

## The Kiss That Read books online for free Chapter 1351

### Chapter 1351

Veronica was helping Marissa out, just after witnessing the prior scene. She asked with some confusion. "Why would Ellinor want to stay with the Howard family? Aren't you worried that Balfour might have inappropriate thoughts about her?"

Marissa also felt that Veronica's concerns were valid. How could Theo just let Balfour take Ellinor away so easily?

Theo didn't elaborate, simply saying, "He wouldn't."

Veronica wasn't convinced. "Why not? He's a man too! Bro, you can't trust other men that much!"

Belinda agreed with Veronica, nodding in approval. "Yes, your relationship with Ellinor just started to improve; you should take this opportunity to bring Ellinor back. What are you waiting for?"

Seeing that she had support, Veronica felt her worries were justified. "Exactly! Bro, you should go get her back!"

Theo furrowed his brows. "Alright, go help our grandparents into the car first."

It was obvious that Theo wasn't in a good mood after Ellinor left, so Veronica didn't dare say any more. She obediently nodded. She turned around to help her grandmother up, then got her grandparents into the car.

Once Veronica was gone, Theo turned to Belinda with a stern look on his face. "You should go home too. Did you tell your parents you're out this late?"

"No." Belinda hung her head a little dejectedly. She hadn't told her parents she was going out; there simply wasn't time..

"Take her home. I have some things to take care of here." Theo said to Chase

Chase grinned. "Sure, my pleasure!"

Belinda fell silent.

Chase gave her a small smile. "Let's go; I'll take you home."

Belinda didn't really have a choice. Now that she knew Theo and Ellinor were okay, she felt relieved and obediently got into the car with Chase.

Once everyone had left, Theo turned around, walked back into the police station, and entered the interrogation room.

The two officers interrogating the silver-haired man were at their wits' end, having failed to get any useful information out of the suspect.

The silver-haired man, having been injured by Ellinor, was taken to the hospital before being brought to the station for questioning.

His hands and feet were in casts, making him look somewhat comical in the interrogation room. He looked defiant, knowing full well that the officers wouldn't dare hit him, so he gave no real answers to their questions.

When Theo walked in, the two officers left and closed the door behind them.

Theo sat down, calmly saying, "Tell me, who's pulling your strings?"

The silver-haired man didn't like Theo's superior attitude; he looked up defiantly. "No one; I'm the mastermind!"

"Aren't you afraid the police will punish you severely if you don't confess?"

The silver-haired man was unconcerned. "Theo, you have plenty of your own problems. You should focus on yourself! The whole world knows your weakness is Ellinor. Even if you get rid of me, others will still come after you! Your life doesn't seem to be so easy."

Theo remained calm. "What if I know your weakness?"

The silver-haired man found this amusing and sneered. "My weakness? I have no family in this world; no one cares about me; I don't care about anyone either! What weakness could I have? I'm not like you; I'm not stupid enough to fall for a woman!"

"Is that so?" Theo sounded casual as he slowly pulled a necklace from his jacket pocket. The pendant was a small box that could be opened,

He had already opened the box, and inside was a picture of a woman holding a little boy, both of them smiling at the camera.

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When he saw that necklace, the silver-haired man's eyes instantly filled with rage. He slammed his hand on the interrogation table and, unable to control his fury, stood up and roared, "Give me back my necklace!"

He had risked it all to return to the ruins just to recover that necklace. It was a keepsake from his mother and the only photo he had with her.

Hearing the commotion, the cops outside rushed in to restrain the riled-up silver-haired man. "Cool it!"

He ground his teeth in anger as he glared at Theo. "Give me back my necklace!"

Theo just toyed with the necklace nonchalantly. "So, are you ready to reveal the identity of the person who's pulling your strings?"

The silver-haired man spat out through clenched teeth. "No one's pulling my strings! I just want you dead!"

Theo believed that the man really wanted to kill him.

This man's name was Samuel Blanchet, a child born from his irresponsible father's fling, his half-brother.

Samuel only had a few years of education and was a street hoodlum since he was young, always causing some minor trouble.

In the past two years, he somehow found resources, got his hands on illegal weapons, recruited a bunch of goons, and gained some influence locally.

It was impossible that there wasn't someone backing him and supplying him with resources.

Theo wasn't in a rush. He pocketed the necklace and stood up. "Seems like you don't really want this necklace, so forget it."

With a nonchalant tone, he turned to leave the interrogation room.

Now that he was about to leave, Samuel's emotions escalated. "Hold on! Give me back my necklace! Theo, you bastard! Give me

back my

necklace!"

Theo didn't stop. "When you're ready to come clean, come find me for the necklace."

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"Theo! Don't leave! Give me back my necklace..."

Outside the police station, Collin was waiting. He walked up to Theo. "Mr. Blanchet, you haven't rested in days; let's head home." Theo looked tired. He rubbed his forehead as he looked up at the moon. "Collin, is her favorite BBQ stand still open?"

Coffin knew exactly who "she" was.

"The BBQ stand usually stays open till late, so it should still be open."

Theo walked towards his car. "Take me there."

Collin followed. "Yes, Mr. Blanchet."

The Howard family household was bustling with activity.

Since McNeil Howard took Dean Howard and Alyssa Howard abroad, and Xenia and Patricia Howard were punished and left home, the Howard family's home hadn't been this lively for a while.

Chase, Ida, and Belinda also came over to the Howard family's house.

Everyone gathered around the living room couch, munching on fruit and chatting while asking about the details of Ellinor's kidnapping.

Ellinor briefly explained the situation, then sipped the milk Balfour had handed her thoughtfully..

It was already past three in the morning; it was time to rest. But after the stimulating event they'd all been through, no one felt sleepy.

Her phone buzzed. After checking it, Ellinor saw a message from Theo.

"Are you asleep?"

Ellinor hesitated and then replied, "No. What's up?"

He replied immediately, "I'm outside; I got you some late-night snacks. Can you come get it?"

Ellinor was moved, but she turned him down.

"Thanks, but I don't need it. I've already eaten. You can take it back for your grandparents."

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A few seconds later, Theo sent her another message. "Usually, they don't eat at this hour, given their age. If you don't want to see me, it's cool. Just send one of the Howard family's servants to collect it."

Ellinor frowned. She knew Theo well enough to know that he wouldn't leave unless the stuff was taken.

He was always so stubborn; he never listened to others and pressured them constantly.

At the entrance of the Howard family's home.

Thea got out of the car with his hands in his pockets and stared at the Howard family's yard, awaiting someone to collect the stuff.

Collin also stepped out of the car, following behind him, carrying the packed barbecues.

But no one from the Howard family came out. Instead, a car approached from the distance, its headlights shining so brightly that it was blinding.

The car stopped at the entrance of the Howard family's gate. After switching off the headlights, the man in the car got out.

Bartlett got out of the car and walked towards Theo, asking, "Theo, I just heard from Balfour that you're back. You alright?"

Theo nodded slightly. "Yeah, I'm fine."

Bartlett smiled. "Good to hear. But what are you doing standing here this late??

Theo replied with a straight face. "Waiting for someone."

Bartlett frowned slightly and thought for a moment. "Are you waiting for Ellinor?"

Theo didn't answer.

Bartlett took his silence as an agreement. He looked at the quiet Howard family's yard and said kindly, "Theo, if Ellinor doesn't want to see you, I think you shouldn't

force her."

After that, he saw the package in Collin's hand, understood something, and added, "Is that for Ellinor? Need me to take it in for you?"

Theo replied, "No need to trouble yourself. If you're going in, just go."

Bartlett shrugged indifferently. "Alright, I'll go in and try to persuade Ellinor to send someone out to accept your kindness at least."

Theo squinted slightly and said nothing more.

Just as Bartlett was about to turn around and drive into the Howard family's yard, a voice came from inside.

"Ms. Mendoza, it's cold out. Mr. Howard wants you to put this sweater on."

After hearing this voice, Bartlett stopped and turned around. He saw Ellinor, who was wearing a sweater, coming out of the house.

He frowned slightly in disappointment.

Ellinor, with her big belly, slowly walked out the door. She looked at Theo, who was standing by the door, and extended her hand. "Where's the late-night snack? Give it to me."

Seeing that Ellinor finally came out to collect the stuff herself, Theo, who usually had a cold face, showed a small smile. He took the barbecue from Collin's hand and handed it to her himself.

"It's from the barbecue shop you liked before."

Ellinor took it. "Thank you."

Theo didn't like to hear her say thanks. He sighed helplessly.

"Still not sleeping this late? Are Chase and the others here?"

He saw Chase's car parked in the Howard family's yard.

Ellinor nodded sincerely. "Yes, no one could sleep. We're chatting in the living room."

Theo's mature and profound eyes revealed an unprecedented loneliness. At this moment, he should be with her. But he hadn't been accepted by her yet because his own problem hadn't been resolved.

Well, it was good that someone could chat with her and soothe her fears.

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He gently raised his hand, tenderly fixing her sweater.

"Collin bought a lot of food; it should be enough for all of you. Now, go back. The sooner you eat, the better."

Ellinor looked at Theo's soft gaze, staying silent for a while. "Mmm, thanks."

Theo frowned. She was getting more and more polite with him. But he'd rather she be polite than ignore him.

Ellinor was about to leave with the barbecue when she suddenly remembered something. "Mr. Blanchet, accept the money I gave you for the painting."

Theo's brow knotted. "Do you really have to be so calculative with me?"

"What's yours is yours, and what's mine is mine."

Theo's face darkened, and his tone was no longer gentle. "Go eat, then get some rest!"

Ellinor pouted. She unhappily said, "You too, Mr. Blanchet. Be careful on the way home!"

Theo got into the car with a stern face, and after Collin bowed to Ellinor, he also got in. But the car didn't leave right away.

Ellinor was going to watch him leave before going in.

After waiting for a while and seeing the car still hadn't started, she frowned, took the barbecue, and turned back. Her servant came up to take the barbecue from her. Once Ellinor was safely inside the gate, Theo finally relaxed, signaling the driver to go.

After Theo's car left, Bartlett, who had been ignored the whole time, finally snapped back to reality.

He didn't get in the car but walked through the Howard family's gate and caught up with Ellinor.

"Ellinor!"

Even though she heard her name, Ellinor didn't stop walking. She turned her head. "Mr. Rex, you're here? Just arrived?"

Bartlett felt a little bitter. He was standing not 200 meters away from her just now, and she didn't even notice him.

He smiled and followed her. "How are you not surprised to see me?"



Ellinor answered indifferently, "What's there to be surprised about? You guys all have interconnected networks, important news is definitely shared among you, so it's not surprising you found this place."

Bartlett liked her cool and smart side. "So you've been staying at the Howard's these past few days, and you didn't even tell me?"

"Why should I tell you? So you can come running over here for no reason? Besides, you already knew it, didn't you?"

Bartlett felt a little hurt. "Ellinor, I know you don't want me to find you, but I was really worried about you! I heard you were kidnapped and were just recently rescued. Are you okay? Are you hurt?"

Ellinor showed him her hands. "I'm fine! I'm good!"

Bartlett looked her over carefully. "Mmm, good. When I heard about it, was really scared and rushed over."

Ellinor thanked him for his concern. "Sorry for the trouble. But don't worry, I'm really okay. If you don't have anything else, you should go home and get some rest."

Bartlett frowned. "Are you saying you don't want me here?"

Ellinor answered calmly, "It's not that I don't want you here, but it's almost dawn; don't you have work tomorrow?"

Bartlett smiled slightly. "How could work be more important than you?"

This made Ellinor a bit uncomfortable, but she knew he was just joking, so she didn't take it seriously and didn't respond.

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Bartlett was mulling things over as he walked, and then he tentatively asked Ellinor, "Ellinor, I saw Theo bring you supper just now, and you accepted it. Does this mean you're thinking about making up with Theo?"

Ellinor hesitated a bit. She didn't directly respond to Bartlett's question and shifted the topic. "Mr. Rex, do you fancy some barbecue?"

Bartlett fell silent.

Even though she didn't answer directly, he had already guessed the answer.

Back in the living room, the smell of barbecue wafted through the air, making everyone's stomachs grumble with hunger. They were all looking forward to it.

Ellinor handed the barbecue to Bélinda. "You guys start. I need to use the bathroom"

Belinda took the barbecue and asked, "Ellinor, this is from Theo, isn't it?"

Ellinor didn't answer and had already turned to walk to the bathroom.

"Who else could it be?" Byran stood up. He couldn't wait to open the barbecue package and quickly took out a skewer, handing it to Ida.

Ida took it without hesitation.

Then, Chase also took two skewers and passed one to Belinda.

Belinda was a bit taken aback before accepting and saying, "Thanks."

Chase just smiled. "No need to thank me; I didn't buy it. I should thank Theo for providing us with barbecue so late."

Belinda smiled. "Then you should go thank him. You have his contact, right?"

Chase just laughed and didn't argue further.

At this time, Belinda's phone rang. It was her boyfriend, Jacob. She quickly put down the skewer and went to the side to answer the phone. She had forgotten to call Jacob earlier. He must be worried, perhaps even angry.

After moving to a quieter spot, Belinda picked up. "Hello, Jacob."

Jacob sounded a bit gloomy. "Belinda, where are you? Are you not at home yet?"

Belinda was quite embarrassed. "Jacob, I'm at the Howard's. Ellinor is staying here now, so I came too. I forgot to call you earlier. I'm sorry."

Jacob chuckled bitterly. "It's okay, as long as you're fine. I was just a bit worried about you..."

Belinda felt even more guilty. "I'm really sorry, Jacob. It wasn't intentional. I was just so happy to see Theo and Ellinor getting along, and I forgot to call you. You're not angry, are you?"

Jacob replied, "Belinda, I'm not angry, really."

"That's good. I'll treat you to something delicious tomorrow after you get off work. By the way, did you finish your work?"

"Yeah, it's all done."

"That's good. Don't let me disrupt your work; that would make me feel even worse."

"Belinda, when are you planning to come home? Do you want me to grab a cab and pick you up?"

Belinda was mindful of him and knew he had to work the next day, so she didn't want to trouble him.

"No need, Jacob; someone will take me home. You should get some rest. You only have a few hours to sleep before you have to get up for work."

Jacob was silent for half a minute, then asked somewhat unnaturally, "Who's taking you home? Is it Mr. Larios?"

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Belinda honestly admitted. "Yeah. He came with me, and he will take me home when he and Ms. Gipson leave."

Jacob couldn't hold back his curiosity anymore. "Belinda, what's the deal between you and Mr. Larios?"

Belinda was taken aback and felt a bit embarrassed. "Jacob, why the hell would you ask that? There's nothing going on between me and Mr. Larios!"

Jacob insisted. "Then why does he seem to care so much about you? I've heard some office chit-chat, saying you joined the company because of Mr. Larios. Is that

true?"

Belinda stuttered. "Uh... yeah, I joined Crescent Society because of him."

After hearing his girlfriend's candid response, Jacob felt a bit down, but her honesty gave him some comfort. "Belinda, thank you for being straight with me, but do you still have feelings for Mr. Larios?"

Belinda tried to dodge the question. "Jacob, there's nothing between him and me anymore. I accepted your pursuit, and I'm sincere about it. Don't overthink it!"

Jacob felt melancholy. "Belinda, it's not me overthinking, but I feel like I can't fit into your world. I feel lost; do you get it?"

"Jacob, I..."

Jacob cut her off and said, "Belinda, I want to come and get you right now. If you agree to let me, then I'll believe you've chosen me. If not, I won't bother you anymore."

Belinda hesitated a bit. "Jacob, I'm sorry, but it's not a good time today. Theo wants me to spend more time with Ellinor here."

Jacob managed a bitter smile. "I see. I won't bother you anymore. Bye!"

Belinda felt a bit dazed after hearing the dial tone. Was she just dumped? But she didn't feel much, nor was she sad. She stood in place, holding the phone for a long time.

Ellinor, who just came out of the restroom, saw her and asked, "What's wrong?"

Belinda shook off her stupor, put away her phone, and shook her head. "Nothing; let's go have some BBQ. Theo bought it especially for you. If we don't hurry, they'll have eaten it all."

Ellinor wasn't actually hungry, but she hadn't had BBQ from that place in a long time and felt like trying it again

They both returned to the living room and joined the BBQ party.

Bartlett and Balfour had no interest in the BBQ. They sat in chairs by the floor-to-ceiling window, chatting.

"Balfour, you're not being cool." Bartlett complained.

Balfour sat there, but his eyes were always on Ellinor, who was on the living room couch. He was concerned about her every move, fearing anything might go

wrong.

"What did I do?"

Bartlett took a sip of his coffee. "You didn't tell me Ellinor was staying with you. I've been looking for her for days! You didn't even tell me about Ellinor being kidnapped. Is this how you treat your best friend?"

Balfour looked back at him indifferently. "What's your relationship with my sister? Why should I report to you?"

Bartlett retorted. "Ellinor and I are friends! You know I have feelings for her. Can't you help me out as a friend?"

Balfour scoffed. "Dream on. You're not her type."

Bartlett raised an eyebrow. "I'm not her type, but Theo is? Balfour, are you saying that in your eyes, I'm worse than your enemy, Theo?"

Balfour frowned. "Theo is definitely not her type either, but she likes him."

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Bartlett paused for a moment as his lips curled up slightly with a hint of mockery. "So, as her brother, you're gonna just forget the family feud and let her marry into the enemy family?"

Balfour, looking serious, said, "It wasn't easy finding Ellinor; I don't want her to feel upset. I'll do my best to give her whatever she wants, even if it's marrying into the Blanchet family. If Theo dares to mess with her again, he'll pay!"

Bartlett stared at Balfour for a moment, then made a scared face. "Having a brother like you is terrifying."

Balfour shrugged it off. "If you're afraid of me, you can stay away."

Bartlett laughed. "Balfour, as a friend, have you ever considered me as your brother-in-law? I'd treat Ellinor way better than Theo."

Balfour said straightforwardly, "She doesn't like you."

The smile on Bartlett's face stiffened for a moment, and then he shrugged. "Just because she doesn't like me now doesn't mean she won't in the future, right?"

Balfour squinted. "My sister, like me, will never change her mind about someone she didn't like in the first place."

Bartlett found his response boring and waved his hand. "You're so dull! Who could you possibly like? I've never seen you like anyone for as long as I've known you. Ellinor's not as cold-hearted as you!"

Balfour fell silent.

Bartlett put down his coffee and stood up. "I won't bother you anymore; I'm gonna go try my luck with Ellinor."

Although Balfour was unhappy, he didn't stop him and let him go. Winning Ellinor's heart wasn't that easy.

Ellinor was eating a skewer when Bartlett suddenly came over and took the empty seat next to her, saying, "Ellinor, you seem to be enjoying that. Can I try a piece?"

Ellinor glanced at him. "If you want to try, go ahead."

She was referring to the skewers on the table, but to her surprise, Bartlett directly took the one she was halfway through eating..

Caught off guard, Ellinor didn't have time to refuse. He'd already taken a bite, and there was no point in taking it back now.

Ignoring Bartlett, Ellinor decided not to eat anymore and picked up her drink.

After tasting it, Bartlett laughed and said, "It's really good, Ellinor; if you like it, I can buy it for you more often."

Ellinor took a sip of her drink and declined indifferently. "No need; when I want to eat it, I'll buy it myself."

Bartlett smiled. "I mean, if you're not free, I can buy it for you."

"That's not necessary either. I can order delivery."

Bartlett looked helpless. "Not giving me a chance at all, huh?"

Ellinor glanced at him. "What opportunity do you want?"

Bartlett didn't hesitate to say, "The opportunity to be your future boyfriend."

Ellinor laughed. "Don't even think about it. It's impossible!"

Bartlett pretended to sigh distressingly. "Ellinor, are you really gonna forgive Theo? Going back to him might not be such a good idea."

On the side, Chase and Ida could understand Bartlett's motives. They knew what was going on but didn't voice it or get involved. They trusted that Ellinor could handle this little issue herself.

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Ellinor spoke with a lack of enthusiasm, "Thanks for coming to see me, but I don't want to talk about this."

With a smile, Bartlett asked, "I'm just wondering, if you're willing to reconcile with Theo, where does that leave me?"

Ellinor looked at him with a sincere gaze through her thick, beautiful lashes and said, "Bartlett, you're my friend, and you'll always be my friend."

Bartlett's face fell. After a while, he chuckled self-deprecatingly. "Forever? Ellinor, you're not leaving me any hope at all."

"There's no point in giving you false hope if I don't have feelings for you. That's not who I am." She said as she let out a yawn and stood up. "You guys enjoy your meal. I'm going to hit the sack."

Belinda also got up. "Ellinor, let me help you upstairs."

Ellinor didn't refuse Belinda's offer and let her assist her upstairs.

Bartlett looked somewhat lost; his eyes became seemingly unfocused.

After a while, he squinted his eyes, reaching for the glass of water Ellinor had left on the table, intending to take a sip.

However, Chase stopped him.

Smiling, Chase said, "Mr. Rex, this water was sipped on by my boss."

Bartlett smiled. "I don't mind."

Still smiling, Chase said, "But she does."

Bartlett and Chase locked eyes in an unfriendly stare. Bartlett raised an eyebrow. "Aren't you afraid I'll become her husband and give you a hard time?"

Chase, still blocking the glass, smiled and said, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it. For now, you're not."

Finding the situation uninteresting, Bartlett let go of the glass. "You guys eat. I've got to bounce."

He stood up gracefully with an air of nonchalance surrounding him. As he left, he waved at Balfour, who was still sitting by the window. "Balfour, I'm off! Catch you later!"



Balfour nodded lightly. "Alright, I won't see you out."

Bartlett waved as he walked out. He tucked his hands into his pockets and strolled out of the Howard family's front door.

Theo couldn't get into the Howard family's house as easily as Bartlett did, but he didn't gain much pleasure from that fact.

However, now that he saw Ellinor was okay, he felt relieved.

Upstairs in Pearl Howard's room.

Ellinor was freshening up in the bathroom while Belinda idled in the room. Soon, Ellinor came out in her pajamas, ready to hit the hay.

She raised an eyebrow after seeing that Belinda was still in her room. "Aren't you going home?"

Instead of answering, Belinda asked, "Ellinor, why are you staying at the Howard's? This room doesn't look like a guest room or an adult's room. It looks like a little girl's room. Why are you sleeping here?"

Ellinor didn't want to answer that question. The fewer people knew about her relationship with the Howard's, the better.

She pulled back the covers and got into bed.

"Alright, I'm good here. Go downstairs and have Chase take you home," she said

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Belinda furrowed her brows. "No, I don't wanna go! Jacob just blew his top on the phone because of my thing with Chase, and I can't even figure out my own head right now, so the last thing I need is more Chase drama. Might as well stick around. Once Chase hits the road at dawn, I'll make myself scarce."

Suddenly, Belinda winked mysteriously, “Ellinor, I’ve got the lowdown on this Sophia situation. You wanna hear it?”

Ellinor, half sprawled on the bed with her phone, glanced up at Belinda upon hearing this. “Spill.”

Seeing that Ellinor was now intrigued, Belinda leaned over the bed and started.

“Ellinor, you know how Theo keeps Patricia at arm’s length because he mistakenly thinks he owes her his life, right? But with Sophia, he sometimes lets her get away with too much. You know why?”

Ellinor frowned, retorting, “Theo’s definitely not as distant with Sophia as he is with Patricia. He puts up with Patricia out of a sense of obligation. But with Sophia, he seems a bit clueless, like he doesn’t see the boundaries as clearly. That’s because they’re legally married.”

At this thought, Ellinor felt a sudden annoyance, and her sudden urge to want nothing to do with Theo anymore resurfaced.

After noticing Ellinor’s stern expression, Belinda quickly added, “Ellinor, hold your horses! Let me explain! When Theo first met Sophia, he thought she was a guy, so he treated her like a brother, like he does with Jonah, for quite a while. He was used to seeing her as a guy, so he didn’t react as strongly to her advances.”

Ellinor frowned at Belinda. “What the hell are you on about? You don’t need to spin such a wild yarn. Sophia’s figure is pretty obvious; how could she be mistaken for a guy?”

“Ellinor, don’t be so quick to dismiss this. I’ll show you Sophia’s old pics.” To prove her point, Belinda quickly whipped out her phone and found a few photos to

show her.

Ellinor looked at Belinda’s phone with a puzzled expression, her face a picture of shock.

In the photos, Sophia had short hair, wore men's T-shirts and shorts, her skin was sun-kissed; she wore no makeup, was quite skinny at the time, and her body hadn't fully developed yet. Her chest was flat, making her look like a boy.

"When Theo met her, she was like this. She even played basketball with the boys on the men's team."

Belinda expressed her disdain, saying, "I always found it weird that a dude like him would have a girl as a friend. Now I know it's because he thought Sophia was a guy!"

ahead and tie the knot?"

Ellinor quickly regained her composure and scoffed. "So what? Just because he thought she was a guy, they can

Belinda's eyes widened in earnest as she said, "I've got the whole thing figured out. I've gotta clear Theo's name. Here's the thing. Initially, he asked Sophia to help him put his grandpa's mind at ease before his surgery. But on the day of their engagement, Sophia's flight got grounded due to bad weather, and he bumped into you unexpectedly.

Strictly speaking, he didn't really deceive you; at most, he just didn't tell you right away. He was afraid you'd be mad and leave him if you found out.

Theo really cares about how you feel. He planned to come clean after he'd sorted things out with Sophia."

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### Chapter 1360

"You always find excuses for him." Ellinor smirked sarcastically. "To me, concealing and deceiving are one and the same. And guess what? I asked him if he was hiding anything from me, and he said no."

Belinda sighed. "As a woman, I totally get how it feels to be deceived and kept in the dark by someone you trust and like. But don't you think he's a bit scared

of you? He knows what happens when you get mad, so he's afraid of telling you his secrets."

Ellinor laughed. "Scared of me? Have you seen him lose his cool?"

Belinda shrugged. "Take today, for instance; he couldn't care less about the Howard family. But because you're here, he didn't even dare to step in. He was afraid of ticking you off."

Ellinor fell silent.

Belinda continued, "Also, his decision to marry Sophia was not because they've got a deep friendship or he's got a crush on her.

Sophia's father is the top dog of Thaddeus International Corporation, a global business entity with a lot of clout.

Due to some issues with the previous generation of the Blanchet family, Theo's situation is quite unstable.

You might not know that his father was quite a playboy in his younger days, and he had a bunch of illegitimate children. As time went by, all these children grew up and started to sniff around for Theo's weaknesses, wanting to grab a piece of the Blanchet family's fortune.

Theo knew that if he got married in the open, his wife would definitely be targeted, and he didn't want to drag an innocent person into this mess.

Sophia is a different story. With her father's protection, no one would dare mess with her. This could save-Theo a lot of headaches.,

Back then, Sophia was Theo's best bet, and since she offered to help Theo willingly, he had no reason to say no.

The reason Theo didn't divorce Sophia right away might be because he was afraid that without Sophia's cover, you'd be targeted and used to leverage him, just like today. Luckily, both you and Theo made it back safe and sound."

After hearing all this, Ellinor had a mixed expression.

So, before she left the Blanchet Villa, Theo had arranged a bunch of bodyguards to protect her and prevented her from going out because he was afraid she'd be kidnapped?

He really was a master of hiding things. Why didn't he just tell her?

Did Theo know about all his half-brothers when he was a kid?" Ellinor asked.

Belinda nodded. "Yep! He's known all along.

His father, from a young age, was always a womanizing deadbeat. He professed his love to every woman but took responsibility for none. He even left his children scattered across the world.

Theo's mother eventually gave up on her philandering husband, and when Theo was still very young, she left home and disappeared without a trace. To this day, we have no idea where she is."

Ellinor felt a sting in her heart. It wasn't painful but very uncomfortable.

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