

The Kiss 281

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Oh, he stayed up all night chatting with Patricia, how could he possibly sleep?

Seeing the girl's disgusted face. Theo frowned and said, "You got beef with me? What man doesn't grow a beard?"

Ellinor snapped back to reality, stood up from him, and moved slightly away before shaking her head, "No, I think you look hot with a beard too"

What does it matter to her whether he keeps his beard or not? Who is she to judge?

"You think I'm hot? Huh?" A flicker of surprise passed through Theo's eyes, compliments from her were hard to come by

Ellinor was frank, "You being handsome is a fact, it has nothing to do with what I think."

"So why are you so cold towards me?"

"So, I should be all over you because you're handsome? There are plenty of hot guys in the world, should I be all over them too? Seriously?"

Theo's face darkened. He pulled her over to sit on the couch, forcefully put the cake on the table in front of her, and said coldly, "Get real' Eat your cake!"

Ellinor reluctantly sat down, huffing in annoyance.

Fine, she'll eat!

Despite her swollen hand, she managed to pick up the small fork

She stopped making a fuss and started eating the cake obediently on the couch, occasionally sneaking a peek at Theo's computer screen.

Theo also stopped messing around and focused on the documents on his computer, his long fingers occasionally tapping on the keyboard and making some annotations

Ellinor felt bored and uncomfortable, she casually picked up the cake fork and asked, "When can I be discharged?"

"At least three days."

Three days! That's too long....

She didn't want to stay in the hospital any longer!

So, she tried to negotiate with him, "As long as I avoid what I'm allergic to, I can go home and rest, right?"

Theo turned his head and looked at Ellinor, who was about to eat her cake; his face showed slight movement, and his mouth opened....

Seeing this, Ellinor paused, he was wanting some cake too?

And, was there a hint of threat in his eyes?

If she wanted to negotiate, she'd have to feed him the cake first.

Getting the hint, Ellinor was a bit annoyed!

But she really didn't want to stay in the hospital for three days, so she was ready to put down the cake she hadn't eaten yet, get a new fork and feed him a bite.

However, before she could put it down, her wrist was caught by Theo's large hand, forcefully pulling it over, and she passively fed him...

Theo had no qualms about eating the cake from her used fork.

Ellinor's heart skipped a beat. As soon as she came to her senses, she threw the fork away and got a new one for herself.

Theo frowned, "You dislike me that much?"

Ellinor cleared her throat and sneered, "Isn't this a hygiene issue? Sharing utensils is like swapping bacteria! You may not mind, but I do!"

Theo snorted, "It's too late, we've already cross-contaminated."

Cross-contamination!

Although Theo didn't say it explicitly, he was clearly referring to that night...

That night, he was poisoned, and she lost her senses, they were intimate, their bodies wholly fused, their souls attracted to each other...

That's something she wanted to forget!

Why did he bring it up again?

Ellinor couldn't bear it anymore and yelled, "Theo!"

Seeing the girl's flushed face. Theo felt that he had avenged her earlier coldness, he chuckled.

He stopped teasing her, reached out, and patted her head, "All right, eat fewer sweets, hot food will be here soon"

Ellinor was taken aback.

Theo was moody one moment and cheerful the next.

Was there something wrong with his head?

She turned her face away, uttering a displeased "hmm".

Theo always teased her for no reason! So annoying!

Just then, her phone started vibrating

Ellinor put down the cake fork and walked over to the cabinet to get her phone

She had been using Thea's phone recently, which was filled with his contacts Only Collin and Jonah Wyton would occasionally call

And now, the incoming call was from a number she hadn't stored

Ellinor picked up the phone, her hand wrapped in gauze, making it inconvenient, so she used her chin to slide the screen and answer the call

A terrified voice from Patricia came through the receiver, "Ah! Help! Don't, don't come any closer! I'm scared, save me, hurry up..."

*Ellinor frowned without hesitation, she quickly walked over and handed the phone to Theo, "Theo, your Ms. Howard seems to be in some kind of trouble!**

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Theo asked earnestly, "Who's this Ms. Howard?"

Ellinor felt that Theo was missing the point and handed him the phone, "Answer it, don't let anything go wrong!"

Theo looked at her deeply, then slowly put the phone to his ear.

After hearing the cry for help on the phone, Theo's calm face suddenly turned tense. He stood up quickly and asked sternly. "Where are you? Okay, just stay there and don't move, 171 be right there!"

After hanging up the phone, Theo hurriedly left but suddenly stopped to look at Ellinor...

Ellinor shrugged nonchalantly. "Go ahead, I'll be fine on my own!"

Theo frowned in complexity, "Be good, I'll be back soon!"

Upon saying this, he quickly left....

Ellinor stood there in a daze for a while, as if she could hear her mother's voice from years ago at the hospital telling her. "Be good; Mommy will be back soon!"

And then, her mother never came back...

An hour passed

Ellinor finished her cake and watched some videos on her phone

Theo who said he'd be back soon still hadn't returned.

Had something happened to him?

She didn't even know where Patricia's ward was.

Ellinor had slept too much during the day and couldn't sleep now. She thought momentarily and got up from her bed to find that man.

She was residing in the VIP area of the hospital's inpatient department, where each room was a separate high-end ward. It was quite peaceful, and most people were resting since it was already night

The hallway was empty, and Ellinor slowly walked towards the nurse's station to ask about Ms. Howard's ward...

Before she reached the nurses' station, she saw from a distance that police officers were checking the surveillance cameras.

The police seemed to have copied the needed surveillance content and left the nurse's station. A doctor who looked higher ranked escorted the police to the elevator.

The police waved his hand, saying, "All right, no need to see me off. Thanks for your cooperation today"

The doctor also politely said, "It's our duty! You guys are working late, you must be tired!"

"Eh, we're serving the people!"

The police left.

Ellinor heard the nurses in the station discussing

"How terrifying I didn't expect there to be a pervert in our hospital!"

"Perverts are everywhere; we all need to be careful!"

"This pervert is really bold, stalking Ms. Howard in room 302, he's got some nerve!"

"People like that should be severely punished once caught

"Right, just now, when I went to room 302 to take Ms. Howard's temperature, she looked pale from fright and hadn't recovered yet. She's been crying in her boyfriend's arms. so pitiful!"

"Is her boyfriend handsome? Is it the same guy who spent a fortune last night to buy the LED ad on Century Bank at Trent River, expressing his love to Ms. Howard all day?"

"Handsome? He's stunning! More handsome than any movie star; I didn't dare to look at him too much. I'd go weak in the knees..."

"Haha, why would you go weak in the knees? Do you have a crush on him?"

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"Cut the crap. But I can tell that guy must be someone special, probably from some big shot family like Ms. Howard. Only a hottie like him would match with a beauty like her!"

Hearing this, Ellinor slowly passed by the nurses' station, having a rough idea of what had happened.

Patricia had encountered a harasser and called Theo for help. By the time Theo arrived, the harasser had likely fled

The police were now retrieving hospital surveillance footage to identify the suspect

The nurses mentioned that Patricia was in room 302 It didn't seem far away. She should be there soon if she takes the next turn.

Ellinor made a turn at the corner and quickly found room 302.

The door to the patient room was ajar, filled with people, including the police.

She didn't get too close, but her angle gave her a clear view of the room....

In the room, Patricia was terrified, leaning into Theo's arms, her shoulders trembling. "Theo, I'm scared."

Theo was holding her, comforting her with soft pats on her back, gently guiding her, "It's all over now, just tell the police exactly what the person who bullied you looked like Do you remember his features?"

Since Patricia was hospitalized and couldn't go to the police station for a statement, the police had to conduct their investigation in the hospital.

Theo's comfort managed to stabilize Patricia's emotions a bit. She took a deep breath and tried to calmly describe the man to the police, "The man striped shirt, wearing glasses, a bit fat, about 1.7 meters tall..."

The police nodded and took notes.

"All right, we got it, Ms. Howard. Don't worry, we'll catch this guy for you!"

"Thank you."

Patricia thanked the police politely and snuggled back into Theo, seeking comfort. It seemed like everything but this man frightened her right now...

"Theo, I'm scared. Don't leave, stay with me..."

"I won't leave

Theo gently patted her back, comforting her softly.

The police finished their work and prepared to leave, "Mr. Blanchet, we'll be going now We'll contact you if there are any clues as soon as possible"

Theo nodded slightly, "Okay, Haillie Knotts, see them out"

Haillie politely said, "Thank you for your hard work. This way, please."

Outside the room, Ellinor saw that they were all right and nothing serious had happened, so she turned her gaze away and headed back to her room....

"Ellinor, I knew it was you!"

Haillie, who had been seeing the police out, spotted a familiar figure in the corridor. She hurried over, and sure enough, it was Ellinor!

Ellinor looked at Haillie blocking her way and said indifferently, "Good evening. Haillie."

he was wearing a

Haillie looked at Ellinor, then turned to look at room 302.

She could see Patricia nestled in Theo's arms through the half-open door. She immediately understood and laughed, "Ellinor, you saw it, didn't you? I told you long ago that you mean nothing to Theo once Patricia returns!"

Ellinor's lips curved slightly.

Even before Patricia came back, she meant nothing to Theo. What was the difference?

Haillie crossed her

arms triumphantly and said, "Let me tell you, Patricia knew Theo when she was ten. You can't break their years of relationship!"

Ellinor found her blocking the way and raised an eyebrow, "Haillie, do you think you're being nosy?"

Haillie's face changed. She didn't see any

signs of disappointment on Ellinor's face. It was like punching cotton. She gritted her teeth, "Humph! Ellinor, I can't wait to see you get dumped by Theo. Just don't cry too hard, then!"

"Haillie, who are you talking to?"

A man's gentle and calm voice suddenly sounded from behind Ellinor

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Haillie's eyes lit up the moment she saw the man about to speak, her tone softening instantly, "Balfour H oward, you made it

Ellinor noticed Hallie's bashful reaction and turned around to see

The man standing behind her was tall and handsome, dressed in a finely tailored dark gray suit, exuding an air of refined elegance. Like masterpieces of art, his eyes emitted

a faint sense of aloofness.

His aura screamed nobility yet coupled with a sense of superiority.

As Ellinor turned her gaze toward the man, he did the same.

Balfour recognized Ellinor, his eyes narrowing slightly. "It's you?"

Ellinor recognized him too, the grandson of the blind old man from yesterday

Seeing Balfour and Ellinor talking, Haillie panicked quickly becoming alert. She smiled fakely and asked, "Balfour, you know Ellinor?"

Balfour glanced at Haillie briefly, then shifted his gaze back to Ellinor, "So, your name is Ellinor?"

Ellinor nodded, "Yes, I'm Ellinor"

Balfour didn't say much, just elegantly raising his hand for his secretary, Quinton, to hand him his wallet.

Upon receiving his wallet, he opened it, signed the checkbook inside, peeled off a check, and handed it to Ellinor with a polite, "I heard you thought the money I gave you yesterday was too little. How about this check?"

Ellinor glanced at the check he handed over. It was a check with a specific figure already filled in five million, an extra zero compared to yesterday

Haillie was left in a fog, clueless about why Balfour would give Ellinor such a hefty check. She wanted to ask but didn't dare interrupt their conversation... Ellinor raised an eyebrow, "Do you think five million could buy a person's dignity?"

Balfour's calm face didn't twitch a muscle, he simply smiled, "Generally speaking it doesn't take that much to buy an ordinary person's dignity"

Ellinor stared at him, "So, you think that as long as the price is right, you can buy anyone's dignity and anything that comes with a person?"

Balfour elegantly chuckled, "Yes"

Ellinor accepted the check, holding it under her nose to sniff it, and beamed, "Money sure smells good! Sir, are you really giving this check to me?"

"Of course"

Watching Ellinor's reaction to the money, a hint of contempt flashed in Balfour's eyes.

He thought she was different, but she seemed like the rest, as long as the price was right

Suddenly, Ellinor slapped the check back onto Balfour's hand, laughing. Five million is a fortune for ordinary people! You're handsome and seem to be worth a good amount, so I'll use this five million to buy you for a year!"

Buy him?

Balfour was taken aback, furrowing his brows, "What did she just say?"

In his thirty years of life, he had never been so disrespected.

Quinton was about to intervene when he saw his master being challenged by a woman....

Haillie was also furious,

"Ellinor, what are you talking about? Who gave you the guts to speak to Balfour like that!"

Balfour waved his hand, signaling Haillie and Quinton to step back and keep their mouths shut.

He looked down at the check that had returned to his hand, narrowing his eyes, and seriously said to her, "Ms. Mendoza, the thing is, you saved my grandfather yesterday I wanted to thank you and reward your kindness, nothing more Are you sure you don't want a penny?"

Ellinor shrugged, "I took it, didn't I? Didn't I just use it to buy you for a year?"

Balfour stared at her briefly, then laughed, 'Oh? Ms. Mendoza, what are you planning to do with me for a whole year with this mere five million?"

Ellinor firmly said, "I demand that you stay out of my sight for a year!"

Balfour's elegant smile faded, and he furrowed his eyebrows.

Ellinor's playful gaze suddenly turned cold, and she said scornfully, "Rich kids like you are always afraid that others have ulterior motives. So, no matter what happens, you're quick to throw money at it to keep things clear. I'm sick of it! Take this five million and get out of my sight!"

At that moment, no one noticed a tall figure standing at the door of room 302 for quite a while.

Theo had heard what sounded like Ellinor's voice in the corridor and quickly got up to check. Then, he heard Ellinor's eloquent words to Balfour

Balfour was known for his pride and ruthless tactics, his cunning reputation in the business world was well known, even he had once been at a disadvantage in dealing with

Balfour

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This little girl took that guy down today with just a few words!

Theo leaned lazily against the door frame, hands in his pockets, looking at his wife's smug expression with a gentle, proud look

That's his girl, all right!

Theo walked over, "You should be resting in your room, why are you out and about?"

Ellinor saw Theo coming out from room 302 and walking towards her, she frowned, annoyed. "I've been sleeping too much, bored as hell, came out to see if you're still breathing!"

Theo just looked at her, not happy, but seemed accustomed to her annoying ways; he didn't get mad.

Theo's big hand ruffled her hair like teasing her, "Hmm, sorry to disappoint you by still being alive, huh?"
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Ellinor sidestepped, skillfully avoiding his touch.

A hand that had just held another woman, she found it disgusting!

Feeling bored, Ellinor waved her bandaged hand nonchalantly. "You guys carry on, I'm outta—here!"

With that, she turned and walked away.

Theo naturally followed along

Patricia suddenly ran out, tugging at Theo's sleeve, tears in her eyes, "Theo, don't go, stay with me, I'm scared..."

Theo stopped, looked down at Patricia, didn't respond directly but looked up at her brother Balfour, "My wife runs a tight ship, I am not easy to take care of your sister anymore"

Balfour gave a subtle nod, "Understood"

Then, Theo calmly removed Patricia's hand, "Your brother's here now, he'll stay with you, get some rest."

With that. Theo picked up his pace, catching up with the little girl who had walked far ahead.

Watching Theo leave, Patricia still wanted to chase after him.

Balfour held his sister's arm, gently advising. "Patri, behave; he's married."

Patricia shook her head pitifully, "Bro, I know, Theo only got married to appease his family; he didn't mean it..."

Balfour spoke

softly but firmly, "Regardless of his reasons, he's married. Patri, you're a decent girl, don't get close to married men, listen to your brother!"

Patricia's face was full of tears, "Bro, I want Theo; I'm scared.."

Balfour felt heartbroken, he held her close to comfort her, "All right, your brother will stay with you, Patri, don't be scared."

Under her brother's soothing, Patricia's emotions calmed slightly, and her sobbing softened.

Just then, Balfour's phone rang

He pulled out his phone and checked the caller ID. Then he said to Haillie, who was watching him, 'Haillie, could you take Patri back to her room and keep her company for a bit? I need to take a call'

Haillie blushed slightly, nodding gently. "Sure, don't worry, I'll take good care of Patricia."

Watching Haillie take his sister into the room, Balfour answered the phone.

A steady voice on the other end of the line, "The DNA from those two unclaimed female bodies don't match yours; they're not your mother and sister who disappeared fifteen years ago

"Alive, I want to see them. Dead, I want to see their bodies. Keep looking

"Yes, sir!"

After hanging up, Balfour clutched his forehead.

Fifteen years ago, his mother took his five-year-old sister and left due to complex family disputes, they disappeared without a trace.

Everyone thought they were dead, but he wouldn't give up searching as long as he didn't see their bodies

Balfour came back to reality and instructed his secretary, "Quinton, do a background check on that Ellinor, it seems like she's quite a formidable girl, don't let her bully Patri" "Yes"

Quinton agreed and muttered to himself. Looks like that woman doesn't care about the half-a-million-dollar check you gave her, she's got bigger ambitions, she wants Mrs. Blanche's position and everything the Blanche family owns! There's no chance for Miss and Mr. Blanche now...

Balfour frowned, squinting

Even without that Ellinor, it would be hard for Patri and Theo to be together

Their families, the Howards and the Blanchets are arch-enemies, the younger generation's hostility has faded, and they won't start a fight when they meet, but as long as the older generation is still alive, a marriage between the Howards and the Blanchets is impossible!

And Patri just happens to fall for the one person she shouldn't have

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In the quiet hallway of the hospital, Ellinor made a beeline for her room, breezing past the nurse's station

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Theo followed her, hot on her heels

A few nurses gossiped in hushed excitement. "Look! That guy! He's Ms. Howard's boyfriend"

"Oh my God, he's so hot

"But why isn't he with Ms. Howard in room 302 instead of trailing behind another chick?"

"Could it be some sleazy love triangle?"

Hearing the nurses' little tattle, Ellinor furrowed her brows and picked up

her

pace

Once back in her room, she immediately turned to lock the door!

Theo's hand shot out, quickly bracing the door open, and asked, "What are you up to?"

As Ellinor struggled to close the door, she retorted. "Sir, you don't need to come in."

Theo asked sternly, "Give me a reason?"

Ellinor nodded, "Okay, remove your hand first, then I'll tell you"

Theo withdrew his hand, and in an instant, Ellinor slammed the door shut and locked it!

Veins popped out on Theo's forehead as he patiently knocked on the door, "Come on, open up, let me in!"

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There was no response inside the room, Ellinor gave him the silent treatment.

Frowning. He called out, "Ellinor, can you hear me? Open the door!"

Still no response

Theo sighed, lowering his pride, he began to coax her, "Sweetie, come on, open the door, will ya?"

"What's the problem? At least let me know why?"

"It's my fault, I came back late; I deserve a smack!"

"Ellinor, Ellinor"

"Mr Blanchet."

Collin's voice suddenly echoed from behind Theo

Theo turned around with a glacial look.

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Sensing the icy atmosphere, Collin quickly explained his situation, "Um Mr. Blanchet, I got stuck in traffic. The meal you asked me to get for Ellinor got cold, so I had to go back and get a new one. It's still hot, hurry and let Ellinor eat it while it's warm"

Theo wanted to do just that if only he could get in.

Collin seemed to get the gist" Mr. Blanchet, you can't get in?"

Thea's icy stare sent a chill down Collin's spine, instinctively, he took a step back.

Then, he conscientiously placed the packed meals on a chair in the hallway, saying, "Mr. Blanchet, I'll leave the food here, remember to eat it while it's hot, I'll take my

now

"Mm."

Collin quickly made his exit.

Theo, feeling drained, pinched the bridge of his nose and slumped onto the chair in the hallway He pulled out his phone and texted Ellinor

leave

"Ten years ago, Patricia saved my life. She got hurt because of me and ended up frail and sickly. Therefore, I can't forget her kindness and act indifferent towards her life and death."

In her room, Ellinor, taking in fresh air by the window, read the message from Theo. She stood there dumbfounded momentarily, then replied "Okay, since she saved your life, you should be with your life saver now Don't worry about me."

Theo: "First, open the door for me"

Ellinor: "I'm going to sleep now. You can go be with your life-saver!"

Theo. "Open the door, I have something to tell you"

Ellinor didn't reply

After waiting for a minute without any response, Theo resisted the urge to throw his phone and sent another message: "Collin just brought some barbecue"

Three seconds later, click, the door to the room opened

With a serious expression, Theo picked up the food Collin had delivered, using it as an excuse to get in

Ellinor opened the food box to find chicken soup, she immediately scowled and looked at Theo, "Where's my barbecue?"

Leaning against the window, Theo didn't sense anything amiss, he calmly replied, "You're having a severe allergic reaction right now so you can't eat greasy and spicy food and should follow the doctor's dietary advice"

"War Ellinor huffed, although she was unhappy, she didn't hesitate to eat the chicken soup because she was hungry!"

Theo sat beside her, watching her eat in silence.

Not until Ellinor put down her spoon did Theo speak up. "Are you full? I have something to tell you..."

Ellinor cut him off, "You don't need to tell me your stuff, I don't want to know!"

Theo frowned, his eyes deep, "Why didn't you let me in just now?"

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She said bluntly. "I don't want to get tangled up in your messy love life with Ms Howard, nor do I want to be blamed for busting up your relationship"

Theo got her point, but it only pissed him off more. "Ellinor, did you even ask me? Just assuming things are how you think they are?"

Ellinor kept her calm "I don't want to ask, and you don't need to rush to explain to me it might give people the wrong idea that you have feelings for me."

Theo narrowed his eyes, suddenly reaching out to twist her face towards his "Who's around to get the wrong idea?"

Ellinor stayed silent

Theo grabbed a napkin, gently wiping some food grease from her mouth. "Who's getting the wrong idea, huh?"

Ellinor frowned, pushing his hand away "Exactly I'm the one getting the wrong idea! If you keep acting all flirty, anyone would overthink it"

Theo grabbed her chin again, twisting her face towards him and leaning in closer. "What if there's no misunderstanding, and I'm acting this way because I like you?"

Ellinor was taken aback. "Don't joke like that, it's not funny!"

She hated people who just casually threw around the word "like"

Just yesterday. Theo confessed his feelings for Patricia so openly, and now he's saying he likes her

Does he think she's some kind of fool?

Theo gazed at her eyes, filled with a hint of resentment, "You're right, I'm not acting like myself anymore. I never thought I'd be so affected by a girl"

Who? Who affected him? Ellinor felt innocent and wanted to argue, "You're the one..."

He touched her lips coldly. "Don't talk, just listen."

She stayed silent, quietly watching him.

He looked at her seriously and sincerely, "I once said that I could give you anything but love. Because in my past life plan, there was no room for a woman. It was your appearance that changed my life plan. I've only ever been with you. That night, it wasn't just the toxin, it was also. I already had feelings for you."

Ellinor's heart fluttered, and she looked at him doubtfully. "Are you messing with me?"

She still didn't believe it, even after all he'd said.

Theo laughed helplessly. "Stop making me angry. Let me get a good night's sleep!"

He let go of her and leaned back on the couch, closing his eyes and looking utterly drained.

Seeing him so worn out, Ellinor felt a pang of sympathy.

She knew this man had great power and influence. He could have anything he wanted. He didn't need her to take care of him.

But she still got up and took a blanket from the hospital bed, covering him with it.

Ellinor looked at his face as she was tucking him in, taking a good long look. She thought to herself: he's really handsome!

She was so close to him that when Theo suddenly opened his eyes, she jumped back. "Theo, you're not asleep?"

"Are you trying to steal a kiss?" He teased.

Ellinor laughed. "In your dreams!"

Theo's eyes sparkled with mischief as he gently touched her face, "Ellinor, stop shutting me out."

Ellinor was a bit confused, "Haven't I already let you in?"

"I mean, into your heart."

With that, he closed his eyes and fell into a deep sleep.

Ellinor sat there, stunned. She blinked her mind in a whirl.

The next morning

Ellinor woke up in Theo's arms.

Her head rested on his arm, and it was only when she felt how hard it was that she woke up.

Thea was quietly watching her, he'd probably been awake for a while.

"Uh. Theo how did we end up." Sleeping together?

Just as she felt uncomfortable, a knock on the door broke the awkward moment.

Theo got up and opened the door

Patricia greeted him with a smile, "Good morning, Theo!"

She held a metallic thermos in her hands, "Theo, my mom made soup. I couldn't finish it by myself, so I thought I'd share it with Ellinor"

Theo turned to Ellinor, "Do you want some?"

Ellinor shook her head

She didn't trust Patricia, and her allergies hadn't cleared up yet. It was best to avoid anything from Patricia

Theo turned back to Patricia and explained, "She's allergic, she can't just eat anything"

Patricia smiled awkwardly, understanding, "Right, I should we thought of that?"

At that moment, a doctor walked in with two police officers

"Ellinor, the police are looking for you"

Ellinor's face changed, she frowned, "The police are looking for me?"

The policeman showed his badge, "Ellinor, come with us. You're suspected of being involved in a criminal case. We need your cooperation in the investigation"

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Involved in a crime?

Ellinor looked dazed and confused upon hearing this

Seeing this. Theo asked, "What case are we talking about?"

The cops only noticed Theo in the room, looking slightly startled

"Oh? Mr. Blanchet, do you know Ellinor too?"

Theo answered thoughtfully. "Yes, what happened to her?"

Standing beside Theo, Patricia looked at the police as if recalling a terrifying experience from last night. She instinctively moved closer to Theo for protection with a worried expression on her face

'Officer, what crime is Ellinor suspected of? Are you sure you got it right? Ellinor is a good person!'

Seeing Patricia's reaction, the cop was even more surprised, "Ms. Howard, you're here too! Looks like you all know Ellinor?"

Considering the victim and her family's right to know, the cop spilled the beans.

"Mr. Blanchel, here's the deal....

We've caught the guy who tried to assault Ms. Howard yesterday

Under our tough questioning, the suspect finally came clean. He claimed Ellinor gave him ten grand to harm Ms. Howard, no matter what"

"What" Patricia's thermos food jar dropped to the floor, hot soup splashing out and nearly scalding her foot....

Theo reacted quickly pulling her away in time to avoid any burns.

Patricia was shocked, shaking her head in disbelief, "Impossible... Ellinor is my friend, she wouldn't hurt me...."

The cop, who had seen the dark side of human nature, sighed and said to Patricia, "Ms. Howard, you can't judge a book by its cover. Be careful whom you befriend in the future."

"How could this be... Patricia seemed to have taken a heavy blow, her body swaying. She held Theo's arm tightly, "How could this happen? Ellinor is a good person, she wouldn't hurt me, right?"

Theo looked at Patricia, then turned to look at Ellinor.

Ellinor sat on the hospital bed, her expression calm, her eyes laced with irony...

Well, here we go again!

She knew this wouldn't be the end of it.

They say there's no peace in a wealthy family, always full of intrigue and backstabbing. Those words sure rang true.

Theo's eyes lingered on Ellinor for a moment before he turned to the police, "You better have evidence to prove she's guilty, or you can't take her from the hospital."

The cop was taken aback, unsure whose side Mr. Blanchet was on....

Wasn't he Ms. Howard's boyfriend?

Why did he seem to defend Ellinor, who was suspected of hiring a thug to harm his girlfriend?

"We have evidence, both witnesses and physical evidence! Mr. Blanchet, we are legally summoning the suspect; please don't interfere with our work."

The police was clearly very confident of the final outcome. They were just going through the procedural motions before formally charging the suspect.

"You have both witnesses and physical evidence... Patricia took a deep breath, looking heartbrokenly at Ellinor on the bed. Her big, innocent and deer-like eyes were red and teary, making her look even more pitiful.

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Ellinor, I'm just trying to be your friend here, I even brought you this soup my mom made, why are you treating me like this? Did I do something wrong to piss you off?" Ellinor was cool as a cucumber, just lifting the corner of her mouth a bit, "You didn't ruffle my feathers, you just got back two days ago, how could you have pissed me off?"

Her words had a different meaning

Patricia had only been back one day, but from yesterday morning, she had been in the hospital with severe allergies, with Belinda and Theo keeping her company

If she really wanted to hurt Patricia, she wouldn't have had the time to find a so-called perpetrator.

Moreover, before yesterday, no one knew when Patricia would be back.

How could she have planned everything without predicting the future?

Besides, she and Patricia didn't even know each other before yesterday, let alone have any contact or grudges.

The police's accusations made it sound like she was the prime suspect. However, time was a hole in their story that couldn't be covered up. Claiming that she had someone hurt Patricia didn't hold water at all!

This was clearly a setup

And the person setting the trap was right in front of her eyes.

Patricia coming to bring her soup in the early morning was just a smokescreen, more like she was playing the victim!

"Ellinor, what...what are you laughing at? How can you still laugh?"

Patricia stepped back in fear, then hid behind Theo like she'd seen a ghost, clutching at his shirt for protection, "Ellinor is still laughing; it's so scary..."

Theo patted Patricia lightly on the shoulder to calm her down.

Then, he gently pushed Patricia aside, walked to the bedside, touched Ellinor's forehead with his hand, his gaze serious, turned to the police and said

"Her condition doesn't allow her to leave the hospital. Whatever you want to investigate or ask her, do it here in the hospital."

The police looked a bit awkward, "But..."

The doctor who came with them, due to his professional responsibility, also stepped forward and said, "Officer, this patient is still in a severe allergic condition, and she will need to receive anti-

allergic medication later. If you take her away now and her allergic symptoms are not controlled in time, she could be in danger

After hearing this, the police

*frowned, considered the situation, then stepped outside to call their superiors: After discussing with them, they came back and said, *Considering the suspect Ellinor's special condition, our superiors have approved her to be interrogated in the hospital. However, Ellinor, we hope you will cooperate with us as much as possible."*

The police then took out handcuffs from their bag and walked determinedly toward Ellinor...

Theo raised his hand to block them, "Who dares to handcuff her before she's convicted?"

The policeman was quite authoritative, "Mr. Blanchet, don't make things difficult for us. This is a hospital, we can't control her like we could at the station. If the suspect escapes, it would be hard for us to explain to the station."

Theo was very serious and said coldly. "Don't worry, she won't run away"

"Mr. Blanchet, but....."

"No problem, I'm willing to cooperate with the police; let's get started!"

Ellinor took the initiative to speak; she was lying on the bed with her hands bandaged and still swollen. She looked very calm and fearless and waited quietly for the police to handcuff her

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Ellinor willingly cooperated with the cops, and although Theo was far from thrilled, he didn't say anything else, respecting her decision.

So, Ellinor's hands were cuffed up by the police.

At the same time, they posted a guard at her hospital room door, temporarily restricting her freedom of movement.

Since Ellinor's condition required IV treatment, the cops didn't immediately start questioning her.

The police put humane treatment first, listened to the doctor's advice, and agreed to let her finish her treatment before the interrogation began.

Ellinor had the breakfast Theo had sent over and managed to have a little snooze while she was being treated.

In the afternoon, the police started the questioning

According to the

rules, nobody else was allowed to be present during the interrogation, so Theo was asked to leave the room.

Theo's presence was a sticky wicket for the police

Ellinor asked him to leave, and Theo only picked up his jacket from the couch and left.

Theo stood by the hospital room door, observing what was happening inside through the little glass window

Theo

Patricia's voice came from behind him.

At the same time, she gently tugged at his shirt sleeve.

Theo turned around, "Why are you still here?"

Patricia looked at him with a heartbroken expression, "Theo, I don't understand why Ellinor would want to hurt me; I want to wait here for the results"

Theo looked at her, his face a mix of emotions, but he didn't answer

Patricia looked a bit cold, and Theo asked, "Are you cold?"

Patricia nodded, "A bit"

Theo said concernedly. "The weather's getting colder, don't catch a cold, go back to your room."

She paused, glanced at his jacket, but didn't say anything

Theo didn't notice her subtle hint, continuing to watch the room through the small window.

Ellinor was handcuffed to the headboard inside the room, answering the police's questions

This unruly girl was now meekly being interrogated on a regular day, looking quite pitiful

Theo watched, feeling frustrated but unable to intervene because she didn't want him to.

Patricia didn't leave either, she stood next to Theo, watching his expressions, quietly waiting for the result.

"Theo, if just if it really was Ellinor who hurt me yesterday, would you divorce her?"

Patricia suddenly spoke again, tentatively probing.

Theo's deep gaze paused momentarily, without much thought, he said, "No."

Tears shimmered in Patricia's eyes. "Why? She should be punished for her wrongdoing..."