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Ida said, "That's kinda the designer's personal business and I can't really spill the beans"

With a chuckle, Theo replied, "Seems like Crescent Society isn't really keen on taking the Blanchet Corporation's order. No need to twist your arm then"

Saying so. Theo put down his coffee and stood up.

Ellinor heard everything loud and clear in the lounge.

There was a hint of annoyance in Theo's voice, she knew he wasn't the patient type

If he walked out today, she would miss out on a billion-dollar deal!

As she was racking her brain, Ellinor suddenly noticed a pile of equipment that Chase had bought in the corner of the lounge. There was something that looked like a gas

mask

"Mr. Blanchet, please hold on!"

Theo, who was already at the office door, stopped in his tracks and slowly turned around at the sound of the voice

Ida also turned to look...

What a peculiar sight!

Ellinor, dressed in Ida's clothes and wearing a gas mask, walked out of the lounge.

She walked straight up to Theo and said in a strange voice, "Mr. Blanchet, I am Moon you wanted to meet."

Theo gave her a questioning look and was slightly frowning

Collin was very surprised. Why did Moon dress up like this? Did she think Mr. Blanchet was toxic?

Ellinor quickly explained, "Apologies, Mr. Blanchet, I've got a severe skin allergy recently and my face is a bit messed up. I didn't want to scare anyone, so I had to wear this This was the reason why Ms. Gipson mentioned that I was unable to meet clients. Do you mind my appearance while we discuss work?"

Theo gave a slight nod, "Fine, I don't care about the appearance of the designer"

Ellinor politely bowed, "Thank you for your understanding, Mr. Blanchet."

Ida came over with a smile, "Since Moon is here, why don't you take a seat again, Mr. Blanchet? It was all a misunderstanding. Let's show you the sincerity of Crescent Society!"

Theo sat back down.

Ellinor took the seat between the two CEOs

Without beating around the bush, Theo asked, "I'm curious about the inspiration behind your skyscraper design?"

The building's exterior was actually an oval shape, but the color of the exterior glass created a three-dimensional crescent moon. It was a beautiful building that was hard to forget.

Ellinor explained, "I love the moon. The new moon symbolizes a fresh start and is a symbol of the future and progress..."

As Theo listened to her talk about her creative inspiration, he felt a strange feeling.

After she finished. Theo asked, "Have we met somewhere before?"

Ellinor was flustered and quickly denied, "No way, how could I forget a dashing man like Mr. Blanchet?"

Theo stared at the eyes behind her gas mask, feeling a sense of familiarity.

Ellinor felt uneasy under his gaze and quickly changed the subject. "Do you have any thoughts on the architectural design of the new office building, Mr. Blanchet?"

Theo said in a deep voice, "You have creative freedom, but the design mustn't be too cliché."

Ellinor nodded, "Thank you for your trust, Mr. Blanchet. I hope we will have a pleasant time working together,"

With the conversation almost over, Theo stood up to leave.

Ellinor finally breathed a sigh of relief

Ida

got up to send off their important client, but as the office door opened, they saw Sheila about to knock on the door.

Upon seeing Theo, Sheila's eyes lit up. "Mr. Blanchet, what brings you here?"

Theo, however, first glanced behind her to see if Ellinor was there. Seeing no one, he asked coldly. "What are you doing here?"

Sheila answered, "Crescent Soffety asked me to endorse their new product I just went to check it out. But my assistant was held up by Ms. Gipson to discuss some matters, so I came back to find her!"

Theo was puzzled Vs Ellinor here?

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After passionately explaining her purpose, Sheila didn't get a peep out of Theo, and her smile was starting to look a little frozen

Theo's icy expression was enough to make anyone back off

She didn't dare force a conversation, so she tried to ease the awkwardness by turning to Ida, who had come out to see Theo off

"Ms. Gipson, where's my assistant? I need her to get something for me"

A hint of trouble flashed through Ida's eyes. Adjusting her gold rimmed glasses, she replied calmly. "Ms. Mendoza, your assistant just left"

Sheila frowned in annoyance. "Left? Where did she go? She didn't even wait for me to come back!"

Ida just gave a polite smile, showing no concern, "I really don't know"

Sheila was already peeved that Ellinor was left alone to talk with Ida, and now she found out that she had left without a word. She was even more annoyed and immediately pulled out her phone to call Ellinor

Ida tried to stop her, but it was already too late.

Soon, Ellinor's phone rang from inside the office...

Sheila was taken aback, "Ms. Gipson, my assistant's phone is ringing inside your office. Isn't she still in there?"

Ida looked a bit flustered and tried to cover it up with a smile, "Ms Mendoza, your assistant really did leave. Maybe she just forgot her phone."

Theo remembered the architect, Moon, with the familiar eyes behind her face mask!

He seemed to realize something and turned to go back to the office

Ida stepped in front of the door, looking up at the customer, who wasn't much taller than her, "What's wrong, Mr. Blanchet? Did you forget something too?"

Theo replied coldly, "I have a new idea about the building design and need to talk to Moon again"

Ida chuckled. "Just let me know what you need, Mr. Blanchet, and I will pass it on to her"

*Theo asked, "Why? Moon is inside, so why do I have to go through you? Are you afraid of something, Ms. Gipson?**

Ida quickly laughed it off, "You've got it all wrong, Mr. Blanchet. What could I possibly be hiding? Moon is our chief designer, and as you know, she's having a severe allergic reaction. Her doctor has repeatedly advised her to rest. If she gets sick, not only will your order not be completed, but it will also affect our company! So, as a caring boss. I just hope Moon can rest as much as possible and not be disturbed"

Theo was stubborn, "I just have one question for Moon. It won't take long. Please step aside, Ms. Gipson!"

Theo was clearly getting impatient.

Ida frowned and stood her ground, "Mr. Blanchet, please don't..."

While these two were at a standoff, a crisp voice suddenly came from the side.

"I'm here""

Upon hearing Ellinor's voice, Theo and Ida both turned to look.

Ellinor strolled out from the left side of the office, even letting out a yawn.

Chase was trailing right behind her.

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Sheila was green with envy when she saw Ellinor with Mr. Larios, but she had to plaster on a friendly smile "Ellinor, where've you been?"

Ellinor

came over and honestly answered, "I needed the loo but couldn't find it after a good look around. Then I bumped into Mr. Larios and asked him to lead the way" Sheila gave Ellinor the stink eye, then turned to Chase, politely saying "Mr Larios, I'm so sorry my assistant has been a nuisance!"

Chase laughed it off, "No worries, I was headed for the loo myself, so it was no trouble."

Sheila forced out a couple of laughs, secretly annoyed that Ellinor had the chance to be alone with Mr. Larios

Ellinor then innocently asked. "Sheila, why are you back so soon? Have you already gone through the new products?"

Sheila couldn't be bothered to answer Ellinor's question, thinking, "Why does my assistant have to be so nosy?" She turned to Ida with a smile, "Ms. Gipson, I've seen all the products now, when can we ink the deal?"

Ida had regained her composure, "We need to finalize things with your agency Artists can't sign work contracts directly"

Sheila chuckled, "No problem, my agent can come for the signing this afternoon!"

Ida nodded, "Sounds good Bring your agent over this afternoon."

"Great thank you!" Sheila was delighted and couldn't resist probing, "What about my new movie...?"

Ida replied, "If the ad campaign with you goes well, I'll consider investing in your new movie."

"Thank you, Ms. Gipson I won't let you down!" Sheila was quite confident. 'I won't disturb you any longer now, Ms. Gipson. I'll come back with my agent this afternoon to sign"

Sheila turned around and gave Ellinor a disgusted look, "Let's go!"

Ellinor said, "Wait a minute, I need to grab my phone!"

"Well, get a move on then!" Sheila was clearly irritated

If it weren't for the people around, she would have definitely yelled at Ellinor.

Ellinor walked up to Theo, without even glancing at him, and opened the door to the CEO's office.

She quickly found her phone on the sofa in the reception area of the office and stuffed it into her pocket.

On the adjacent sofa, Moon' with the gas mask was sitting there working on a laptop, busily typing away as if recording something.

Outside the office, Theo's tall figure stood there, sweeping a glance into the office, seeing both 'Moon' and Ellinor in the same place.

Ida looked at Theo and chuckled, "Looks like our Moon hasn't taken a break yet. If Mr. Blanchet has something to say to Moon, please go ahead. I won't stop you."

Theo replied, "No need"

With that, Theo turned around and walked away with Collin.

Seeing Theo leave first, Sheila quickly said goodbye to Ida and Chase, urging Ellinor to hurry up so they could catch the same elevator with Mr. Blanchet.

Watching them step into the elevator and the doors slowly close, Ida frowned in concern, asking Chase, "What just happened? How did she run out like that?"

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Chase let out a helpless sigh "Simple She climbed out of the office window and back in through the bathroom window"

Ida was shocked, "But we're on the 30th floor"

Chase just shrugged "Remember my climbing gear in the break room? Came in handy! Plus, you know how agile she is, this was a piece of cake for her"

Ida took off her glasses and rubbed her forehead, "What about the person inside?"

"That's your secretary She dressed up, put on the mask, and pretended to be busy"

Ellinor is always so quick-witted"

*Chase squinted, deep in thought. "Why do you think she's so against Theo finding out she's Moon?**

Ida glanced at him, reminding him. "She must have her reasons, let's not jump to conclusions."

Chase stroked his chin, "I don't buy that Theo has no feelings for her. I'll test him out."

Ida protested. What are you testing? Don't get Ellinor angry!"

"You just wait and see. I'll bring you good news!" Chase waved and strode off towards the elevator.

Inside the slowly descending elevator.

"Had lunch yet?"

Theo's deep voice echoed in the enclosed space, making the atmosphere a bit tense.

Sheila blushed when she heard that, and she shyly replied. "Not yet! Have you, Mr. Blanchet?"

Theo's eyes were cold, it was hard to tell who he was talking to

Since it was just them, Theo's secretary, and her assistant Ellinor in the lift, Sheila naturally assumed Mr. Blanchet was asking her.

But Theo didn't immediately respond to her

Sheila decided to take the initiative. "If you haven't eaten either, Mr. Blanchet, why don't I treat you to lunch? As an apology for my assistant scalding you last night!"

Theo still didn't answer immediately but glanced towards Ellinor, who was standing in the corner of the elevator.

Ellinor was leisurely checking her phone and wasn't even locking up.

After a while, Theo finally said slowly "Sure."

Sheila was over the moon when she heard Theo accept her invitation. Awesome! Mr. Blanchet agreed to have lunch with her!

This must mean Mr. Blanchet had some feelings for her, right? Otherwise, he wouldn't have accepted.

Just then, Ellinor looked up "Sheila, can i take a break later? I'm a bit tired, I want to go home and rest."

Sheila, feeling irritated at Ellinor's interruption, immediately agreed without thinking, "Sure, go home and rest. You can have the afternoon off."

Ellinor, who had predicted this response, nodded without surprise, "Thank you."

Theo was upset, Ellinor clearly didn't want to have lunch with him.

"Weren't you supposed to apologize? Why isn't Ellinor coming?"

Sheila was taken aback. While flustered, she quickly explained. 'Mr. Blanchet, my assistant wants to rest at home, I don't think we need to force her. I can apologize on her behalf...

Theo retorted, "It seems you're not sincere about apologizing, never mind then."

Sheila panicked, "No, no! I am sincere!"

With that, she pulled Ellinor over.

"Ellinor, you were the one who scalded Mr. Blanchet yesterday, it's your responsibility! So, you have to apologize to Mr. Blanchet over lunch, you can rest after that!"

Ellinor frowned and reluctantly agreed Alright then

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The elevator doors slid open.

Theo stepped out, with Collin following closely behind

Sheila, tagging along with Ellinor, came out too, fearing that Theo might take off and forget about their dinner date

"Miss Mendoza, hold up!"

Surprised by the call, Sheila turned to see none other than Chase striding out of another elevator, all smiles towards her

With a confident spin, Sheila turned to him, grinning. "Mr. Larios, what brings you rushing after me? Is there anything else you need to discuss about the endorsement deal?"

Chase barely gave her a glance, his eyes passing over her and landing on Ellinor, "I'm not after you. I'm after the other Miss Mendoza "

Sheila's smile froze. 'Oh Ellinor, come over here; Mr. Larios wants to see you!"

She didn't forget to shoot her a glare as she called Ellinor over

Ellinor, looking puzzled, walked over to Chase, "What's up. Mr. Larios?"

Chase suddenly stepped closer to her with a strange smile on his face, "I didn't want to say this upstairs with all the employees around... Miss Mendoza, do you have a boyfriend?"

Ellinor frowned, "..."

What was he up to?

Before she could answer, Chase continued, "If you are single, could you grant me the opportunity to pursue you?"

Ellinor stared at Chase, wondering what had gotten into him.

But Chase wasn't done, "Miss Mendoza, I admit, I've fallen for you. I hope you'll give me a chance to get closer to you!"

On the side, Sheila was gobsmacked and fuming.

How could an assistant snag Mr. Lanos's heart at first sight?!

All Ellinor could do was let out an awkward laugh, 'Mr. Larios, let's talk about this over there!"

With that, she sidestepped him and headed off.

Chase turned to follow Ellinor, but not without feeling a chilling gaze fixed on them.

Once they were far enough, Ellinor asked him, "What's going on?"

Chase, instead of answering, raised his voice on purpose. "Thank you for giving me a chance, Miss Mendoza! This is my card, it has my private number. I'll be waiting for your call!"

With that, he shoved his card into Ellinor's hand, hugged her, and bolted, diving back into the elevator, leaving a very puzzled Ellinor.

Slowly, Ellinor turned around, only to find herself staring into Theo's eyes.

Theo's face was a mix of emotions as his gaze fixed on her.

Sheila was furious over Chase's confession.

But remembering her dinner date with Mr. Blanchet, she quickly put on a smile and asked Theo.

'Mr. Blanchet, what are we having for lunch?'

"Eat whatever you wanna eat"

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Theo didn't seem to have any interest in food, but he didn't outright refuse either.

Sheila didn't care about Theo's indifference. On the contrary, she was excited to share a meal with a man of Theo's status.

"Let's go to Charm Tower then, the food there is awesome!"

Charm Tower was the most famous upscale restaurant in Greenhaven. The prices were sky high, and Sheila wouldn't usually splurge if it wasn't to treat someone like Theo.

Theo just gave a nonchalant nod and turned to walk towards the lobby door.

Sheila followed closely, turning her head to shout at Ellinor, "Hurry up! You don't want Mr. Blanchet to wait, do you?"

Ellinor frowned in annoyance

Since they had been picked up by Chase and didn't have a car, they had to ride in Theo's car to the restaurant.

Sheila was naturally thrilled to be able to ride in Mr. Blanchet's luxury car

Sheila was excited when she saw the secretary walk up to open the back door of the top-end luxury car, and Theo just stood aside, not getting in, as if he was waiting for something. She approached and said, "Mr. Blanchet, why don't you get in first?"

Theo gave her a glance and said lightly. "You first."

Sheila's heart raced. She was very happy. It seemed that Mr. Blanchet was indeed waiting for her to get in first!

Mr. Blanchet was such a gentleman. Not every woman got this kind of attention from a man as cold as him. But he was willing to wait for her to get in the car first. What did that mean?

It meant Mr. Blanchet had feelings for her too!

"Thank you, Mr. Blanchet" Sheila accepted Mr. Blanchet's kindness with a smile, then got into the car, looking forward to Mr. Blanchet sitting next to her.

But Theo didn't immediately get in the car. Instead, he turned to look at Ellinor, who was standing still. He frowned and said, "Get in."/

His tone was like a parent scolding a child.

Ellinor muttered, "Alright..."

After Ellinor got into the car and settled down. Theo finally got in.

Sheila had expected to sit next to Mr. Blanchet but was disappointed. She was not happy.

As she looked at Ellinor, who sat in the middle, her mood became more and more irritated. But she didn't want to make a scene, so she secretly pinched Ellinor from

behind

Ellinor was completely unprepared and yelped in pain, instinctively moving to the side and accidentally bumping into Theo's chest

Theo lifted his arm to steady her shoulder. Looking at her deeply, he asked in a low voice, "What's wrong?"

Ellinor quickly reacted and immediately tried to move away, but Theo held her shoulder tightly.

What is this guy trying to do? Let go! Haven't we agreed to pretend we don't know each other in front of Sheila?

Sheila grew even more upset when she saw Ellinor so close to Theo. She reminded her with a fake smile, "Ellinor, what are you doing? You're crowding Mr. Blanchet, move over here a bit

Ellinor glanced at Sheila, then said to Theo, "I'm sorry, Mr. Blanchet. I didn't mean to bump into you..."

As she spoke, she gave Theo a look, reminding him not to forget his promise to her

Theo was silent for two seconds, then finally let go of her shoulder.

Ellinor immediately returned to her original position, rubbing her shoulder that he had gripped so tightly.

Theo quietly observed her small movements

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When Ellinor straightened up, it put a stop to Sheila's antics. She was afraid that Ellinor might again use it as an excuse to get close to Mr. Blanchet. Sheila picked a restaurant called Charm Tower, located in the heart of the city which was just a short drive away

They entered the restaurant and had just sat down under the guidance of the staff.

Sheila said, "Mr. Blanchet, you order first. I'll be right back from the restroom"

Theo nodded nonchalantly, his gaze not lingering on her for a second

Sheila turned to Ellinor and said, "Ellinor, come with me!"

She called Ellinor for no reason, she was actually afraid that Ellinor would take the opportunity to get close to Mr. Blanchet when she left!

Ellinor shrugged and stood up to go with her.

In the restroom

Sheila was touching up her makeup in front of the mirror. She glared at Ellinor from the mirror and mocked her.

"Don't you ever think that just because Mr. Larios of Crescent Society has a crush on you, Mr. Blanchet will feel the same way about a country girl like you!"

Ellinor replied nonchalantly, "I never thought that!"

Sheila turned her head and warned her seriously, "You better not have!"

Ellinor was a bit puzzled, she asked, "Sheila, what do you mean?"

Sheila took out lipstick from her makeup bag and sneered while applying it, "Can't you see? Mr. Blanchet's expression changes every time he sees you. I bet it's because he remembers you burning him yesterday!"

Ellinor was a bit helpless, "I told you I didn't want to come, but you insisted!"

Sheila looked at her with contempt, "I brought you here to apologize to Mr. Blanchet, but he clearly doesn't want to see you all the time! So, just pretend to be busy in this restroom until I call you to come out. That way, you won't ruin Mr. Blanchet's appetite!"

Ellinor agreed, "Ok, no problem!"

She wanted nothing more than to stay as far away from that man as possible!

If it weren't for Sheila insisting on her presence, she'd be home napping by now.

After Sheila finished her makeup, she took her designer bag from Ellinor, put the cosmetics inside, and ordered before leaving, "Stay here!"

Ellinor obediently nodded, "Okay, got it."

After Sheila left, Ellinor also left the restroom. Even though she had no desire to intrude on Theo and Sheila's lunch, she didn't want to hang out in the restroom either.

So she found a quiet stairwell to call Chase, wanting to clarify what his attitude was about.

Chase answered the phone quickly. "Missed me already?"

Ellinor smiled slightly. "Miss you

Before she could finish her sentence, she heard....

"Who are you calling?"

A cold voice suddenly rang out from behind, giving Ellinor a fright!

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Theo popped up behind her out of nowhere, giving her the cold shoulder Ellinor felt a chill run down her spine and instinctively hung up her call.

No biggie, just chatting with a friend!

She replied nonchalantly and slipped her phone into her pocket.

"Hand over your phone Theo extended his hand.

Ellinor was taken aback and frowned with annoyance. The guy was a bit off, but she didn't feel like arguing. After a moment's hesitation, she gave him her phone

"Unlock it" Theo said, stone-faced

"That's my private business! I have every right to keep it to myself!" Ellinor refused

Theo's gaze turned cunning "Got something to hide?"

"I have nothing to hide!" Ellinor retorted confidently

"If there's nothing to hide, then what's the password? Theo threatened, waving her phone in the air.

What's with this guy? Why was he snooping around other people's phones out of the blue?

Did he really think he could just invade people's privacy like that?

Ellinor was fed up with his attitude, glaring at him, "I'm not telling you!"

Theo's face hardened, he was clearly running out of patience.

He rarely met people, especially women, who didn't dance to his tune.

And Ellinor clearly didn't give a damn about his feelings.

Despite sometimes appearing compliant, it was just an act to avoid trouble; she really didn't care about him.

Most of the time, her eyes were filled with indifference and not an ounce of submission, fear, or even a bit of concern for him.

Yet because of her usual compliance, her firm refusal this time stood out.

What on earth was on her phone that she was so reluctant to let him see?

He was even more curious now. Who was she calling that she had to be so secretive about it?!

"Ellinor, I'll ask you again. What's the password?" Theo demanded harshly

Ellinor was forced to look up at him, still not giving in, even defiantly saying. Take a wild guess! If you get it right, I'll tell you!"

Theo was fuming!

Just then, her phone rang. It was Chase calling back....

Startled, Ellinor immediately tried to grab it!

But Theo raised the phone out of her reach.

"Give me back my phone!" Ellinor frowned

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Theo just gave her a cold glance, lifted her phone, and answered the call.

The voice on the

other end of the line came through and Chase gently asked. 'Ms. Mendoza, why'd you hang up without saying a word just now?

Ellinor fell silent

Theo looked at the guilty faced Ellinor, 'Is this the 'friend' you were talking about?"

Ellinor still had no response. He was actually my friend and subordinate, I just didn't feel comfortable telling you. But she could never say these words

Luckily, she didn't save Chase's number Chase and Ida's numbers have always been memorized, and as long as Chase doesn't spill the beans, Theo would never know they've known each other for a while.

"Ms Mendoza, why aren't you saying anything? Where are you? Do you want me to come over right now?"

Chase asked enthusiastically over the phone.

Theo squinted, slowly put down the phone, and held it near his mouth. In a cold voice, he said, "She's married"

His tone was calm yet startling and filled with a strong sense of possessiveness, which firmly declared ownership.

Chase asked in surprise from the other end of the line, "What? Who are you?"

Theo coldly replied, "Her husband"

Chase was silent

for a moment, then said in a heartbroken tone, "No! That's impossible! I don't believe it! Where's Ms. Mendoza? I need to hear it from her..."

Before Chase could finish, Theo hung up the phone

With a grim look on his face, Theo handed the phone back to Ellinor and said sarcastically, "I didn't expect you to be this impatient and call him back so quickly

Embarrassed, Ellinor chuckled, "It's not what you think! When we were downstairs at Crescent Society, Mr. Larios said something strange to me I didn't understand what he meant, so I wanted to call back and see if there was a misunderstanding...

Theo sneered, "A man publicly declares his love at first sight for you, and you don't understand what he means? Do you need to call back and confirm? Ms Mendoza, do you think I would believe you don't have ulterior motives? Or do you want to continue developing a relationship with him? Or maybe make it official?"

Ellinor was frustrated, "I'm not, I didn't...."

Theo firmly gripped her jaw, forcing her to look up at him, "Ellinor, how many times do I have to remind you? You are my wife now, you are not allowed to contact other men privately!"

Ellinor felt trapped, unable

to escape his firm hold. She frowned in annoyance and said, "You're overthinking this! I'm not the person you think I am! We are not a real married couple, you have no right to check my phone; let alone answer my calls; that's invading my privacy! Even if we were a real couple, if you keep doubting me like this, we would end up breaking up sooner or later!"

Theo,

Ellinor felt like her jaw was about to be crushed by him, "It hurts..."

Theo's eyes flickered, he frowned, then let go of her.

Ellinor held her sore face, thought for a moment, and decided not to argue too fiercely with this man. After all, they still had to see each other often for the next two months! Besides, Sheila was still waiting for her gentleman to join her for lunch. If she didn't calm him down soon, Sheila might notice something.

"Fine, I admit I was wrong. I'm sorry!"

She lowered her head regretfully compromising

Theo was slightly taken aback. Looking at her pitiful face, he wasn't as angry anymore, "What did you do wrong?"

Ellinor pouted, "My mistake was making this call now, I should've waited until three months later! By then I won't be Mrs. Blanchet anymore, and you won't have any right to control me!"

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Ellinor continued, "Mr. Blanchet, you've never truly believed in my loyalty to you! You had Collin arrange work for me so you could keep an eye on me and know my every move, right?"

Theo stared at her intensely, not responding immediately

**Mr. Blanchet, I'm only here for three months and am a fleeting presence in your life Please don't try to control me! If you don't trust me, I can swear an oath to you!*

Ellinor said, raising her hand resolutely,

"I swear, in the next two months and seven days, I will not do anything to betray you, and if I do, I am willing to accept punishment" After firmly making her pledge, she lowered her hand and turned to walk towards the door to the staircase.

But just as her hand touched the handle and opened a sliver of the door, it was suddenly pushed back by Theo from behind. The door was now tightly shut!

"Did I say you could leave?"

The door was stuck, causing Ellinor to frown. She had already made her pledge, what was this man still unsatisfied with?

A bit impatiently, she said, "Mr. Blanchet, don't act like a jealous little boy!"

Little boy?

Theo seemed to have heard something preposterous. He then leaned over, chuckling softly in her ear, "Jealous? Ms. Mendoza, do you think I would be jealous over you? To me, you're just a kid"

"But to me, you're a man!"

Ellinor blurted out in frustration. After saying it, she felt it wasn't quite right and wanted to take it back.

But what's said is said, like water poured out, how could she take it back?

All she could do was leave!

She tried to forcefully pull open the door, but it was held tightly by Theo and couldn't be opened.

He whispered in her ear with his deep voice, "What did you just say?"

"...I didn't say anything!"

Ellinor just wanted to quickly leave the staircase, but she still couldn't open the door and was turned around to face Theo again!

At this moment, Ellinor was blushing from her slip of the tongue, unable to look at Theo.

Theo stared at her flushed face.

He couldn't help but think that she really was captivating

She had just mentioned that there were two months and seven days left.

She remembered so clearly!

Since when did his emotions become so easily affected by this little girl?

He didn't want her to have too much contact with other men. Seeing others compliment her made him uncomfortable and even anxious.

She thought he wanted to control her, but if he simply wanted to control a woman, he didn't need to confine her somewhere because wherever she was, he could know everything about her if he wished.

He arranged work for her because he knew she couldn't be idle. He figured it was better for her to be under his watchful eye than to be managed by others out there.

Ellinor had misunderstood him!