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Chapter 1191

She had seen her fair share of ladies from rich families, many of whom couldn't stop their husbands from playing away. All they could do was turn a blind eye, but few were as chill as Sophia, who

complained

Ida remained silent. Sophia gave her friendly nudge. "Ms. Gipson, the same goes for you. Chillax a bit if exhausting"

men take everything too seriously, life can be

Hyran

When

should I

about?" Ida was confused

laughed and said. "I mean

slightly embarrassed

Gipson said

Byran humbly said. "Theo was

eating figs

sworn his love to you, right? Don't take it too seriously. Men can be fickle, they change their minds

only to find

and climbed in

and

that love really was

instigated by her. Maybe he didn't even

Life was just boring, and having a young guy around to keep her company

push him and

seal. And could

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Kia was texting on her phone

Hyran huffed. But I barely ate (am I still hungry?"

Ida put down her phone leaned in, and pecked him on
His girlfriend's sudden suggestion caught Byran off guard.
"What else do you want to eat ida adjusted ! gold-rimmed glasses and
about treat
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for his hospitality for
'I've got some worl
you had leh
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about me? Do I satisfy your taste?"

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Byran was taken aback "Ida, are are you pulling my leg?"

He didn't fully understand these matters yet, but he knew it was important to respect a girl's wishes. If ida wasn't willing, he wouldn't push it.

In fact, they'd only had one intimate encounter, after which he had been the one pursuing Ida, but she didn't let him score each time.

Ida lightly hooked her fingers around his shirt collar. I'm not joking, sit tight and buckle up. I'm taking you home"

Byran swallowed as he obediently sai and buckled up like a kid about to get a reward

After seeing his expression, Ida couldn't help but laugh. He was way more adorable than those scheming men.

Life was brief, so she needed to seize the day.

Otherwise, who knew when Byran might figure out love and find the girl who really suited him

Elsewhere

Theo was smoking in the stairwell of a restaurant, his face grave as he was lost in thought

Sophia found him easily. She pushed the door open. What's up? Smoking alone again?"

Theo glanced at her while exhaling a puff of smoke "Nothing, you go ahead"

Sophia shook her head. "But I don't have a car."

"Collin's outside, he'll take you home"

"No, I want to go with you!"

Theo's expression was indifferent. "I have to go back to the office, I don't have time to accompany you."

Sophia didn't care. "I can go back to the office with you. We're moving to a new building in a few days, so I can help you pack up since I don't have anything else to do."

"The secretaries will handle that, you shouldn't just wander around the office"

Sophia frowned. "Theo, you're being mean to me again. Did you forget our agreement?"

Something seemed to occur to Theo. He replied somewhat helplessly 'Suit yourself

Sophia burst into laughter. "I knew it! You can't resist me."

Two days later

The Blanchet Corporation moved into their new office building

All the major media had arrived early at the scene, hoping to be the first to report the story.

The Blanchet Corporation was moving, and its president would surely attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony. His photo had never been published online, so if they could take a picture of Mr. Blanchet at this opportunity, they could publish it, guaranteeing a front-page headline.

The ceremony started quickly, with professional host officiating. She gave the opening remarks, then started introducing the important guests.

The first few were partners and major shareholders of the Blanchet Corporation. The journalists took pictures, but they weren't very interested. They were all waiting for Mr. Blanchet's entrance.

Mr. Blanchet was yet to make an appearance, but the host then introduced another important guest. The designer of the new office building. Moon, stepped onto the stage.

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Moon had quite a rep in the architectural world, just like Mr. Blanchet, she had no public photos, people only knew their names but not their faces

There was a rumor going around that she was a young, beautiful, and rich lady.

If they couldn't get an interview with Mr. Blanchet today, interviewing designer Moon would be a pretty sweet deal too

Journalists were psyched to see Moon make an appearance, but the reality was quite a letdown.

Moon did come on stage, but she was not the wealthy beauty from the rumors; instead, she was a slightly overweight woman, dressed plainly with a hat and mask. The journalists' enthusiasm for photos went down the drain

Ellinor, fully geared up, straightened her back and walked onto the stage, trying to pass herself off as just being a bit overweight and not pregnant.

Before she came, she was actually pretty stressed, but when Bartlett tipped her off with inside info that Then may not attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony, she breathed a sigh of relief.

As long as she didn't have to face that man, she could keep her cool

After introducing all the guests for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the host seemed to be waiting for someone and scanned the crowd.

It wasn't until a staff member whispered something in the host's ear that the host nodded and announced to the journalists that the CEO of the Blanchet Corporation couldn't make it to the ceremony, so there was no point in wailing.

Though disappointed, the journalists had no choice but to go on with their interviews.

The announcement was just like what Bartlett had told Ellinor before, which eased her tension again. Now she could proceed with the ribbon-cutting ceremony with peace of mind

The Blanchet Corporation's ribbon-cutting ceremony was quite grand. After cutting the ribbon with the other guests, Ellinor took the chance to sneak off somewhere

quiet

Job done. Now all she had to do was wait for the car Bartlett had arranged for her

She originally wanted to meet up with Chase and Ida during this event, but Ida messaged her yesterday saying Theo was having doubts and advised her not to show up for safety reasons.

The driver Bartlett sent was stuck in traffic, so he called her to tell her to find a place to rest for a bit

Ellinor did need a quiet place to sit down, her physical condition wasn't as good as it was before. She was eight months pregnant, so standing for a long time was quite tiring, and her back hurt.

While looking up at the building she designed, knowing for sure that Theo wouldn't be there today, she decided to go in to find a quiet place to rest.

So she slowly walked into the building. She designed the architecture of the building, but the interior was designed by someone Theo hired. It was simple and upscale, a perfect match for Theo's cold vibe

Cold?

That man was anything but cold! it was all an act!

Since she was here already, Ellinor decided to go upstairs. During the design process, she paid special attention to one office: the CEO's office.

Back then, she still had a crush on Theo, so she put a lot of thought into the design of his office, especially in terms of view and layout.

Today was the grand opening of the Blanchet Corporation's new location, but in reality, to not interrupt work, important departments hadn't moved over yet. So, there weren't many people in the building, mainly cleaners who were prepping for the upcoming mass migration.

With not many people around, Ellinor plucked up the courage to take the elevator upstairs.

It wasn't crowded upstairs either. A few employees asked her who she was and what she wanted. So she showed the temporary pass she got at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, proving she was the designer of the building.

After seeing the pass, the employees had no more questions and were super polite to her, telling her she was free to look around.

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Ellinor flashed a smile at a few young employees, then started her own tour.

The employee hall had large, bright floor-to-ceiling windows. She stepped out to take a look, and the view was just as she imagined. It overlooked the entire

Greenhaven

However, the view from this window was no match for the one from Theo's office.

She specifically designed his office to face north. From his window, he could see Fragrant Lake, the most beautiful lake in Greenhaven. He could watch the sunrise in the morning and the sunset at night. When he was tired, he could rest his eyes on the scenery.

Ellinor thought to herself that it was such a waste to have prepared such a fine office for that man!

She'd just overheard those young employees saying Theo wouldn't be coming. That gave Ellinor an idea. She wanted to visit his office.

So while the young employees weren't looking, she slipped in.

The CEO's office was even more luxurious than the outside, it was simple yet mature. Just like Theo's style.

Ellinor stood by the window and looked at Fragrant Lake, internally exclaiming how beautiful it was. It was just as she'd imagined.

But no matter how beautiful the view, she couldn't stay here too long. It was time to go.

There was a customer rest area in the employee hall. She could wait there for the car Bartlett was sending. When it arrived, she would leave.

She hadn't been in the CEO's office for more than a minute, but she was now ready to leave. However, as soon as she opened the door, she bumped into a curvy

woman.

The door opened, and someone came in. Ellinor instinctively jumped, but when she saw it was a woman, she sighed with relief.

Phew, it wasn't him!

Sophia saw a stranger coming out of Theo's office and looked suspicious. "What is your role here? Who allowed you to enter the CEO's office?"

Ellinor recognized this woman at a glance. It was the woman in the photo that Chase had shown her, the woman who was with Theo, his real wife.

Ellinor didn't want to engage with this woman. She simply apologized and explained. Sorry, I took a wrong turn

She then started to move past her to leave

Sophia frowned in confusion but didn't let her go easily. "Hold on!"

Ellinor didn't want to stop, but she had to, otherwise, it would look even more suspicious.

"Ma'am, is there something you need from me?"

Sophia crossed her arms, walked up to Ellinor, and looked her up and down. This woman was dressed heavily and wearing a mask. She seemed suspicious!

She asked. "Are you an employee of the Blanchet Corporation?"

Ellinor shook her head honestly. "No."

Sophia's eyebrows knitted together. "If you're not an employee of the Blanchet Corporation, how did you get in here? This is the CEO's office of the Blanchet Corporation, how dare you just walk in?"

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Ellinor kept her cool, patiently explaining. I was invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony as a guest. I went upstairs to take a look around. I wanted to use the restroom, but I took a wrong turn."

Sophia obviously didn't buy her explanation, giving her a once-over with a skeptical look. 'So you're saying you're a guest for the ribbon cutting? Missed the restroom door? You think I was born yesterday? I don't remember hearing your name on the guest list. What's your name?"

Ellinor answered. Tm Moon, the designer of the Blanchet Building. If you don't believe me, you can call the person in charge at Crescent Society, the contractor for the Blanchet Building. I really did take a wrong turn just now, and I have other matters to attend to, so I can't stick around."

With that, Ellinor showed Sophia the ID badge she had just shown to the staff and left

Sophia looked at her badge, which did indeed read "Special Guest Moon"

But her gut told her something was fishy about this woman, who was overdressed and seemed to be on high alert.

After some thought, Sophia decided to stop her again.

Ellinor was stopped again. She wore a mask that covered everything but her eyes, looking somewhat annoyed "What now, lady?"

Sophia held up the ID badge Ellinor had just given her. This is definitely a Blanche: Corporation badge, but there's no photo on it. How do I know you didn't just find this on the ground?"

Ellinor chuckled lightly already told you that if you have doubts, you can contact the Crescent Society for confirmation.”

Sophia wasn't impressed. “And how would I do that? They can't tell me what Moon looks like over the phone. Even if they could, I wouldn't know if you were her! Look at you! You have a hat on your head and a mask on your face, you're dressed like you're going to the Arctic. How am I supposed to recognize you? Unless you take off that hat and mask, that is!”

Ellinor responded “Sorry, but you have no right to make that demand”

With that, Ellinor tried to leave, but Sophia quickly blocked her way. “If you won't show me your face, I can't let you leave”

Ellinor frowned. “On what grounds?”

Sophia retorted. You barged into the CEO's office. You're wearing a lot of clothes, and there's something bulging under your coat. I suspect you stole something

and hid it

Ellinor was visibly pregnant, but she didn't want to disclose that.

Ellinor was clearly annoyed, regretting her curiosity that led her into Theo's office and attracted this pesky woman.

“If you think I stole something, you should check the office to see if anything's missing, not accuse me based on a hunch

Sophia shrugged. “It's not my office; how would I know what's in there? I can only go off my gut feeling. But don't worry, I respect personal rights. I won't search you. I'll call the police and let them check your identity and whether you stole anything

Ellinor fell silent

This woman was a real piece of work!

She couldn't let her call the police. Once the police arrived, they would ask for her ID, and then everyone would know she was Ellinor.

Ellinor calmly looked at Sophia. “Are you really going to treat me like this? I was the guest at the ribbon-cutting ceremony today. The media took photos when I was cutting the ribbon downstairs. You can ask them to come up and confirm my identity

“When I got here, all the media had already left! No one can vouch for you! But if you take off your hat and mask, I'll let you go.”

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Ellinor could tell that this woman was clearly out to get her.

Luckily. Theo wouldn't be coming today, and as long as that man didn't show up, everything could be negotiable.

Ellinor quietly eyed Sophia. "So if I took off my hat and mask, you'd let me go? Why are you so keen on seeing my face? Just because I'm a little chubby, you suspect me of theft? If you have so little respect for people, then call the police! When they arrive, if they ask me to remove my mask and hat, I'll cooperate fully!"

After careful thought, Ellinor was pretty sure this woman named Sophia wouldn't call the cops.

Even if she were convinced that Ellinor had stolen something, she probably wouldn't call the police at this time.

For the Blanchet family, the scandal of the police showing up on their moving day would lead to a media storm and negative news, which would be a much bigger loss than a few stolen items

Ellinor guessed right. Sophia had no intention of calling the police. She just found the other woman's behavior suspicious and wanted to see her real face.

As Sophia was pondering how to handle the suspicious woman in front of her the elevator doors opened nearby, and a tall, handsome man stepped out

Upon seeing the man, Sophia's eyes lit up immediately. 'Theo! Didn't you say you had something to do today and wouldn't come?'

Theos tone was casual. 'I've finished what I had to do. What are you doing here?'

Sophia grinned "I was planning to go to your office to see if there's anything I could help tidy up, but I ran into this woman loitering outside your office door! I asked her to remove her hat and mask, but she refused. She's acting super shady"

It was only after hearing Sophia's words that Theo turned his gaze to the woman in the baggy coat, duckbill cap, and black mask.

He didn't recognize her.

This woman had been in his office?

Theo slightly furrowed his brows, scrutinizing her warily. "Who are you?"

The moment he started speaking, Ellinor's breath wavered.

He had actually come!

She had thought she wouldn't run into him here!

When asked. Ellinor was a bit uneasy, but she quickly adjusted her attitude and calmly responded. "Mr. Blanchet, long time no see. I'm Moon, and I was here for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. I wanted to take this opportunity to see my design work, but this lady here suspects that I stole something from your office and is hell-bent on not letting me leave"

She deliberately controlled her tone and manner of speaking, just as she had done when speaking to Sophia earlier.

Theo squinted slightly examining her again. "You're Moon?"

They had met before

They'd bumped into each other at Crescent Society and had a brief chat

At that time, she was wearing a face mask due to allergies. Although he didn't see her face, he remembered her figure being quite slender, which was quite different from her somewhat chubby appearance today.

Ellinor nodded, pulling her hat down low to cover her eyes. "Yes, Mr. Blanchet, I'm Moon. Perhaps your memory is a bit fuzzy and you've forgotten about me?"

Theo withdrew his thoughtful gaze. "You look quite different from the last time we met. You've changed a lot."

Ellinor let out a self-deprecating laugh. "I haven't been controlling my weight well; I've gained some pounds. I'm sorry if I've left a bad impression on you, Mr. Blanchet!"

Theo's deep gaze swept over Ellinor, especially her protruding belly, seemingly deep in thought.

Seeing that Theo seemed to know the woman, Sophia changed her tone. "Since we all know each other, why don't you take off your hat and mask so we can have a

sincere conversation?"

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Ellinor gave Sophia a casual glance. "I'm being honest here, but I can't take off my hat and mask. I'm sorry about that."

Sophia chuckled, feeling a bit confused. "Why not?"

Ellinor bluntly said, "Cause I'm not a looker, I don't want to scare you off."

Sophia was taken aback. "What does it matter? We won't be scared! You're a designer with such brilliant talents that your skills outshine everything else. Who cares about looks? How about taking it off so we can get to know you better?"

Ellinor didn't want to keep arguing with Sophia and tried to make her exit. But before she could say her goodbyes, Theo made a very loud request. "Take off your hat and mask!" Ellinor was stunned.

"Mr. Blanchet, our business is officially over. I don't think I'm obliged to fulfill any of your demands other than work-related ones. Sorry, but I have to go. I have things to do at home."

With that, she tried to turn and leave.

However, a strong hand grabbed her wrist tightly, and a commanding voice sounded in her ear. "Take them off!"

Ellinor sucked in a breath of cold air. It seemed she wouldn't be able to get away today.

She turned her head and looked at Theo with displeasure. "We used to work together, and I can't believe you would doubt me like this. Do you need to see my face to be satisfied?"

Theo's sharp eyes were fixed on her. "What are you afraid of? Why don't you dare face me with your real face? Who are you really?"

He remembered that the first time he saw Moon was at the Crescent Society.

Ellinor was also at the Crescent Society at that time, but she and Moon never appeared together.

After thinking of Ellinor's relationship with Ida and Chase, a surprising idea flashed through Theo's mind.

Could Ellinor and Moon be the same person?

So did the Crescent Society initially refuse to let Moon attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony because they were afraid he would discover the truth?

Also, Moon's belly didn't look like it had gotten bigger from simple weight gain.

Theo felt like he had found a beam of light in the darkness. He didn't know whether to feel overjoyed or furious.

Anyway, he kept his eyes on her and didn't dare let go.

Ellinor couldn't free her wrist. His grip was hurting her. She was no fool. She realized that he must have noticed something. "Fine! Since you are so eager to see my face, I'll take off my hat and mask. But first, would you mind letting go of my hand?"

Theo thought for a few seconds and then signaled his staff to block all escape routes before finally letting go of her hand.

Ellinor shook her numb wrist and spoke with obvious displeasure. "I want to make it clear that by disrespecting my privacy and forcing me to take off my hat and mask, from now on, I will never work with the Blanchet Corporation again!"

Theo didn't seem to care about her warning and simply raised an eyebrow. "Please do."

Ellinor had no choice but to take off her hat first, letting her long hair flow down.

Then she slowly reached for the straps of her mask. She seemed reluctant to take it off.

Theo's gaze was oppressive as his eyes filled with a simmering rage.

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Sophia noticed Theo's mood swing, and her curiosity for this designer named Moon intensified.

"Moon, what are you still hesitating about?"

Ellinor clenched her teeth, pulling off her black mask and revealing her real face.

Her face was heavily wrinkled, and apart from her sparkling eyes, her nose was flat, her lips were thick, and her face was unusually big, making her unattractive.

Sophia was startled by the wrinkles and scars on her face, suddenly understanding why she chose to cover up so much.

She was really unattractive!

The light in Theo's eyes was instantly extinguished, and they fell just like ashes from a slowing fire.

Ellinor's eyes were cold. "Seen enough now? Satisfied?"

Sophia asked sympathetically. "Moon, what happened to your face?"

Her skin looked like it had suffered some injury, with wrinkles reminiscent of burn scars.

Ellinor put her hat and mask back on and said, "A fire. I survived but ended up like this. That's why I initially didn't want to attend the Blanchet Corporation's ribbon-cutting ceremony. I didn't want to scare people with my appearance."

This ugly mask was deliberately chosen by Bartlett, and it worked fantastically, scaring them all.

Sophia felt sorry. "Uh... I'm sorry. I didn't know; I was a bit harsh on you just now."

Ellinor didn't want to dwell on it, nor did she have the time to. She just wanted to leave.

"No worries, can I go now?"

Sophia nodded. "Do you need us to arrange transportation for you?"

Ellinor waved her off. "No need; a friend is picking me up."

With that, she felt she could make her exit, turning to leave.

"Hold on." Theo's cold voice rang out again.

Ellinor stiffened and was forced to halt her steps. "Mr. Blanchet, is there anything else?"

With his indifferent tone and expressionless face, Theo said, "Since you're here, let's have a meal together. I have some questions regarding this building. Our previous correspondences via email left some things unclear."

The reason Theo gave made it hard for Ellinor, in the role of the designer, to refuse. He was raising some after-sales issues, and it was her responsibility to answer.

Reluctantly, she agreed to the meal.

To her relief, Theo didn't notice anything off about the mask on her face.

Sophia felt guilty about her initial attitude towards Moon and decided to join them for the meal to make up for hurting Moon's self-esteem.

As a woman, she understood the importance of appearance to a girl and the depth of the hurt of being disfigured.

They went to a restaurant near the new Blanchet Corporation building.

Theo and Sophia sat together, with Ellinor sitting alone opposite them.

When ordering, Theo politely passed the menu to Ellinor as well.

Ellinor didn't hold back and purposely ordered some food she didn't like before to avoid giving herself away.

After ordering, she handed the menu back to Theo, who ordered his own food before passing the menu to Sophia.

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Sophia shook her head, saying, "Theo, I don't feel like ordering; you do it for me. You know what I like anyway."

Theo didn't push her to choose anymore; he handed the menu to the waiter and ordered a few dishes Sophia liked.

Ellinor couldn't help but smirk sarcastically while watching Theo order for his wife with ease. She took a big gulp of her lemon water.

Sophia turned to Moon with a smile. "Want to order some more? Don't be shy; order whatever you like!"

The way she spoke was as if she were telling a guest not to be shy with her husband.

And he was indeed her husband.

Struggling to force a smile, Ellinor replied, "No need; I'm already fat enough. It's better to eat less and keep my weight under control."

Sophia comforted her. "Girls are cuter when they're a bit chubby! Right, Theo? Moon is not fat at all."

Theo glanced at Moon and didn't say a word or make any comment on her appearance.

Ellinor knew that this man wouldn't lie just like that. His gaze made her feel that he thought she was fat and ugly. But it didn't matter to him; he didn't care.

She asked Theo. "Mr. Blanchet, do you have any questions about the Blanchet Building I designed? It's already built, so even if you have any comments, it's too late to make any changes now."

"There's no need for changes; I'm very satisfied with your design. Moon, I want to know what inspired your design?"

Feeling a bit upset, Ellinor fell silent for a while, and then she said, "Probably love."

And it was true. While she was drafting the design, all she could think about was Theo. She wanted to give him the safest living environment, the most beautiful visual enjoyment, the most comfortable and convenient office facilities, and a unique design that matched his status and taste.

At that time, she had already fallen for Theo, so her design was filled with her love for him.

Sophia blinked. "Wow, designing a building because of love! That's so romantic! Moon, do you have a boyfriend now?"

Ellinor bit her lip lightly. "I used to."

After hearing this, Sophia knew it probably wasn't a happy story, so she didn't ask further.

Theo squinted at her. "So you designed the Blanchet Building inspired by love?"

Ellinor nodded. "Yes. Is there anything about it that you aren't satisfied with?"

Theo was silent for a moment, then shook his head gently. "No. If you don't mind, could you explain your design concept in more detail?"

"Of course." Then Ellinor started to explain her design concept in detail, from the exterior to the interior of the Blanchet Building.

Theo listened attentively, occasionally sipping his water but always with a hint of danger in his gaze.

Ellinor was getting a bit tired from all the talking, and the food was served. She asked, "Mr. Blanchet, can I start eating now? I'm really hungry; I'll continue explaining after I've eaten."

Theo nodded. "Please start your meal."

Ellinor started eating her food. She was really hungry but couldn't choose the dishes she liked, so she had to eat the ones she didn't like on purpose.

There were a few dishes on the table that Theo had ordered, which were all coincidentally her former favorites. She remembered that Theo didn't like sweets, so she didn't think too much of it and just figured these were also dishes Sophia liked to eat.

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Ellinor wasn't sure if she was overthinking, but she always had this hunch that Theo was watching to see what dish she'd pick.

Sophia enthusiastically offered Ellinor some fried chicken wings. "Moon, try these wings; they're my absolute favorite! They taste fantastic!"

Ellinor happened to love wings too, but she didn't feel like having any today because she felt nauseous.

She thanked her with a smile and continued eating food she normally didn't like, just wanting to finish this meal that shouldn't have happened in the first place.

However, because she was eating food that she didn't like and because her pregnancy had made her lose her appetite, Ellinor started feeling uncomfortable and was on the verge of throwing up.

She stood up calmly and said, "Excuse me, I need to go to the restroom."

She left in a hurry, forgetting to take her phone with her.

Not long after she left, Ellinor's phone on the table buzzed twice.

Sophia reached for it, but Theo stopped her in a low voice. "Don't touch other people's stuff!"

Sophia shrugged. "I wasn't going to. I just thought I'd take her phone to the restroom. What if there's an emergency and someone needs to reach Moon?"

Having said that, Sophia picked up Ellinor's phone and stood up to take it to the restroom, but she accidentally glanced at the phone screen, and her eyes froze.

Then she handed the phone to Theo. "Theo, look at this!"

Theo took a sip of water. He wasn't interested in checking someone else's phone, but since Sophia had pushed Moon's phone in front of him, even if he didn't want to, he ended up seeing it.

Theo's pupils suddenly contracted.

Ellinor threw up in the restroom. After cleaning herself up and coming back, she didn't notice anything unusual on the dining table.

Sophia reminded her. "Moon, your phone was buzzing while you were away. Seems like someone was trying to reach you."

Only then did Ellinor realize that she had forgotten her phone. She tensed up, but after noticing that the phone was still in its place and untouched, she let out a sigh of relief. After thanking Sophia for the reminder, she picked up her phone to check and saw a message from Bartlett.

"Baby, where are you? The driver said he didn't pick you up."

Ellinor didn't scold him for casually calling her baby and replied. "I'm having dinner with Mr. Blanchet; have the driver pick me up here!"

Then she sent him the address of the restaurant.

Upon seeing that Ellinor was having dinner with Mr. Blanchet, Bartlett's smile faded slightly. He was worried and wanted to call her, but considering she was with Theo, it might not be convenient for her to take the call. He held back and cautiously texted back. "Are you okay?"

Ellinor quickly replied. "I'm fine."

He felt relieved to know that she was alright.

But it was better to get her out of there as soon as possible to minimize her contact with Theo.