw a message from an unknown ID saying, "Come to the crew tomorrow.

If you come, I will consider endorsing the product."

The tone was commanding, and the message mentioned the crew and the endorsement, so she knew the sender must be Jonathan.

Therefore, she sneered without replying.

Jonathan had deceived her twice.

So, when he took the initiative to ask her to go over, she believed he just wanted to play a trick on her again.

He said he would "consider", but she did not think he had ever considered it at all.

It did not matter that she had been deceived twice, but she would never allow herself to be played by this big star all the time.

Moreover, she had to attend August's engagement ceremony tomorrow, so she did not have time to serve him.

After making up her mind, she stopped thinking about it, washed up, and went to bed.

The next morning, Lucia got up, stretched herself, and felt the long-lost comfort of a morning at home.

She was busy all the time, so she barely had time to make breakfast.

She always hurriedly left her apartment either to the company or to the hospital.

Today, she was going to attend August's engagement ceremony, so she had a rare leisurely morning.

After breakfast, she looked at the time, put on simple makeup, and changed into the dress, intending to go to the venue of the engagement ceremony.

But when she was about to go out, she received a message from August, saying, "Go to the company to fetch my watch and cigarettes.

leftmost

you in the dressing room
help tightening her grip on the phone while
tone of his message
had really been drunk that
Lucia didn't dare to waste any time, so
was wearing a long dress, high heels, and a thin windbreaker, revealing her fair-skinned thin neck and
an elegant
soon as she went out, she attracted
of the community because the car she had booked on
the driver to go directly to
few people in the
to
the leftmost drawer and saw a luxury watch and
up and put them in
about to close the drawer, she suddenly saw
sofa in the Adams's villa and covered with a fluffy blanket,
she knew it had been taken when she had lived in the Adams's villa after getting married
remember
must be August who had secretly taken this photo of
complex emotions and didn't know whether
she felt as if a bright and hot spark had been
feelings for her, right? Such a thought suddenly popped into her mind, but
had feelings for her, he
reached out to close the drawer, suppressed her excitement, and walked
not have any
he would someone else's fiancé and would have nothing to do with
the venue, Lucia calmed herself
arriving, she showed the invitation letter to the waiter at
She was not late.

after another, and everyone was

Lucia took a deep breath, thinking it would take a lot of time for her to find the dressing room in such a

waiter with a tray, and asked, "Could you

waiter replied politely, "Go down the corridor on the right, and you will

one belongs to

who are going

walked in the direction he had said, went out of the hall through the door

Chapter 307 Engagement Ceremony His teasing tone made Lucia's cheeks flush immediately.

She frowned, tried to break free, and said, "Mr.Adams, I've put the things on the table...

August refused to let go of her and wrapped his arms around her waist firmly, preventing her from leaving.

Suddenly, he showed a gloomy face and he said seriously, "Do not move."

Hearing this, Lucia stopped struggling and widened her eyes to stare at him.

Time seemed to stop at this moment.

When the two looked at each other, all the affection was passed by their gazes, and the atmosphere became more and more sticky.

Lucia somehow felt hot, and her breath became much faster.

When August noticed her slight change, his heart skipped a beat.

He narrowed his eyes and looked down at her fair neck.

Then, he stretched out his hand, groped around her waist with his big hands, and flexibly untied the strap of her windbreaker around her waist.

Suddenly feeling the coolness, Lucia was taken aback.

Before she could react, he had already removed her windbreaker to her elbows.

Her dress was well-designed.

It was not very revealing, but it showed her graceful and sexy curves exactly right.

When she felt August's eyes sweep over her body, her cheeks turned even redder, and she hurriedly tried to pull up her windbreaker.

But August stretched out to grab her hands and said solemnly, "Let me have a look."

It was the first time he had seen her wearing such a dress, so he wanted to see her take off her windbreaker so much as if being bewitched.

When Lucia was in a daze, he took off her windbreaker.

When he saw the dress, the look in his eyes darkened, and his Adam's apple rolled up and down unconsciously.

And he thought Lucia looked stunning.

Lucia quickly understood the meaning of the look in his eyes, so she quickly said, "Mr.Adams, it's getting late.

I must go."

speaking, she put

she was about to walk toward the door, August grabbed her by the wrist and said

Hearing this, Lucia frowned.

she was about to speak, she suddenly

someone approached this room and

tensed up and froze, looking at the door

was not pushed

asked from outside, "August, are

Lucia was stunned.

went blank, and

she recovered from the shock, hurriedly broke out of August's grip, and said in a

alone in the dressing room, she would misunderstand! Lucia hurriedly began to look for a

she spotted the big wardrobe over there, she

and asked in a

in panic, hurriedly opened the door, bent over, and

closing the door, and watched her curling

little cute, so he couldn't help

not do

are you

didn't

so she looked up at

open the

to realize something, so her voice became anxious,
dressing room was exclusively for the two of them, but the door was locked from the inside,
locked the door? This was
knocking on the door grew louder and louder as if
a trembling voice, "She's your
calm with
them, stared at her with his deep eyes, and
so nervous? Is there any secret in your
in a drawling voice with an ambiguous smile in his eyes, "Is it because you like me that you're
and a trace
a deep breath, hesitated for a moment, and replied, "No,
please don't think too
just don't want
Kelly to misunderstand."
tightened
a gloomy and cold expression, gave Lucia a deep
breathed a sigh of relief and quickly
what were you doing inside? Why
speaking, she glanced behind August

Chapter 308 Exchange Rings But Lucia felt depressed as if a stone was pressing against her heart, having difficulty breathing.

Such a scene made her uncomfortable.

August and Jeanne walked around the venue and then returned to the front.

Soon, the engagement ceremony began.

When the guests were taking their seats, Lucia also sat down in a corner.

According to the process sheet, August and Jeanne would give a speech and then exchange engagement rings.

And their parents would give them blessings in the end.

Staring at the man on the stage and listening to him talk about what had happened between him and Jeanne, Lucia felt the dull pain in her heart become stronger.

She thought she shouldn't have come here because it was torturous for her to watch them together.

Soon, it was Jeanne's turn to speak.

She took over the microphone, glanced at the man beside her, smiled, and said with sweetness in her eyes, "Everyone, thank you very much for making time out of your busy schedules to attend our engagement ceremony.

I guess you should all know that we are childhood sweethearts.

We have known each other since childhood, and he has accompanied me for most of my life..."

She talked about the things from their childhood to the present with red eyes, and when she expressed her love for August, her voice was choked up with emotions.

After she finished speaking, everyone in the audience clapped, and the atmosphere was warm.

Lucia took a deep breath and bowed her head in frustration, feeling jealous.

Suddenly, someone sat next to her.

Before she could raise her head, she heard a familiar male voice say, "Hi, Lucia."

When she looked up and saw Paul, she asked, "Paul, why are you here?"

Paul looked as gentle as usual and said softly, "I came here because I received the invitation."

Lucia nodded, tried her best to force a smile, and said, "They have invited all the important people in Austos City to the engagement ceremony.

I should not have felt surprised to see you here."

smiled, "Actually, I

received the invitation, he had

he had thought that she might come,

really

smiled bitterly, "Me

looked at each other and smiled, so the atmosphere became much lighter

had already moved on to the

with an

would put

on the big screen so that all the guests under the stage could

the diamonds, many people

on the rings were blue diamonds, which were dazzling,

in advance because the production period was exceedingly long,
listening to the whispers of the guests around her, Lucia got to know the value and significance
saw them sweetly exchanging rings
turned his head,
said, "Lucia, if you don't want to stay here,
smiled at him and said
We can leave later."
hadn't ended
now, August
nodded and stayed by her side in silence
Soon, the ceremony ended.
played, the atmosphere in
took Jeanne off the stage, chatted with
change the food on the tables,
to look at Lucia and thoughtfully asked, "Lucia, what would you like to drink? I'll get it
smiled, "Orange juice,
will be
got up and walked away, Lucia looked around the bustling hall in her seat, feeling like an outsider who
couldn't fit
sighed, took out her phone, and swiped
at the time, she began to think about when it would be more appropriate for her
of leather shoes entered her
she looked up, she saw
and
to his ears and asked, "Miss, are
him,
unceremoniously, leaned over, and said with a smile, "You look familiar, but I can't remember where
we've
phone number? We can have dinner

Chapter 309 Taking A Photo The affection in Paul's eyes was too obvious, so Lucia unconsciously blushed.

Then, she took a deep breath and changed the topic, asking, "How's Paula doing?"

Seeing her shyness, Paul smiled, "She's been very busy recently, but I don't know what she's doing."

Hearing this, Lucia immediately thought of Burton.

Paula had not contacted her recently, but Paul had said she was busy, so there was only one possibility.

Lucia smiled knowingly but didn't say anything about it.

Suddenly, a clear female voice said not far away, "Lucia!"

Hearing this, Lucia turned her head back and saw Jeanne in a white dress walking toward her while handing August's hand.

Instantly, Lucia tensed up.

Jeanne beamed with joy, pulled August over, and said with a smile, "I've been looking for you for a long time, but I didn't expect you to be here!"

While speaking, she looked at Paul and said with a knowing smile, "It turns out you're with Mr.Thomas!"

Lucia lowered her eyes, glanced at Jeanne and August holding hands, forced a smile, and said, "Congratulations."

Hearing this, Jeanne smiled brightly, while August showed a gloomy face and looked between Lucia and Paul intentionally.

Jeanne took August's hand and showed Lucia their engagement rings, saying, "Lucia, look! Are they pretty?"

Lucia nodded and said softly, "Yes, they look pretty."

"I think so too! This is a surprise from August!"

Jeanne said, looked at August lovingly, held his arm intimately, and continued, "I've ordered our engagement rings, but he suddenly asked his assistant to deliver this pair of rings here today.

The production period of this kind of ring is at least several months!"

While speaking, Jeanne looked incredibly happy.

Seeing this, Lucia felt a sting in her heart, and the smile on her face faded.

"By the way, I looked for you to take a photo!"

Jeanne suddenly remembered her purpose.

Then, she looked between Lucia and Paul and asked playfully, "Mr.Thomas, Are you chasing Lucia?"

question, Lucia immediately shook her head with

could say anything, Jeanne added, "August and I both saw you whispering
to deny
her eyes in a panic and involuntarily looked at
his cold gaze, she was
said with a smile, "Yes, I am pursuing
his hand, politely took her hand, looked at her
was stunned to
never expected
knew that he wasn't joking, so she was at a loss for what to
her and quickly said, "Lucia, say yes! Mr.Thomas is one
at Lucia with a smile, and
to snatch
joking, but
as Lucia understood
at Paul again, she
and asked patiently, "Lucia, are you willing to
a few seconds, took a deep breath, and said softly,
a gloomy face, and his gaze
excitedly with a glint of
said with a smile, "That's great! Lucia, you must attend my
said, "Mr.Thomas, Lucia is my friend, you must treat her well! Otherwise, I will
seemed convivial and relaxed on
expression was a
Lucia held Paul's hand, she could see August's cold gaze out of the corner of her eye,
squeezed her fingers
turned her head to look at
saw his smile like a spring breeze, her nervousness was
also smiled at
other, August immediately showed a hint

she had said in the dressing room

August felt more furious and could hardly suppress his

hand and said, "August, let's take a picture with

came back to his senses, restrained his anger, suddenly stretched out to wrap his long arm around Jeanne's waist, and said in a low voice, "Okay,

and beamed with

August to Lucia's side, and said, "Let the photographer take a photo of

couldn't embarrass Jeanne in public,

soon stood

and Jeanne stood in the center, and August and Paul stood on both

Chapter 310 His Operation Was Successful Watching him leave, Lucia suddenly felt upset and somehow lonely.

standing beside Lucia, Paul saw her expression, and his heart sank.

After a pause, he took a deep breath and asked, "Do you still like August?"

Hearing his words, Lucia was startled.

She came to her sense instantly, looked at him in a panic, and shook her head in denial, "No...

no."

Although it was a denial, she had no confidence.

She looked at Paul in front of her, gritted her teeth, and hesitated...

She was flustered about what happened just now.

She didn't know whether it was because of her impulsiveness, or she had accepted Paul when she got excited because of facing August and Jeanne...

But in fact, she was indeed taking advantage of Paul just now.

Now, what was done could not be undone, and she didn't know how to explain it.

Paul naturally saw that she had something to say, and even guessed what she was going to say.

He smiled at her and said softly, "As for what I said to you just now in front of them, don't take it seriously.

I was just helping you put on a show in front of them.

Don't have any psychological burden."

When Lucia heard this, she was somehow surprised.

It seemed she hadn't expected Paul to be so frank.

She felt warm and said, "Thank you."

He had helped her unconditionally again and again without asking for anything in return.

He was indeed a gentleman.

Paul smiled, "Okay, it's getting late, and the engagement ceremony is almost over.

I'll take you to dinner and then take you home."

Lucia smiled, did not refuse, and left the venue with him.

After coming out of the Southville Venue, Lucia unconsciously breathed a sigh of relief and felt a little more at ease.

Paul took her to a nearby specialty restaurant for dinner and then drove her to the gate of her community.

When the car stopped, Lucia said goodbye to Paul with a smile before she got off the car and walked toward the community.

car and looked at her

meant what he had said to Lucia in front of Jeanne and August today

her had always

of an eye,

have time to rest and immediately

for

were normal and her father's physical conditions were

Elisa both breathed a sigh of relief and stayed by Bill's side,

surgery was

off from the company to stay with her

saw her father being pushed into the operating room

several hours of agonizing waiting, she finally saw the red light in front of the

the chief surgeon, Dr.Long, came out

stepped forward quickly with a pallid

moved her lips and was about to ask

and finally said with relief,

You can rest assured."

a lump came into her throat with excitement when she heard the doctor's
for this

father was hospitalized, she had accompanied

the operation was successful, it meant the end of suffering and the

"Thank you, doctor.

so

was also

repeatedly and looked back at Lucia with tears in

and said, "Lucia, we finally didn't

looked at her mother, feeling

by his side, taken good

much older

her arms and hugged

Bill out and transferred him to the ICU to observe his condition at

stayed on the side,

had stayed outside the ward for a while when there suddenly came a clear male

strode over with a worried look on

Lucia somehow

and said,

Paul had an important meeting for negotiation

entered the operating room, she didn't dare

him

up to her and said

can I not be here? But I had

How is Mr.Mitchell?"

direction of the ICU and said, "The operation was successful,

at the window of the ward, suddenly said, "He

Your dad is awake!"

Paul

forward and saw Bill who was lying on the bed slowly opening his