

Sweet Wife 51

Chapter 51 The Sweet Nothings on the Phone

Natalia went downstairs, trying to explain to Dottie.

But Dottie did not believe what she said at all.

Besides, she persuaded Natalia, "That's OK. Mrs. Mccarthy. You don't have to be embarrassed. It's a good thing that young couples have lust for each other. Only in this way will you be pregnant soon. So would our Mccarthy mansion thrive... "

Anyway, Dottie chattered a lot, totally ignoring her explanation.

Natalia gave up when she found that Dottie was very opinionated.

Technically speaking, Archie and she were husband and wife, for whom kissing and hugging were all too normal. So it was not a big deal to be bumped into by the elders, a little embarrassing, though.

Natalia decided to abandon her plan to salvage her lady image in Dottie's mind. Instead, she poured a glass of milk and headed upstairs.

When she passed by the study, she suddenly heard someone was talking inside.

It seems that Archie was talking on the phone.

She didn't care at first, and was about to pass by, but she suddenly heard Archie was coaxing someone on the other side of the phone.

"Sweetie, be good. Take the medicine, then go to bed early today, okay?"

Her body stiffened.

She was nailed to where she stood.

"I'll be back in a while."

"Be good, and I'll accompany you when I get back, okay?"

"Yes, of course Anny is the sweetest baby in the world."

The sweet talk in the study continued.

Most of the time the man was coaxing her, in an incredibly gentle tone Natalia had never heard before.

She could even imagine Archie smiling, full of tenderness.

It was a sweet scene, but she was chilled. Like having been poured a bowl of icy water from her head, she even felt her spine chilled.

The low voice of Archie came out, so did his pleasure.

"Well, I'll miss you too. Good night."

He hung up the phone.

The room went back to silence for a moment. Then, there was the sound of footsteps. Archie was heading out.

Natalia's face changed.

She fled away somehow.

She ran into the bedroom and slammed the door backhanded.

Archie just felt a gust of wind, and then the bedroom door was closed.

He was petrified, and then he frowned as if he knew something.

Dottie passed by downstairs at this time. Archie stood in the corridor and asked, "What's wrong with Mrs. Mccarthy?"

Dottie got confused by his question.

"Didn't Mrs. Mccarthy just go upstairs? What's wrong?"

Archie furrowed his brows again.

With no interest to continue the topic, he turned around and walked towards the bedroom.

The bedroom was a bit dim. Natalia was sitting on the bed, flipping an entertainment magazine.

Archie walked over and asked in a causal way, "Did you just go by the study?"

Natalia took a glance at him and made a dry cough, "Yes, just passing by. Why are you nervous?"

Archie didn't answer her.

Natalia, no need to meet his eyes, could feel they must be staring at her at the moment, trying to read her emotions.

She got tired of this topic somehow. So, she pretended to yawn and put down the magazine.

"It's too late. I'm going to sleep."

Then, she lay down and pull up the quilt. With her back faced him, she closed her eyes.

Seeing the way she was, Archie's eyes darkened.

Without further explanation, he head to the bathroom to take a shower.

Natalia couldn't fall asleep at all with the noise in the bathroom.

All she was thinking about was those flirting words she overheard from the study.

They sounded so intimate. She wouldn't believe it if she hadn't heard in person.

Then, Natalia thought of what Archie said when he forced her to get the marriage license, and the scenes of these days. She felt bitter.

The good thing was they had only been together for a short time. Although they were namely husband and wife, they were more like business partners.

She would try her best to play the role of his wife, and he would act as her husband when necessary.

That's enough.

She didn't believe in love anymore, after being betrayed once.

So it's really good, wasn't it?

Natalia kept reassuring herself and she finally calmed down.

But part of her heart was still a bit disappointed and hollow.

When Archie finished his shower, Natalia was still awake.

She nestled in the quilt, eyes closed, but her curled eyelashes fluttering. Archie knew that she was acting at a glance.

He smirked but did not reveal it. Having dried his hair, he head towards the bed.

Natalia knew he was back.

Both of the sound of the hairdryer and his footsteps were reminding her of his existence. It was really hard to not know he was back.

Then, the other side of bed collapsed a bit and she was greeted with a refreshing fragrance.

Natalia frowned. She didn't notice Archie's smell before, for she usually fell into sleep very soon. But today, the smell was very aggressive, making the big bed small and narrow.

Especially when Archie approached her on purpose, she felt more insulted by his threatening vibe.

She almost held her breath and tensed her body to restrain her impulse to escape.

All of a sudden, she felt the room darkened. Archie must have turned off the lights.

Our senses tend to be more sensitive in the darkness than when there is light.

Their body did not contact with each other, and there was even a small gap between them.

But she just couldn't ignore him.

Didn't know how long it had been.

Natalia pretended to murmur, then turned over and rolled aside.

A distance of about half a meter was immediately drawn between them.

She felt more relieved instantly.

Before Natalia could enjoy her triumph, she felt something warm was pressing on her back. Archie moved over.

Natalia frowned.

She turned her back to him, but could even feel the warmth of his chest.

This was too intimate...

Gritting her teeth, she rolled again.

But Archie seemed to be glued to her. He squeezed over again.

Natalia was furious.

She opened her eyes. The regular and peaceful breath of Archie could be heard clearly in the darkness.

She wasn't sure whether he's really asleep or was acting, just like her. Dithering for a while, she took a deep breath and moved to the bedside for the last time.

Even if it was a wide bed, she reached the edge of it when she had rolled aside three times in a row.

If she rolled again, she was going to roll to the ground.

However, it seemed that Archie had determined to embarrass her.

He glued to her as soon as she stopped.

What's more, he even rested one arm on her soft waist this time.

Chapter 52 She was Jealous

Natalia's back instantly stiffened and she dared not move.

Her eyes widened in the darkness.

Was he... really asleep?

It was so abnormal today. He seldom fidgeted while sleeping. Was he acting?

Natalia waited for a moment and Archie stopped fidgeting too. The room was so quiet. Only the shallow breathing of Archie could be heard.

When she was sure that the man behind her was indeed asleep, she carefully lifted his arm, trying to move it away.

However, Archie murmured from behind.

And the arm rested on her waist tightened to wrap her.

What's more, Archie's whole body pressed on her, with his handsome face buried in her long hair, as if she was his pillow. She was totally imprisoned by him now.

Being hugged by him, Natalia felt almost suffocated, and her whole body stiffened.

The shallow breathing was sprayed in her hair. The warm air poured on her neck, making her shivered, like an electric current running through her body.

She went blank instantly with her head buzzing.

But Archie didn't realize it at all. The hand on her waist even encircled her more tightly.

Natalia gritted her teeth.

This was more than embarrassing.

This was dangerous.

She couldn't stand it anymore. Regardless of whether she would wake him up or not, she held his hand and tried to pull it away.

However, the arm on her waist suddenly strengthened its grip and she could not pull it away no matter how hard she tried.

Just as she made another try, she heard a low smirk from behind.

Until then did she realized that he was making fun of her.

She turned her head.

The light was turned on instantly.

Natalia stared at the man lying on the bed, whose trick was cracked. He stopped his pretending, but his arm still did not loosen her waist. He held his head on the pillow with the other hand and look at her with a smile.

"You finally stopped pretending?"

His voice was full of banter.

Natalia said angrily, "You are awake at all the time, right?"

"Aren't you, too?"

"I..."

Knowing that she was wrong, Natalia didn't know how to retort. So she grumbled, "So what? I just pretended to sleep, which did no harm to you at all. But your pretending aimed for pestering me. "

Archie looked at her calmly.

She was really not a good liar. Her eyebrows drooped slightly, which showed a trace of her panic. She was like a lost but adorable deer now.

A harmless lie like this could make her feel so guilty.

Archie smirked and asked her, "What did you hear from outside the study tonight?"

Natalia didn't know how to answer him for a while.

She looked up at him.

His eyes were deep and dark, like good black jade. They looked calm and unperturbed in the dim light. Natalia, however, felt a little uncomfortable by his staring.

It was he who had flirted with an unknown woman and made fun of her, but he stared at her as if she was the one who had betrayed him. She got a little annoyed at the thought of this.

Gritting her teeth, she stared at him, too.

"What did I hear? Everything, of course! So what? What are you going to explain to me? "

Archie got amused by her angry look.

He stroked her head, making her hair even messier.

Natalia jumped away like an annoyed cat.

"Don't touch me!"

Archie laughed, as if he had got more delighted by her annoyance.

After all, no one would have thought that Natalia, who was always reserved and distant to others, would be like this in front of him.

This side of Natalia only appeared in front of him.

He felt like he had unarmed all her defense, making her being who she really was.

Natalia was exasperated by his delight.

She couldn't bear it anymore, so she got up and was ready to go out.

Archie instantly stopped smiling and pulled her back.

"Where are you going?"

Natalia said coldly, "Go on laughing! I'll sleep in the guest room. "

"Don't go."

Natalia got irritated again.

"Archie McCarthy! That's enough! Although our marriage is not out of love, but at least it's kind of pact! Shouldn't you at least respect your partner's feelings? I'm OK you hook up with another woman, so why do you mind me sleeping in the guest room? "

Archie stared at her. He got more amused.

"Mrs. McCarthy, may I consider it as you being jealous?"

Natalia choked and widened his eyes.

She did feel some strange emotions in her heart, but she never considered them as jealousy.

She dumped his hand. "Jealous? Don't be silly! I'm telling you. It's none of my business. You can hook up with whoever you like. Anyway, I'm not your real wife and I'm always available for a divorce. "

Then, she picked up a pillow and walked out.

Seeing she was really angry, Archie hold her hands.

"Well, sorry. I was wrong! You're not jealous. It's all my fault, all right? "

Archie continued to explain, "It's a misunderstanding. You are my wife, my only wife. I never have other woman except you, never to mention mistress. If you don't believe me, you can investigate me, or ask Brian."

Natalia glanced at him and sneered.

"Brian is your sidekick. Do you think I'm stupid enough to believe his words?"

Archie choked.

But her retort sounded reasonable at a second thought.

Well, she was indeed a hard nut to crack. And at such critical moment, Even a man as brilliant as him could become a bad problem-solver.

He changed his way and coaxed her, "Well, what do you say? I can swear that except you, I have no other woman. If I ever lied to you, I would go to hell."

Before Archie could finish her words, Natalia's eyelids throbbed.

She felt bad somehow, and before she could realized it, her hand had covered on Archie's mouth.

Archie laughed.

Natalia glared at him.

"I'm telling you, don't fool me around. If oaths work, why there are so many dicks in the world?"

Archie took her hand and said with a smile, "Yes, oaths are useless, but I mean it. Honey, now that I have married you, I will not betray you. Both my sense of morality and upbringing will not allow me to do that. Do you believe in me?"

Chapter 53 No Divorce

Natalia looked at him and was somewhat convinced.

But at the thought of those sweet nothings on the phone, she found it hard to let them go.

Her face sank. She looked at Archie seriously and said, "Archie, I don't know why you married me or how long this marriage will last, but I hope that if one day, when you really want to end this marriage, inform me in advance. I don't mind if it is because you fall in love with others or you just want a divorce. But I hate betrayal, no matter what kind of relation we are, couples or business partners. Do you understand?"

Archie's face sank.

He looked at her coldly and asked, "You don't mind if I fall in love with others?"

Natalia felt like she got a stab in her heart.

But she didn't know why she would feel this way.

She and Archie weren't real couples. They just married for some other reasons. She had no right to stand in the way if he found his true love one day.

So she nodded.

"And you don't mind getting divorced?"

She nodded again.

Archie sneered.

Her gentle face also became cold and gloomy.

He got up and went out.

Natalia was a little confused.

Before she could realize it, Archie went back with two certificates in red.

That's their marriage licenses.

Natalia's eyelids throbbed. She didn't know what Archie was going to do, but it must be something ominous.

Then Archie went to the front of the table with a lighter on his hand. Suddenly, their marriage licenses were on fire.

Natalia widened her pupils.

"Archie, what are you doing?"

She pounced on it, trying to snatch the lighted marriage licenses.

Only to be stopped by him.

Archie took her hands and pressed her against the wall.

"Natalia, I've told you. I, Archie Mccarthy, am a one-woman man, and would only get married once in my whole life. Since you always think I'm kidding, I will prove it in front of you today. Our marriage licenses have been burned. From now on, you will never divorce me! Never!

Natalia...

Why did he make a fuss? She didn't mean it seriously.

She felt her wrist hurt by his clench.

She tried to pull her hand back, but she couldn't make it. She surrendered.

"All right, I see. Will you let me go first?"

But Archie didn't loosen his grip.

He stared at her and said, "Answer me, do you want a divorce or not now?"

Natalia rolled her eyes.

"Mr. Mccarthy, it was you who had an affair. Why grill me?"

Archie got amused by her words.

As if he was reminded of something, Archie rubbed her hair and whispered, "You silly girl!"

Natalia: ...???

Fortunately, Archie finally let her go and explained, "She is very important to me, but we are not that kind of relationship as you thought."

Natalia was suspicious of his words.

Seeing her questioning look, Archie smiled again.

"I'll take you back to D City later, then you'll know I'm telling you the truth."

Natalia's face changed.

Back to D City?

She opened her mouth, tried say something, but was stopped by Archie's look.

He came up to her, took her hands and pressed her to sit on the bed. Then, he leaned over to kiss her cheek.

"It's getting late. Go to sleep. Good night!"

One night passed.

The next day, Natalia took Laura to Nathan's office as promised.

Jessica and Julia were also at Nathan's office.

Jessica was surprised to see Natalia.

"Sister, why are you here, too?"

Natalia looked at her indifferently. Jessica was wearing a white dress, with an overcoat of the same color. She looked like a proud princess.

Behind her were Julia and another girl.

She knew that girl. She was one of Jessica's distant cousins, whose name seemed to be Hazel Mayer.

Hazel used to be an online celebrity, but not very famous. Now she worked for Jessica's studio. People considered her as Jessica jr. for both being Jessica's cousin and their resemblance on appearance.

Because of this title, she was doing well in the entertainment industry.

Jessica was also glad to cultivate her. After all, nothing could highlight her beauty and excellence more than a Jessica jr.

Natalia sneered in her heart at the thought of it. She said coldly. "I don't think this office is for the exclusive use of you, is it?"

That meant, why couldn't I be here?

Jessica's face froze.

She got embarrassed by Natalia's mocking.

But she couldn't argue with Natalia directly. After all, she had been keeping the image of a lady and socialite in the entertainment industry and there were many reporters at present. Making a scene in public would ruin her image.

Compared with Jessica, Natalia felt freer.

She could do whatever she wanted for she was not an entertainer.

Julia came forward and stretched out her hand to Natalia.

"Mrs. Mccarthy, long time no see."

No matter how reluctant Natalia was, she shook hands with Julia.

Though Julia didn't have a good reputation, she was the elder in the entertainment industry anyway. Natalia showed her respect to Julia, ostensibly though.

Nathan had arrived earlier. Knowing that they all arrived, he ordered his assistant to take them to the studio at once.

The five of them entered the studio and saw cameras had all been set up.

On the vast stage, there were two groups of actors performing. It seemed to be an audition.

Nathan, with several other staff, was sitting in the auditorium watching their performance.

When they walked by, Jessica greeted gently, "Director Nathan, here we are."

Nathan then looked up and glanced at her, but his gaze fell on Natalia from behind at last.

He smiled, "Everyone is here now. Have a seat!"

Then, he pointed to the seats around him and told the deputy director next to him to give him several copies of the script.

He handed the copies to Hazel and Laura respectively and said, "Take a look at the script first. If you two have no problem, put on makeup later. Each of you need to try out one part, I'll see how it's going."

On hearing this, Hazel's face changed.

"Director Nathan, I thought this role was already mine? Why do I need an audition?"

Before she could finish her words, she was stopped by Julia's criticizing eyes.

Nathan's face also sank.

"I did promised Jessica to give you a chance for audition, but I didn't say I would adopt you without an audition. Although Claire Ye is only supporting role, she is critical too. No one would get this role unless she is a great actress!"

Hazel's face turned pale and she clenched her fingers angrily.

Jessica got surprised too.

Although Nathan didn't make it clear that he would let Hazel play the role when she discussed with him, it was almost there.

After all, she was one of the major investors of this play this time. Nathan had been preparing this project, which was an arduous job, for several years. It was natural for him wanting to make sure everything being perfect.

Jessica turned her eyes and fell them on Natalia behind her.

She suddenly knew something.??????

Chapter 54 Audition on the Same Stage

"It doesn't matter, let's take it. I believe Hazel can make it."

Jessica smiled gently and turned to look at Hazel, "Hazel, am I right?"

Hazel was not convinced because she had been robbed of the character.

She raised her chin proudly, "Sure!"

Nathan frowned.

The role, Claire Ye, was the best friend of the heroine. She held the hope to revenge for the country and was a role with forbearance and restraint.

But Hazel was tsundere and naive, and seemed to be far from the character of this role.

However, before she took the audition, Nathan would not judge her, lest affect her mood.

So he just showed them the script with the red line, told them which paragraph they should read, and reminded them to analyze the characters, especially the inner mind of the characters.

They got the script and went off to learn their lines.

Julia took Hazel to the side, while Jessica did not leave, but sat down next to Nathan, talking with him with a smile.

Natalia led Laura to the other side.

"How is it?" she whispered. "Are you confident about it?"

Laura nodded firmly, looking at the script.

But in no more than two seconds, her face became gloomy.

"No, Julia, I'm so nervous. What should I do?"

After all, this was her first time to contact such a big production, and it was really a rare opportunity for an actress.

If she had a good performance, she could have a bright future, but if she failed in the acting or even the audition, she could not get the role.

Natalia understood her nervousness and patted her on the back.

"Don't be nervous, imagine you are Claire Ye. Forget everything around and put yourself into it. Remember, don't think about anything else, and don't care about Jessica. You just need to believe you are Claire Ye, follow your heart, understand?"

Laura looked at her and nodded emphatically.

After appeasing her mood, Natalia went back and sat down behind Nathan.

From her point of view, the situation on the stage could be seen intuitively, besides, close-up performance could be seen from the monitor in front of Nathan.

It didn't take long for both of them to say they were ready.

Nathan let people take them to make up.

In costume dramas, the garment was very important, and sometimes it could better highlight the character's aura.

It was not long before the two people put on their makeup, changed their clothes and came out of the dressing room.

Hazel was a web celebrity with a pointed jaw, later in order to catch up with the trend, and she had a plastic surgery, so that her jaw became more pointed.

Not only that, probably because she knew she would see Nathan today, in order to make herself look better, she had an injection a few days ago.

Unfortunately, the digestion time was too short, so the hyaluronic acid had not been completely eliminated, resulting in a bloated face, which showed that she had had an injection of hyaluronic acid.

Laura was different.

She had a round face, but natural and lovely. Originally he thought that her temperament and face shape did not match the role Claire Ye with perseverance character.

But he did not expect that she was good-looking after dressing up.

She not only inspired Claire Ye's forbearing temperament, but also had a kind of natural indifference and cold feeling.

This was a complicated person.

After all, she used to be a princess high above the empire, and her pride was sent out from the bones. Even if the country was destroyed, even if she could only endure shame in the hands of the enemy, she did not throw off the pride in the bones.

So, she had to hide.

But she could not hide them all, so he made such a character with all kinds of temperament.

After Laura came out, Nathan nodded approvingly.

The first scene was played by Hazel.

This was a fight play. A middle-aged actress acted with them. The captured princess was thrown into the Imperial Office of DL Country to be a geisha, and the middle-aged actress acted a court lady of the Imperial Office, responsible for teaching disobedient Claire Ye and forcing her to obey orders.

The play began soon.

The court lady was sitting there. Claire Ye was marched forward by several strong men to kneel on the ground.

The court lady looked at her and said, "I heard you don't want to learn dance?"

Claire Ye just entered the palace. Although had experienced of national ruin, she still had princess's lofty and pride.

She stared at the court lady indignantly. Her eyes were firm and cold.

"I am a princess of the XY Country. How can I learn such cheap skills? Kill me as you please. There's no way I will obey!"

Just then, a whip fell on her body.

Claire Ye felt the pain and snorted, and the court lady sneered.

"Princess? The XY Country has long been dead, and now you are just a humble sinful slave. His Majesty has already spared you a favor and let you join the Imperial Office. You don't be thankful, but you are stubborn and still call yourself the princess. Do you want a rebel?"

The court lady's tone was stern. Claire Ye's face turned pale out of pain.

After a while, she bit her teeth and spit, "bah!"

That defiant air completely exasperated the court lady.

She began to whip, and was about to hit again, but the maid next to her quickly persuaded her to stop.

The maid whispered in her ear, "Court Lady, she was kept under his majesty's behest and sent to the Imperial Office for treatment. She may be summoned one of these days. If she gets hurt, I am afraid you will be punished."

The court lady seemed to be aware of this and could only suppress her temper.

For a moment, she sneered.

"If I can't teach you, can't I teach anyone else? Bring the people up to me!"

There was silence on the stage.

No one came up.

Hazel looked at the open stage and was stunned.

Natalia curled her lips.

In costume dramas, many scenes were difficult to set up, so most of the time they needed to act in front of the green cloth.

Nathan had the intention to test them and wanted them to act without real objects.

For a moment, Hazel seemed to realize this and she looked gloomy.

She was a web celebrity, and had not learnt acting skill. Although she had shot several plays in these years, they were all small productions.

Some of the actors she cooperated with were basically the same as her level, and she did not want to learn it, so she had no progress in acting.

Plus, she didn't really like this play. After all, the costume drama needed hard work, and there were many fighting scenes, so it must be tired.

If it weren't for the size of the part and the size of the production, she wouldn't do it!

Because of this, she didn't take it seriously at all. She thought she could make it without effort.

But now there were no actors to act with her, how could she act?

The court lady was already moving on to the rest of the story.

"You are the princess of the XY Country. I dare not beat you, but these people are just a group of sinful slaves. Even if they die, no one care. So you have to learn it today. If you are obedient, they may survive, if you are not, don't blame me then."

Chapter 55 Too deep into the Play

With these words she gave the whip a violent blow in the air.

A crisp sound broke out, and Hazel was startled.

She may be scared or nervous, and she stuttered and forgot lines.

"Don't you dare do hurt them, I, I..."

What was that after?

Hazel's face turned pale. Among the audience, Nathan frowned.

Jessica's face was gloomy too.

She spent a lot of effort to persuade Nathan let Hazel play this role, but today there was a competitor and Hazel did a bad job!

It was not that she was good to Hazel, but these years she was in the entertainment industry alone, and she felt more or less isolated.

Hazel was not only her cousin, but also signed up to work in her studio. Even if she became popular, she could only be a marionette in her hand.

Not only that, a lot of things she could not deal with could be settled by Hazel. She was really a rare good pawn.

Thinking of this, she turned her head and said to Nathan with a smile, "Hazel has been working hard all the time. It's her first time she takes part in your play. She is nervous."

Nathan was still gloomy on face, but he said nothing.

He saved Jessica's face.

Behind, Natalia silently hook her lips.

She knew that sometimes even if she did nothing, the enemy had already messed up

That was the power gap.

Hazel finally remembered the lines, stumbling through the last half of the play.

But the effect... well, that was a matter of opinion.

Next, it was Laura's turn.

Jessica looked down slightly. She suddenly thought of something and said, "Director Nathan, I've been acting for so long, but I've never tried to play the court lady. Let me act as the court lady this time!"

Nathan frowned and didn't think it was a good idea.

But it was hard to say no, so he looked up at Laura.

"What do you think?"

Laura was surprised, too.

However, since Nathan didn't refuse, as a junior, she could not refuse.

She could only nod, "Ok."

Jessica smiled.

After changing her clothes, she sat down in a chair.

Laura acted as Claire Ye. She was also pressed by several strong men.

Compared with Hazel's exaggeration, she was much more restrained and calm.

Her eyes were fixed on the court lady sitting there, and though she did not speak, her cold eyes expressed her anger.

"I heard you don't want to learn dancing?" said the court lady coldly.

Claire Ye knelt on the ground. With her hands tied, she raised her head proudly.

Word by word, she said coldly, "I am a princess of the XY Country, how can I learn such cheap skills? Kill me as you please. There's no way I will obey!"

The last four words were almost out gnashing of teeth.

With courage and determination.

The whip fell down.

Claire Ye shivered all over out of pain.

In the audience, Natalia suddenly changed her face.

When Hazel auditioned, although the court lady waved a whip, she skillfully hit in the open space next to her.

So even though it sounded loud, it didn't hit her.

Jessica now took the whip and directly hit on Laura?

Laura didn't seem to expect her to hit her, so she looked at Jessica in surprise, and Jessica was speaking her next line.

She felt a burning pain in her arm but she quickly adjusted herself.

She gritted her teeth and stared at the court lady in disgust. "Bah!" She spat.

"If I can't teach you, can't I teach anyone else? Bring the people up to me!"

It was still no physical performance.

Laura was clearly better prepared than Hazel.

Even if there was no one acting with her, it was realistic and emotional.

Facing the air, she was angry and heartache, with endless pain and determination in the red eyes, but there was a hint of control over the helplessness.

"Zhijun Guan ! Since you treated my people like this, if I turn over, I will kill you by a thousand cuts to pay for the blood of my clan!"

Angry roar sounded in the stage. Claire Ye was pulled down by a group of strong men.

The audition was over.

There was a burst of applause from the audience.

Natalia stood up and smiled at Nathan. "How is it, Director Nathan? Did the actress I recommended disappoint you?"

Nathan nodded with a smile.

"Very good, the performance is relaxed, even in the face of emergency, she quickly responded. She is worth cultivating."

Natalia blinked her eyes and looked at Jessica who was walking back from the stage.

"Sorry, Director Nathan, I was deep into the play and had not controlled myself well."

Nathan waved his hand, "It doesn't matter, but you should be careful. Although we pursue the play quality, we need to be reasonable, especially to protect the safety of actors."

Jessica smiled, "Director Nathan, you are right."

Then she looked at Natalia.

"Sister, congratulations on getting a part for your actress."

Natalia looked at her, ironically hooked lips.

"When I heard you won an award last year, I always thought your acting was getting better! Today, you forgot what you were doing when acting with a junior actress. I think you are not that good."

Jessica's complexion stiffened.

At this time, Hazel and Laura had changed their clothes and came out.

She took a deep breath and smiled, "I can understand your love for your actress, but I did that to better stimulate her mood. Laura, don't you think so?"

She said, turning to look at Laura.

Laura looked at Jessica, then at Natalia next to her.

Although she was in grievance, she was only a small actress, if she said more, it will be unavoidable to cause trouble to Natalia.

She could only nod, "Yes, you are right."

Jessica showed a satisfied smile.

Nathan found Natalia was angry, so he said with a smile.

"Well, it is set. Natalia, you take her to my office to confirm the contract details when you are available. And Jessica, study about the script. The play is on in next month. We should shoot smoothly!"

Jessica nodded, "Ok."

Natalia's eyes turned, and she suddenly said, "Director Nathan, I have always liked the role Fanghua Xie. I learnt there is a sister rivalry play, can I try?"

Hazel was unconvinced since her role had been taken away.

Now hearing that she wanted to take part in, she immediately said in disdain, "You are not an actress, play what?"

"I just want to play? My sister has always been so kind to me, I don't think she would mind doing something as simple as acting for me!"

Natalia looked at Jessica with interest.??????

Chapter 56 On the Same Stage

Jessica's face stiffened slightly.

If she refused, she would be considered stingy.

Fortunately, she had been acting for so many years, while Natalia had never acted, so it was conceivable that she knew nothing about acting at all.

If she wanted to be insulted, let her be.

Thinking like this, Jessica smiled with confidence.

"Ok!"

Seeing this, Nathan agreed.

He sat back down behind the monitor with a vague sense of anticipation.

After all, although he chose Jessica to act as Fanghua Xie, but to be honest, Jessica was not the most perfect candidate in his mind.

But at present there was no other better choice, so he could only temporarily arrange this.

As for Natalia, he was amazed at first sight.

She had calm and indifferent temperament, which was similar with Fanghua Xie in his mind.

But Natalia was not an actress after all, and it had never been heard that she wanted to have a career in acting.

Therefore, even if Nathan had some ideas in his heart, he could only hold back.

After all, acting was not a play of make-believe, although there were post-editing, acting skill was still important.

Although Jessica was not the most perfect candidate in his heart, she had acting skill, and he believed, as long as he trained her, she could make it better.

But now that they competed on the same stage, it was good.

He wanted to see which one is better, the Fanghua Xie in his mind and the candidate he chose.

Before long, Natalia and Jessica respectively changed the outfit and walked out from the backstage.

Natalia was wearing a suit of armor, while Jessica was wearing a bright red palace suit.

They were going to take on the most dramatic scene in the whole play.

Natalia acted as the heroine Fanghua Xie, while Jessica acted Xie's younger sister, Liuse Xie.

Fanghua Xie and Liuse Xie were originally the daughter of the prime minister of the XY Country. After the destruction of the XY Country, they and the princess Claire Ye were marched to the DL Country.

Fanghua Xie had learnt martial arts since childhood, and was a good friend of Claire Ye, secretly had been shouldering the responsibility to protect her and her sister.

But unexpectedly, short after they were in the DL Country, Claire Ye, in order to restore the country, voluntarily became the emperor's pet concubine.

She and her sister Liuse Xie, because the ideal and three views were different, gradually ran in opposite directions.

Liuse Xie fell in love with the prince of the DL Country. In order to married to the prince, she did not hesitate to betray Fanghua Xie and revealed the rest of the XY Country hiding place to the prince.

Fanghua Xie broke the relationship with her and fled from the palace. After running through six countries, finally she led her remaining tribes raise the banner in the northwest region, and established the first state, known as the X Country, led by a female emperor.

This scene was about Fanghua Xie led the troops into the DL Country. After many years, Liuse Xie had become the Empress Dowager. When they met again, it was time for final farewell.

With the sound of "Action", the play began.

Liuse Xie was sitting in the hall. The emperor was dead, and the new emperor was still young, so she, as empress dowager, attended to state affairs.

However, at this time, a soldier outside the hall came to report.

"News! Empress Dowager, X Country's army is attacking us!"

There was a commotion in the hall.

"What to do? We'd better run!"

"We can't. The four gates from all direction have all been surrounded. Their people are everywhere."

"Where is General Antonio? And the soldiers of the Hall of Martial Valor? Where have they all gone?"

"They, they have been killed!"

"....."

The ministers were in a great uproar, but Empress Dowager, who was sitting on the dragon chair, remained expressionless and calm.

Just then the door of the hall opened.

Soldiers in black armor rushed in.

"Don't kill the surrenders! And Kill the rest!"

There was a sound of swords and soldiers fighting and screaming on the stage.

Liuse Xie looked at the figure coming in from the door, and her face, like stagnant water, moved at last.

Fanghua Xie, in a suit of black armor, holding a lance, came into the hall, domineering!

On the auditorium, Nathan was looking at Natalia coming, and his pupils shrank.

That was...

The picture in his mind overlapped with what he saw, and he was instantly excited.

This.....This was exactly Fanghua Xie in his mind!

The woman from the destroyed country wandered in troubled times. After experiencing separation with her families in the war, she hid gradually her tender feelings.

Until the end, finally she came back!

Not only Nathan, even the rest of the staff was stunned!

They never knew a girl looked so good in armor!

She was not weak, but heroic, without manliness. Her female beauty was domineering, highlighting her position for many years of domineering and majesty.

God! She looked so cool!

On the hall, Liuse Xie looked at the woman in the hall and clenched her hands in her sleeve.

"Here you are."

Simple three words were somewhat ironically bleak.

Fanghua Xie took a cold look and someone had pulled Liuse Xie down from the throne.

"Let go! I can walk myself!"

She struggled a little, but she got a merciless slap!

The person who hit her was Fanghua Xie.

She said coldly "This slap is for your betray to me 15 years ago!"

Fifteen years ago, Liuse Xie has climbed on the prince's bed. Fanghua Xie wanted to escape from the palace, Liuse Xie promised to help her, but on the back she betrayed Fanghua Xie.

On that occasion, she was nearly killed by an arrow.

Jessica's face slightly got to the side. It seemed that she did not expect that Natalia would hit her.

But soon she realized that Natalia was getting even!

In retaliation for the whip she had just given Laura.

After all she was a film queen, although she was not that good, but she got the basic acting skill.

After a second of anger, she changed her face.

"Sister, do you know why I betrayed you?"

Fanghua Xie looked at her, having the answer in her mind.

She said slowly, "Since childhood, you have always been the best and the most beautiful. Dad loved you the most and Mom loved you the most. Even though we were prisoners, the prince loved you.

What is it in me that I am not as good as you? When it comes to poetry and painting, I am skillful than you. Although I can't do martial arts, it is a male thing. Why do they all like you?

I swear I will not live in your shadow. I swear I will rise to the highest place, and I will step on you one day!"

Chapter 57 Vengeance of the Whip

"I did it! But why? Why you have come to destroy me again?"

Do you know how hard it was for me to be the queen, how hard it was for me to be the Empress Dowager?

Why can't you let me enjoy it a little longer when I can finally enjoy the feeling of being above others and don't have to be looked down upon?"

Crying, shouting, she shed tears.

Fanghua Xie didn't say anything.

She looked at her once beloved sister for a moment, and then suddenly smiled.

"You said nobody loves you? When you were a child, you stole Dad's jade fan. Who was the one to get beat for you?"

When you were ten years old, you fell into a pond and nearly drowned. Who risked the life to save you?"

When you were fifteen years old, we were taken together to the DL country..."

There was a sudden break in her voice, as if she had been reminded of some terrible memory.

Those clear and cool eyes caught a scarlet, with deep disappointment and hatred.

"On the way, how many times have people tried to defile you? Who protected you again and again? Who was fighting them to death with a knife? Who was it! To protect you even if it cost me my own innocence?"

And Liuse Xie was in a trance.

She looked at Fanghua Xie blankly, as if with her sonorous words scene by scene flashed those long-lost past.

When she was young, she was suddenly subjected to family incident, and before she knew what was happening, she and her sister were taken to the DL Country.

All the way, her sister taught her hide her beauty with plaster, so that the thief would not think of her.

But she was too fond of beauty, and though she said yes, she did not like it.

Finally, one night, when everyone was asleep, she quietly washed the plaster off her face with water.

She combed her hair as she admired her beautiful face in the water.

But at that moment the soldiers behind saw her and rushed towards her as if they had found a rare treasure.

She was so frightened that she kept screaming as hard as she could.

In the end, her sister came out to save her.

She did not know what her sister had told the soldiers.

Later, the group of soldiers stopped pestering her and took her sister to the woods behind.

She went back to sleep and woke up the next day. Her sister came back with bruises on her face, torn clothes and blood on her hands, but she said nothing had happened the night before.

She didn't think much of it at the time. She just wondered why she hadn't seen the soldiers since.

The young girl did not know what had happened, but now she was in her thirties.

She already knew what had happened that night in the woods.

It was just that she was not willing to admit and face it, as if the truth that made her regret would not exist as long as she avoided it.

Liuse Xie looked at her sister and suddenly began to laugh.

And the laughter turned into tears.

It was like a wild animal's crying, with a shrill anguish and remorse.

A soldier came trotting up with a wooden box in his hand.

"Your Highness, the seal has been found."

Fanghua Xie took it, took a look at it and nodded.

She turned and went out, leading the men.

Behind her suddenly came a sad and shrill roar, "sister!"

She stopped, but did not look back.

The setting sun shone in from outside the hall, putting a golden glow on the young female general. Her figure was as tall and straight as a pine, like the way she had been taught to practice guns when she was young.

"Sister, I was wrong! I was wrong. Please spare me! We're sisters! You can't kill me, I'm your sister!"

She fell on her face and crawled all the way, with tears and snot mixing. She no longer looked like the Empress Dowager of DL Country.

The woman in the military uniform still did not look back, but her eyes, which were covered in the sunset glow, were stained with spots of red.

Her face tightened, and the hand holding the seal trembled slightly.

Her mind flashed the scene of climbing trees and playing mud with her sister over the wall when she was a child.

But followed, there were countless clansmen, had tragic death in her hands.

She closed her eyes and took a deep breath.

After a long time, she said in a cold voice, "The Empress Dowager Liuse Xie of DL Country does not practice morality, goes rampant, and hurt the people, which is heinous! Kill her!"

The sky thundered and a thunderstorm began to sound.

Liuse Xie stood still and stared in disbelief at the woman standing at the door of the hall.

The woman reached into her bosom and brought out a bottle of poison and laid it on the ground.

"You were bitten by a snake when you were a child. It was I who sucked the poison out for you in spite of the danger. I lay in bed for three whole months and nearly lost my life. This is the poison extracted by snake, Use it!"

With that, she ignored Liuse Xie and strode away.

That was the end of the play.

Only the weird thing was that the whole studio didn't have a sound.

Natalia was embarrassed.

Was she terrible?

Not so! She had just put everything she knew about the character into it.

Suddenly, a burst of applause broke out.

Looking up, she saw Nathan.

He stood up from behind the monitor, with a look of disbelief, looking at Natalia excitedly.

"Great! Great!"

As he spoke, the rest of the audience pulled themselves out of the action, and then began to applaud.

"It's wonderful! Fancy acting is like that!"

"Yeah, I almost thought it was real."

"I am so moved!"

Natalia breathed a sigh of relief.

She had just proposed to play the scene because, in addition to avenging Laura, it had impressed her so much when she first read the script.

Sane for this paragraph of sisterhood affection, more regret that fortitude female general.

She wanted actually was not the world!

It was just the most ordinary things in the world, such as parental affection and sisterhood, which were easily available to ordinary people, but for her, they would never be able to get.

Obviously she had played it very successful, but Natalia suddenly had some lost.

Nathan came forward and smiled, "Good job, the whole process gives people a fresh feeling, really amazing!"

Jessica intentionally covered a face and forced to smile, "Thank you, Director Nathan."

However, Nathan did not pay much attention to her now.

She didn't even notice she was covering her face.

Instead, he stared at Natalia closely and even asked with an ingratiating smile, "Natalia, do you really like this play?"

Natalia was confused.

She didn't know why he asked her that.

She could only nod. "Yes, I read it two years ago when it first came out, and I loved it then."

Nathan excitedly rubbed his hands as if he had picked up treasure.

"Good, good."

Looking at this scene, Jessica faintly had some uneasy feeling for no reason.

Did he want Natalia to act in the play?

Chapter 58 He Wants to Change the Character

Kidding?

It was a production cost four hundred million, and he wanted a new guy with no experience at all to act in it?

Was Nathan crazy?

Jessica felt that was impossible. Although Natalia's performance was really good, in her opinion, it was her led well.

So, she didn't give it a second thought.

But she said to Nathan with a sweet voice, "Director Nathan, you only praised my sister and forgot me."

Nathan noticed her now and said with a smile, "You are good too. What is wrong with your face?"

Seeing he finally noticed her face, Jessica forced a smile.

"It doesn't matter, my sister just slapped me. It is ok."

Natalia looked at her and smiled, "I'm sorry, I just got too deep into the play and I did not control myself well, but I did so, in fact, is for better stimulate your mood, sister, am I right?"

Natalia said the words what Jessica had said to Laura.

Jessica's face was stiff.

At this time, Nathan finally realized that there was something wrong between the two people.

This dialogue... was explosive!

But they were sisters, and if there was any hatred, it was not for him as a stranger.

So then he said with a smile, "It is Natalia's first time to act in a play and she had no experience. Jessica, please be tolerant. The audition has ended, everybody can leave now. Natalia, when you are available, take her to sign the contract?"

Natalia said with a smile, "Any time."

"This afternoon, then. I'll call you."

"Good."

After the agreement, Natalia left with Laura first.

And on the other side, Jessica looked at the happy Nathan, in the end she could not press the suspicion in heart.

She asked with anxiety, "Director Nathan, you asked my sister about this play, have you got any idea?"

Nathan took a look at her.

To be honest, if not for Natalia, Jessica was indeed the only person in the entertainment circle who was suitable for the role of Fanghua Xie.

But now it seemed that she acted well as Liuse Xie!

Compared with the cool and aloof character of Fanghua Xie, she was more suitable to act as Liuse Xie's delicate and scheming role.

However now it had not been settled down, so Nathan said nothing, lest neither of them act in the play.

So he smiled, "No, don't think about it. You study more about the play. Don't fix your eyes on one character, and look into the hearts of the others. It helps."

Jessica thought he meant that studying other characters would help her portray Fanghua Xie in a better way.

So she didn't think much about it and nodded.

After all the people left, Nathan held the computer to go to the Mccarthy group.

The play's biggest investor was Annita International.

In other words, it was Archie.

When Nathan came holding the computer,, Archie was having lunch.

He was busy. Usually if there were outsiders, Archie usually let Brian call takeaway and he would have lunch in the office.

So, when Nathan arrived, he saw Archie sitting on the sofa in the office, eating takeaway food.

He hurriedly walked over and said with a smile, "Uncle, having lunch?"

Archie looked at him with a raised eyebrow and continued eating.

"Yes?"

"I will wait until you finish eating."

Then holding the computer he sat down on the single sofa opposite Archie.

Archie was picky about food. After he was in J City, in addition to the food Dottie cook, he only had the food from Green Water Villa.

So, every day at noon, Brian sent people to take the food in advance.

The people over there would pack it in an insulated box, and when it arrived, it would be just right in color and taste.

Nathan looked at the food and could not help but swallow.

His stomach growled twice.

He had been busy since early in the morning, had seen two audition in succession, and it was half past twelve noon now, he still hadn't had his dinner!

But in front of Archie, he did not dare to presumptuous.

Archie took another look at him and saw him staring eagerly at the dishes on the table. The saliva almost flowed from the corners of his mouth.

He felt funny in the heart, but did not show a bit on the face, but made an internal call.

"Brian, send tableware here."

Nathan was stunned and waved his hand, knowing what Archie wanted to to.

"No, no, Uncle, I, I ate!"

"Oh, Brian, put the tableware back! No need now."

Nathan: ...

He was really being polite, he swore.

Unexpectedly, Archie was so serious!

Nathan had no tears to cry.

Until a minute later Brian came with a new set of tableware, he just suddenly understood.

He turned to look at Archie, who was showing a wry smile.

Nathan took over the tableware and said, "Thank you, Uncle."

In fact, Archie almost finished. At least he was a distant nephew. Although he was nearly 20 years older than himself, how could he not let his nephew wait for him with hunger all the time?

So he put down the bowl and chopsticks, took a tissue to wipe his mouth and said, "Clean up when you finish, I gotta have lunch break."

With that, he was about to go into the inner lounge.

Seeing this, Nathan quickly got up.

"Wait, wait a minute."

Archie turned his head.

Nathan hurriedly swallowed the food in his mouth, came to him holding the computer.

"Uncle, I have something to tell you."

Archie frowned, "What is it?"

"I want to change the actress!"

...

Next, Nathan put the computer on the table, clicked on the scene recorded this morning, and turned the screen toward Archie.

"I swear, I didn't make a random decision, but this actress is so good! She not only had the strength, but also was pretty! The most important thing is that she is exactly the same as Fanghua Xie in my mind!

Such an actress has everything, but there is no opportunity. If you can sign her to Annita International and let her act the heroine of this play, I promise, she will be a hit! In the future, she is absolutely the most valuable cash cow in your hand!"

Archie said nothing, but fixed his eyes on the screen.

On the screen, the woman in a black armor had cold temperament. With her agile action and resolute eyes, it was amazing!

Until the video was finished watching, the woman back was fixed in the final frame.

Under the sunset glow, she was so lonely but strong, like a standing pine, with once ideal and lost relatives, walking on her imperial road!

After playing the video, Nathan looked at Archie with expectation, "How is it?"

Chapter 59 Nothing but Her

Archie sat back in his chair and looked at him half-smiling.

"I think I said I'm only in charge of the investment. I'm not involved in the casting or filming."

Nathan smiled in embarrassment.

"I know, but this is a special situation!"

He swallowed, feeling a little weak after all.

Nathan laughed lazily.

"Oh? What's the special case?"

"Well, my thinking now is that since Natalia is so suitable to act as Fanghua Xie, she can take the part, and Jessica can act as Liuse Xie if she wants, but in this way, uh... Her investment may be coming to an end, so..."

He smiled sheepishly, meaning self-evident.

Archie raised his eyebrows.

"Want me to invest more?"

Nathan nodded.

"All right!"

Archie opened the desk drawer, took out a check and scrawled a few notes on it.

Then, he threw it at Nathan.

"I will personally invest another 50 million! On condition that Natalia is not allowed to take part in the play!"

Nathan's eyes widened.

He looked at the check on the table, then at Archie in disbelief.

"No, why, why?"

He already had a plan in his mind about how to persuade Natalia to participate in the play.

From today's performance, he could assure, Natalia was absolutely good.

There were two kinds of actors, those born and those acquired.

The acquired was to improve acting skills through efforts, while those born waa suitable for the screen and the stage since they were born.

He had been doing this for decades and could not be mistaken. Natalia was really a talented actor. And with a little polish, the show would shine!

He couldn't figure out why Archie had refused!

Archie sat there, looking at him and sneering.

"You can choose anyone to act the heroine but her! I won't tell you anymore. Get out of here!"

Nathan's face was constantly changing.

He wanted to be angry, but he dared not, wanted to argue, but Nathan would not listen to him.

Finally, he got up and walked out in anger.

Halfway through, he remembered something, turned back and took the check and computer away together.

Archie sneered, looking at him leaving angrily.

Kidding? Let his woman to take part in the play?

It was wind and sunny and there were so much fights, what if she got injury?

On top of that, there were sex scenes and kissing scenes?

Dreaming!

On the other side, Natalia did not know she had been rejected by someone.

After lunch, she received message from Nathan and took Laura go to his company.

After the contract was signed, and when she was to leave, Nathan looked at her with guilty and said a lot of irrelevant words.

Natalia was confused.

But she didn't think twice about it. Now that Laura had a job, she had to find an assistant.

In the past the personnel department the company was in a mess. In the afternoon, she returned to the company and sorted out the personnel things. After arranging a smart assistant to her, she then felt relieved.

The case of Stephen had something to look forward to.

After her reminder, Stephen finally through the account found that woman had recently a few large funds.

The person who remitted money to her was none other than Stephen's mother, Archie's aunt, Norah Sue.

Now that was crazy!

It reminded that the evil mother-in-law forced her son's Cinderella girlfriend away with money.

But logically, even if his mother wanted to force his girlfriend away, or if she wanted them to become enemies and never see each other again, there was no reason to joke about his son's future.

Natalia felt confused and later learnt that his mother did not agree him to enter entertainment circle.

In her opinion, even if he was popular in the entertainment circle for a lifetime, the upper limit was just a popular star.

Compared with the Mccarthy family, it was just like an ant that could be pinched to death at any time. It was of no use at all.

His mother wanted to let him follow his cousin in business, but Stephen was not interested in doing business.

So, Stephen's mother gave this bad strategy.

After listening to this, Natalia felt speechless.

What the fuck was this?

Stephen was very calm.

He said very politely on the phone that it might not be convenient to expose his mother, in other words, he could not tell the whole truth to the public, so he had to find another way to solve it.

Natalia agreed.

When she asked about the girl again, she found that she had already found a new lover. At that time, she probably thought that she would break up anyway and it would be good to make some money, so she agreed to her mother's request.

Natalia soon got in touch with the girl.

In some ways, she obtained the edited audio and video clips and forced her to confess publicly on Weibo that she had lied.

Natalia gave her some leeway.

She did not say she accepted money for framing, but made up lies since she was not willing to break up.

After all, a girl who was not willing to give up on her boyfriend was much easier to be forgiven than one who framed her ex-boyfriend for money.

Follow-up, of course, was still needed.

Although the video of the apology had been made public, Stephen's image had been damaged to some extent.

However, he had a big production of play to broadcast. Natalia heard of that play before, it was good, and Stephen performed well, so it should be able to restore many public praise for him.

She also personally wrote several public soft articles and sent it out with her own private account.

As expected, the effect was good. Gradually, many people said Stephen was being wrong.

The fans pressed by public opinion also began to fight back.

It took time for the storm to pass over completely.

After all this, Natalia knew that the follow-up would not have any problems, so she felt relieved.

Now, it was time to think about herself!

In the evening, it was still early when Natalia returned home.

Dinner had not been ready yet. It was not even six o'clock yet. Archie won't be back for more than half an hour.

Natalia went into the kitchen and found Dottie and several servants were busy in the kitchen.

Everyone looked at her curiously as she came in.

Natalia said, "Don't worry about me. I'm just looking around."

Dottie smiled, "Mrs. Mccarthy, the smoke is heavy in the kitchen, you better go out to sit! If you're hungry, shall I bring you a bowl of soup first? Mr. Archie should be back soon."

Natalia smiled. "What are you serving tonight?"

Although Dottie did not know why she asked this, she truthfully answered.

"Braised bamboo shoots with mushrooms, fish in vinegar, diced spicy and sour lotus root, lily and lotus seed soup, dumplings with three fresh shrimp..."

Hearing the names made one's mouth water.

After listening to the menu, Natalia pointed to the two dishes.

"Are these two dishes ready?"

Dottie was stunned and then replied, "Not yet."

"All right, then I'll cook these two dishes."

As soon as she said it, Natalia changed her clothes and put on her apron and walked into the kitchen.

A group of servants, though surprised, were relieved when they heard that she was serving for Archie.

They had good relationship. The man was handsome and the woman was beautiful. According to the speed of development of this feeling, the villa should soon welcome a small young master!

Chapter 60 Wants to Kiss Her

The servants' hearts were gaily pleased.

They were good-looking, so their baby would be very cute!

Natalia did not know what they were thinking.

She was still thinking about how to mention it to Archie when he came back.

At 6:30, the black Rolls-Royce pulled into the courtyard, and Archie came back.

The servants had put food on the table.

Natalia changed the clothes, obediently sitting in front of the table, waiting for him.

It was the first time that Archie saw her so lovely. He was a little surprised. He glanced at the food and found two dishes that were different from the previous ones.

But he said nothing, pretending not to see them.

Natalia greeted him with a smile. "You've come back! Sit down and eat!"

Archie nodded, took the hot towel from the servant and wiped his hands before sitting down.

The first dish was the mushroom braised bamboo shoots made by Natalia.

These years Natalia had been taking care of herself, so she was good at cooking, but Archie was picky, she was not confident to make him satisfied.

She was afraid he didn't like it, and tonight's negotiation would be even more hopeless.

Archie took a piece of bamboo shoot and put it in his mouth.

Natalia looked at him and when found him frowned, she was nervous.

"Well? Is it good?"

Nathan looked at her, "You made it?"

Er...

Natalia did not know whether she should admit it. What if he did not like it?

As she wanted to deny, Dottie said with a smile, "Sir, this dried mushroom braised bamboo shoots and sweet and sour fish were made by Mrs. Mccarthy specially for you!"

Natalia, "....."

Why did this Dottie talk so much?

She had to show an embarrassing smile, "I do it casually, if you don't like it, don't eat."

Then she reached out to move the two dishes away.

But no sooner had she reached out her hand than she was stopped.

Archie looked at her with a smile in his eyes.

"Since when did I say I didn't like it?"

Natalia was stunned.

He took a piece of sweet and sour fish in the bowl and had it slowly, as if he was enjoying it.

Natalia: ...

So why did you frown then?

Dottie's recipes basically avoided the food they didn't like, so even if Natalia casually picked two of them, it would be fine.

Coincidentally, she and Archie had similar tastes.

They didn't like spicy food. Natalia preferred sweet and sour food, and Archie didn't like it or dislike it.

Since he did not reject the food, Natalia finally was relieved.

Nathan looked at her with a smile and asked, "Do you need you help?"

Natalia smiled sheepishly, "I want to discuss something with you."

"After dinner."

After dinner, Archie went to his study to answer the phone.

Natalia went to the kitchen and cut a plate of fruit, then went up with the fruit plate.

As soon as she entered the room, she saw him sitting behind a computer desk in what looked like a video conference.

Natalia was hesitated, not knowing whether to go in.

Then Archie looked up and waved at her.

On the screen of his computer was an office in Atlantic, where executives from the overseas branch of Mccarthy's company were reporting to him collectively.

Natalia dared not disturb him, walked to the sofa and sat down, and then put the fruit plate on the tea table.

After three years overseas, she was good at English and French, but she still had trouble understanding the complex vocabulary of videoconferencing.

Time passed slowly.

Natalia was bored, sitting on the sofa, holding his chin and having the fruit with a fork casually.

Behind the desk, Archie looked at her. The two lips on her delicate face were moving, like two pieces of attractive jelly, which made him want to bite.

His Adam's apple rolled.

The meeting that originally needed to be held for one and a half hours was finished in less than forty minutes.

"You said you have something to discuss with me. What is it?"

Natalia hurriedly got up and said after she found him finish his work, "Oh, here it is. I am now in charge of Xunghui Culture, but the current situation of the company is not good. I want to discuss with you that can we associate it with Annita International? Then we can share the resources."

With that, she became embarrassed.

It was really unnecessary for Annita International to cooperate with such a small company as Xunghui Culture since it had reached its current scale.

Archie was not short of her share of the money.

But Natalia really could not think of any other better way. The company was in a semi-paralysis state. If there were no good resources, the future would be hard to be good.

Most importantly, no matter what happened next, she did not want to stand against Annita International.

Therefore, it was better to cooperate with it in advance.

Archie looked at her and chuckled.

"Want me to help?"

Natalia squeezed an ingratiating smile and nodded.

"HMM...I can do that."

The man sat in his leather chair, fingered the arms, and casually asked, "How are you going to bribe me?"

Natalia was stunned.

Nathan looked at her, with a smile in his dark pupils.

A deep blush crept over her face as she thought of something.

She dropped his eyes slightly and mumbled, "How can I bribe you..."

Archie smiled, leaned closer to her and lowered his voice. "Mrs. Mccarthy, if you really want to bribe me, there are many ways, and you know it."

Natalia: ...

The men were very close, and the clear smell was on the tip of her nose, with the heavy smell of male hormones.

Later, she thought that she probably was influenced by the desire for profit, so he kissed him at that moment.

The warm touch carried light sweet fragrance and pressed on his lip lightly.

Archie's pupil trembled slightly.

He reacted quickly and pulled her back at the moment she retreated.

Natalia did not stand still and fell into his arms. The next second, the back of her head was held down and a hot kiss fell down on her lips.

Archie kissed fiercely.

He had been cold and never been so fierce in his temper, and Natalia was taken aback, but did not realized what had happened.

By the time she realized what had happened, his tongue was in his mouth.

The man fiercely attacked her mouth, which was extremely inconsistent with his domineering manner.

It had been a long time.

Archie finally released her.

Natalia was panting. Her palm-sized face flushed. Her clear eyes were wet, like a poor little beast. And her swollen lips were glittering with water by his kiss.

Archie stared at her, with his throat tightening, and he felt like kissing her again.

"Mrs. Mccarthy, are you trying to seduce me?"

He whispered in a hoarse voice.