

Timeless 391

CHAPTER 391 SHE COULD PROVOKE HIM AS SHE WANTED NOW.

Leon and Hathaway did intimate things in bed for a while longer until Warren called again.

Leon didn't answer the phone, and Hathaway answered it instead.

On the other end of the line, Warren said in a serious tone, "President Davis, what are you going to do about it?"

Hathaway couldn't help but laugh, "Warren, do you think your boss is a womanizer?"

Warren was relieved to hear Hathaway's voice and then hurriedly explained himself, "I know President Davis is not that kind of man, but I didn't expect you to go to the hotel with the reporters chasing after you."

When Warren saw such news early in the morning, he was simply distressed to death.

He knew that Leon had gone to the Taylor's for dinner last night, but he didn't expect Leon and Hathaway to spend the night together. Even so, they should have gone home, but they went to a hotel!

This behavior was so frivolous!

As soon as he saw the news, he called Leon to confirm, but Leon's phone was disconnected, nor was Hathaway's. Warren helplessly wondered what was going on with them.

Hathaway nestled in Leon's arms and smiled prettily, "Your boss wanted to go on a date with me and said that there must be reporters squatting under his house, so we came to the hotel. We didn't expect to be photographed."

Hathaway explained why they didn't go home but to the hotel. After hearing this, Warren said, "Since that's the case, I will leave this alone. I guess President Davis felt no need to deal with it either."

Warren was worthy of being with Leon for many years and could sort of guess Leon's mind.

Since the woman who was with Leon was Hathaway, Leon naturally had nothing to clarify and explain. As for the outside world's opinion of him, Leon had never cared about it, so he would ignore it.

After hanging up the phone, Hathaway asked Leon, "Do you really not care about it?"

The online scoldings against Leon were unlistenable, not to mention that he was staying in the hotel with her—his legal wife. Even if Leon took another woman to stay in a hotel, wasn't it normal for him to

sleep with a woman while he was single to the outside world? What did it have to do with those netizens?

However, this society was like this now. Everyone hid behind the keyboard and unscrupulously slandered others with their words.

Hathaway didn't expect them spending the night at the hotel to cause such an uproar that Leon was scolded badly. It was a lie to say that she didn't feel distressed for him.

Leon squinted at her, "A clean head wants no washing. This matter will naturally be cleared up later when our relationship becomes public."

Then he reached out to squeeze her jade-like smooth chin and asked ambiguously, "Do you feel distressed for me?"

Hathaway had always been honest in love and nodded gently at his words.

She felt bad that his reputation had been ruined, and this matter had more or less to do with her. If she hadn't kept their relationship undisclosed for Ashley's sake, they wouldn't have to hide and be criticized by others. Even if they went to a hotel room, they could do it openly.

Leon smiled and leaned over to press her on the bed, "If you feel sorry for me, you make it up to me."

Leon was not an immature man who would go back on his word. He understood Hathaway's deep sisterly love for Ashley, so he quickly agreed not to disclose their relationship for the time being. Since he had agreed to do so, he wouldn't ask Hathaway to disclose their relationship for his innocence in the face of his reputation being ruined now.

That kind of behavior was unethical.

Since he had made the decision himself, he could bear the consequences.

Hathaway lay there wrapping her slender white arms around his neck, glared at him sullenly, and said, "Even if I want to make it up to you, I have to regain my strength, right?"

After being tossed around by him all night and not having breakfast until now, she was exhausted.

Leon was amused by her look, let go of her, and got up, "Sorry, it's my fault. I'll go and order breakfast."

He was so engrossed in the pleasurable act of intimacy with her that he forgot to eat breakfast.

After Leon ordered the meal, they took a shower and prepared to eat refreshingly.

All of a sudden, Leon's phone rang. Hathaway saw him frown inaudibly and subconsciously glanced at

Leon's phone, which showed the note name—Dad.

Hathaway was curious as to what Merlin was calling Leon about.

Leon put down his coffee and picked up the phone, "Dad, what's up?"

Merlin said in a solemn voice on the other end, "What happened last night?"

Leon instantly understood that Merlin was questioning him about spending the night with a woman in a hotel, which was now widely reported in the media.

He explained helplessly, "I'm with Hathaway."

Merlin was silent for a moment and breathed a sigh of relief after Leon's explanation, "That's good."

Merlin didn't say anything else and hung up the phone. No one knew that Merlin was actually under a lot of psychological pressure in the face of Leon and Hathaway being a couple.

He had disappointed Cynthia once. If Leon disappointed Hathaway again, he would have to apologize with death.

When Leon had just put away his phone, Hale's call came.

Leon looked at the displayed phone number and handed his phone to Hathaway agonizingly, "You'll answer our grandpa's call."

Hathaway was quite surprised that Merlin called Leon just now, but she didn't expect Hale to call him too.

Hathaway knew that this was enough to show how much importance Merlin and Hale attached to her relationship with Leon, which was beyond her expectation.

Thinking of Hale's disgust with her, Hathaway couldn't help but smile. As the saying went, "Every dog has his day!"

She took Leon's phone and smiled gleefully, "I'll answer it first. I want to hear how he'll scold you."

With that, Hathaway pressed the answer button and turned on the speakerphone, while Hale's sonorous voice rang out, "Leon, what happened with you and that woman last night?"

"Didn't you get a marriage license with Hathaway? You cried and begged to be with her on your knees back then, but now you don't cherish her after getting her, do you?" They had told Merlin and Hale about their marriage license and also said that they wouldn't have a wedding for the time being because of Adeline. Hearing this, Merlin and Hale expressed their understanding and were pleased that they

were so sensible.

Hathaway gave a gloating smile as she listened to Leon being scolded, while Leon on the opposite side stared at her helplessly.

She could provoke him as she wanted now, but soon later, he would punish her in bed.

CHAPTER 392 DON'T YOU LIKE I

Taking advantage of the break when Hale was tired of cursing and resting, Hathaway slowly opened her mouth, but she deliberately made a delicate sound with her hand pinching her throat, "Grandpa, how are you?"

Leon, who was sitting opposite her and just taken a sip of coffee, almost spat out his coffee at the sound of her voice.

But he instantly thought of her mischievous thoughts and wondered whether he should dissuade her or let her continue to tease Hale.

Before he could react, Hale became angry and asked warily, "Who are you? Why are you answering Leon's phone?"

The next second Hale came back to his senses and couldn't suppress his anger, "Are you the woman who was with Leon last night?"

"Yes." Hathaway continued to tease Hale and deliberately said in a soft and flirty tone, "I had a great time with Leon last night, and there is nothing like that. Grandpa, why are you calling Leon?"

Upon hearing this, Hale burst into a fury, "Don't call me grandpa. I'm not your grandpa! Shame on you!"

Hale had come into contact with Hathaway a few times before, but he didn't hear that the voice of the woman who was talking to him was fake by Hathaway because he had little contact with her. He only thought that she was an indecent woman Leon knew outside and almost faint with anger.

Hale didn't believe that his grandson was a womanizer because the image of Leon kneeling in front of him all morning just to marry Hathaway was still vivid in his mind. He thought that his grandson was affectionate and loyal, but now this woman...

Hale thought of Hathaway, who had just gotten a marriage license with Leon, and instantly felt sorry for her.

He also thought that Hathaway was good in every way. She was one of the best-looking women in South City, bright and flamboyant. Frankly speaking, she was to his liking. He liked her bold and unruly character perhaps because he also aspired to be such a person. Since he couldn't do it, he would always be envious to see it in others.

Hale was furious with Hathaway when he first met her. Despite this, he was satisfied with her after his anger subsided.

Thinking of this, Hale once again roared in anger, "Where's Leon? Tell him to answer my phone!"

He didn't want to say anything more to this woman, otherwise, he was afraid he would go straight to South City and use his cane to knock Leon and this woman.

Leon answered the phone in distress, "Grandpa, I'm here—"

Before he could continue, Hale grumbled, "You knelt all morning at my house to marry Hathaway, so you will go before her later and kneel for the same length of time to beg forgiveness."

Hale was certain that Leon found the coquettish and indecent woman beside him outside.

Hathaway couldn't hold back a giggle, followed by an unconcealed clear laugh. Hearing this, Hale's beard quivered with anger.

Leon was afraid that Hale would be sickened by anger and hurriedly explained, "Grandpa, Hathaway just played a prank."

With one sentence, he explained that the woman last night was Hathaway and why she made such a sound just now.

Hale was furious on the other end, "What?"

He only felt a pain in his chest and thought to himself that Hathaway could really torment him. It turned out that he had just sympathized and felt sorry for her for a long time, but she deliberately tricked him. For a moment, Hale was very tired.

Hathaway spoke up at the right time, "Grandpa, take it easy. I'm just spicing up your life."

Hale grunted, "I think you're trying to piss me off."

However, he had to admit that he was relieved after he found that the woman was Hathaway.

If the woman wasn't Hathaway, Hale knew that Hathaway would never allow Leon's betrayal with her character and break up with him. Naturally, his hope of having a great-grandson would be gone for a while.

God knew how much he now wished his grandson would have children soon. If it weren't for this hope, he didn't know how long he could live.

After knowing that his grandson had not betrayed Hathaway, Hale didn't say anything more and hung up the phone after a brief chat with Leon, so as not to disturb them.

After the call ended, Hathaway took the initiative to propose, "Now that your body has almost recovered, let's go see your grandpa on the weekend."

Even though Hale had gone to live in the suburbs by himself at his old age, he was still longing for family affection, which Hathaway could feel from Paul. Therefore, if she went to visit Hale with Leon, she thought he would be very happy.

Later, Hathaway learned from Leon that Hale lived alone in the suburbs on the grounds of cleanliness and good air in the suburbs. But in reality, because he couldn't face Merlin's terrible marriage with Adeline, he hid in the suburbs so as not to be upset at the sight of it.

Leon agreed with Hathaway's proposal, "Okay..."

Then he looked at her and murmured, "Thank you."

He thanked her for being so sagacious, understanding, and considerate to him.

Hathaway picked up her bowl to eat, "I don't like to hear you always thanking me. If you have to thank me, toss me around less."

She couldn't stand it anymore, and her back was sore until now. If she didn't have to get up to eat, she wanted to stay in bed until she was completely rested.

Leon chuckled, "Don't you like it?"

Hathaway, "..."

This seemed like a difficult choice.

If she answered yes, he would probably say that let's be more violent since you liked it.

If she answered no, he would probably say that she didn't like it because he didn't work hard enough. Then he would continue to work harder.

Hathaway had to admit that Leon's scheming was simply superb.

Then she gave him a sullen look helplessly, "President Davis, do things with limitations, okay?"

She was tantamount to indirectly reminding him not to overindulge in sex because it would harm his body.

However, Leon raised an eyebrow in a good mood, "I don't think I'm overindulgent."

Seemingly, he thought that his expression was not precise enough, so he pretended to add in a serious tone, "I still have room to work harder."

Hathaway couldn't stand it anymore and protested indignantly, "This is too much for me, okay? My back is sore and my legs are weak now!"

Leon gave a wry smile, "Did you have such a big reaction? I haven't seen you move much..."

Hathaway, "..."

At this moment, she didn't even want to say a word to him!

This man was getting too much.

CHAPTER 393 OTHERWISE, I WILL NOT MARRY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

Hathaway bowed her head to take a sip of porridge and said flatly, "You should hurry to your office after breakfast."

She would be relieved if she persuaded him to leave.

Leon didn't answer her and went on eating.

Hathaway saw that he didn't say anything and thought that he acquiesced to her proposal. After all, he had been very busy in the past few days.

After breakfast, the room service staff came to collect the cutlery, but Leon still had no sign of leaving. Hathaway urged him, "Aren't you going to your office?"

Hathaway had nothing to do anyway, so she planned to stay here until noon after Leon left and then leave quietly so as not to be revealed anything by the media if they left the hotel one after the other.

Leon came over and put his arm around her, "I don't want to leave."

Before Hathaway could say anything, he added, "I don't plan to leave either."

Hathaway, "..."

She had just urged him to leave, but he didn't take her words seriously.

Leon lowered his head to kiss Hathaway's pink lips and murmured discontentedly, "I don't know when I'll see you next time."

Kenny would be going to the Taylor Group today to officially take over the business, so his relationship with Hathaway was bound to be in the spotlight again. They met today, but they wouldn't be able to see each other in the next few days. Leon had thought about it last night, so he brought her to the hotel and spent one day with her.

Now that he had been exposed for taking a woman to stay in a hotel, he simply cared even less.

For his decision, Hathaway was ... speechless.

Originally, she thought that she would be unable to get out of bed the next day after a night of indulgence with him, but now she found that she might not be able to get out of bed for several days in a row.

They stayed in bed for almost the whole day, except for meals and some company business that Leon handled remotely by phone.

Hathaway couldn't help but poke him in his chest and accuse him, "You're a fatuous and self-indulgent ruler in ancient times, okay?"

Leon held her by the slender waist and pressed her into his arms, "If you were by my side every day, I wouldn't be like this."

Because he hadn't seen her for several days before, he missed her terribly.

Then when he thought that he would not see her in the next few days, he wanted to cling to her even more

Hathaway pressed herself against Leon's firm chest and couldn't help but sigh distressingly and helplessly. She should cling to him as a woman, but why was he clingy to her instead? He thought that since they couldn't see each other in the next few days, she should take the initiative to give him a surprise to comfort his unhappy mood.

In the morning, Kenny officially took over the Taylor Group and spent the whole day tidying up the mess Andrew had left behind.

Leon kicked a few of Andrew's trusted subordinates after the acquisition, but couldn't make a bigger move because it was about the development of the Taylor Group after all. Some of the staff were even senior key leaders, and it was up to Kenny to decide whether they should stay or leave.

Later in the afternoon, the news came out that those people had been fired by Kenny. Not only did he fire those senior key leaders, but also dismissed several senior executives who had been doing nothing and playing tricks.

This caused a furor as those people said many unpleasant things in anger when they were interviewed by journalists after leaving the Taylor Group.

Some said that Kenny was heartless and unjust, and some cursed that Kenny's big move would ruin the Taylor Group.

Seeing this news, Hathaway leaned lazily on the bed and smiled with relief. At this moment, Leon just came out of the bathroom in a white hotel robe, while Hathaway looked at him and said happily, "Kenny's behavior style has changed a lot since he came back. In the past, he would never have done such a ruthless thing. These people were old employees, took advantage of their seniority to put on airs, and later defected to Andrew and Uncle Tom. I wanted to fire them a long time ago, but I failed because my dad was a bit hesitant."

Although Hathaway was a girl, she was very decisive and neatly in her actions.

She didn't understand the Taylor Group's operation and internal management, but after taking over it for a few days, she found out many problems. Several senior key leaders were the biggest cancer, so she immediately expressed her determination to kick them out to Paul. At that time, Hathaway didn't expect that so many things would happen later and only thought she would always manage the Taylor Group.

So she wanted to reform the Taylor Group. However, because of Paul's hesitation, she didn't fire those people at that time.

Hathaway knew that Paul was not in favor of firing those people because of his old feelings. In the past, Kenny was a merciful and kind person like Paul, so he had been turning a blind eye to them all these years, just as they treated Tom. As everyone knew, indecision invariably led to trouble.

Because of these people's conservatism and old-fashionedness, Kenny's new policies and plans were rejected by them many times, and because they had been bribed by Andrew and Tom, they sometimes deliberately hindered Kenny's plans to develop the Taylor Group.

Now Kenny had pulled out all these tumors in one go. Although it had led to some tremors, the Taylor Group was at least no longer in such a mess.

Hathaway looked forward to the Taylor Group growing better and better under Kenny's leadership after the tumors were removed would become better and better under Kenny's leadership.

Leon walked over to sit beside her, picked up her phone to glance at the news, and then let out a sigh of relief.

As a successful company leader, he had seen many of the Taylor Group's management shortcomings when he bought it, but he couldn't do anything about it. The Taylor Group was not his, so he could only wait for Kenny to deal with. Fortunately, Kenny didn't let him down this time, and decisiveness was a must for a successful leader.

Kenny had been too indecisive before, or perhaps because Paul had always taught his children to be kind, so it led them to use such an approach in the management of the company, and the Taylor Group had been stagnant for the past few years.

Now that Kenny had finally figured it out, Leon was naturally relieved.

A little later on, Kenny once again ignited the topic in South City.

The reason was that he had posted an AD for a missing person through the major media networks, which was blunt, naked, passionate, and stubborn,

"Crystal, I love you.

No matter what your identity is or where you are in the world.

If you still love me, come back to me.

Otherwise, I will not get married for the rest of my life."

Because Kenny had bought all the media for this advertisement push, everyone in South City saw this news in an instant.

While people were curious and surprised by this girl called Crystal, they also started to dig up Crystal's origins.

In the end, someone found out that Crystal had worked as Kenny's assistant for five years.

CHAPTER 394 KENNY'S CONFESSION TO CRYSTAL IS SO COOL.

Kenny anticipated that Crystal's identity would be found out after he issued such a statement, so he asked the media not to expose what Crystal had done before. In this way, even if the outside world pursued it further, they could only find out that Crystal was Kenny's assistant and had left the Taylor Group after Kenny was imprisoned.

A boss's affair with his secretary was nothing strange in this society.

What people wondered was that Kenny, such an elegant nobleman, was now back in charge of the Taylor Group, but why did he have to make such a high-profile confession in search of Crystal? Frankly speaking, shouldn't an assistant like Crystal be free to be abandoned by him?

Kenny had a very good reputation in South City before and never had any bad rumors about his relationship with a woman, so everyone thought he was self-disciplined. However, they had never thought that he had fallen in love with his assistant to such an extent that he would not get married until she came back.

After seeing this statement from Kenny, she marveled repeatedly.

"Kenny has changed completely after he came back this time. He is so domineering, strong, and handsome!" Hathaway couldn't stop admiring Kenny.

Hathaway thought that Kenny's way of confessing to Crystal was domineering. Now that the internet was so advanced, she believed that Crystal would see these words no matter where she was in the world within a few days. She also believed that Crystal would be moved. When Crystal came back, Kenny would be able to relax a little.

Compared with Kenny's way of finding Crystal everywhere in the country, this was much quicker and easier to move Crystal.

Hathaway quite hoped that Crystal and Kenny would eventually become a couple. She had a good impression of Crystal. Although she had been kept in the dark about Crystal's relationship with Kenny and didn't know much about Crystal before, this statement alone was enough for Hathaway to judge that Crystal was a good girl.

Crystal had been with Kenny for a long time. If she was scheming or greedy for Kenny's money, she could have married Kenny by getting pregnant, or many times she could have gone to Paul and made their relationship public to force Kenny to be with her in this way.

But she didn't do that.

She had always stayed so quietly by Kenny's side that none of them, Kenny's family members, knew of her existence.

She must have loved Kenny so much that she chose to love him in silence without asking for a title or a reward.

Because she knew that if Kenny declared to marry her at that time, he would be criticized by the outside world and also be at loggerheads with Paul.

After all, Paul had not yet realized how much damage he had done to his children then. If Kenny insisted on marrying her, their father and son would have a bad relationship. She couldn't bear to put his beloved man in a dilemma, so she chose not to ask for anything.

Hathaway felt that Crystal was worthy of Kenny's cherish by this point.

Leon was smoking by the window. Although he had tried his best to cut down on smoking recently, he inevitably lapsed back into smoking sometimes.

To prevent Hathaway from passively inhaling the smoke, he went to open the window and lit his

cigarette while trying to let the smoke out.

Hearing Hathaway praise Kenny, Leon couldn't help but protest, "Is it appropriate for you to praise another man in front of me?"

Hathaway twitched her mouth, "Come on, he's my brother!"

Leon took a puff of his cigarette, squinted at her, and reminded her, "He's not your biological brother."

Hathaway, "..."

She had been Kenny's younger sister for more than twenty years. Even though they later found out that they were not related by blood, their brother-sister relationship for so many years had predestined her to simply be Kenny's younger sister. She didn't expect Leon to even be jealous of this.

She couldn't help but roll her eyes at him, "Even if he's not my biological brother, he's confessing his love to Crystal now. What are you jealous of?"

"I'm not jealous." Leon stood by the window and explained, "I just can't hear you praise other men. Whether it's Kenny, Albert, or your dad, I should be the best in your eyes."

Hathaway, "..."

What kind of perverted idea was that? He was so overbearing!

Hathaway grunted and asked him back, "Do you think I'm the best?"

Leon squinted at her and extinguished his cigarette butt in the ashtray next to him. Then he walked over to lean down close to her and murmured seriously, "Of course, you are the best, a perfect woman."

The deep love in Leon's dark eyes was as sweet as unmelted honey.

Hathaway held on to her last shred of sanity and struggled, "I'm not as blind as you are. I just think my brother is good..."

Although she loved Leon the most, she couldn't write off other men's goodness just because she loved him deeply. Whether it was Kenny or Albert, they were both the most wonderful men. Even Carl and Paul were also extremely attractive middle-aged men. One was unruly, and the other was elegant. They were outstanding and dazzling.

Leon moved closer to her and protested discontentedly, "You must treat me blindly."

She had to love him as blindly as he did to her. She should think he was the best and perfect man in the world and couldn't see any other man except him, just as all women had been eclipsed since he met her.

Hathaway laughed helplessly at Leon's stubborn and domineering words, silently wrapped her arms around his neck, and kissed him gently.

The taste of cigarette lingered in his mouth, which made her mind wander.

They spent another day in the hotel until the next morning when Leon left. If Warren hadn't strongly requested him to go to the company, Leon wouldn't have wanted to leave.

Ever since he had reconciled with Hathaway, he felt a little less enterprising and only thought about how to make his wife happy and to spend more time with her, instead of focusing on his work.

Of course, he knew that this was not good behavior. As a man, he had to be the strongest and most powerful backing for his beloved woman so that she could go back to his arms for shelter and cry once she was wronged or frustrated.

Even if not for himself, he had to continue to fight and struggle without hesitation for the sake of Hathaway and their future children.

When Leon left, Hathaway hadn't yet woken up from her sleep and barely opened her eyes to say goodbye to him in a daze. Seeing this, Leon warmly told her in a warm voice, "Get some more sleep. You can sleep until noon and check out."

"Well..." Hathaway mumbled in reply before rolling over and going back to sleep.

Leon straightened his clothes and walked away reluctantly.

CHAPTER 395 THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS REASONABLE AND LEGAL.

When Leon left, he was blocked by the reporters outside the hotel. The hotel belonged to the Davis Group, so it was easy for him to avoid the reporters if he wanted to. However, he deliberately appeared at the main entrance of the hotel and didn't cover him up. His main purpose was to fight back these reporters.

They described him as such a bad man that he was always scolded. Although he couldn't disclose his relationship with Hathaway now, he could take it out on these reporters. Anyway, they were the culprits.

From the hotel the night before to this morning, Leon stayed in the hotel for a day and two nights. The outside world was making up negative news about him and wondering what kind of woman made Leon, who had been indifferent to women, spend a whole day and two nights in the hotel with her.

Wasn't he afraid ... he would burn out?

If this kind of thing was to happen to another dude, the reporters and the masses wouldn't find it such a fuss, but it happened to Leon, which simply shocked them.

Leon was surrounded by reporters as soon as he went out. These reporters managed to block him, so they asked him a lot of questions about his night at the hotel. Whether he wanted to hear it or not and whether he would answer it or not, they threw the questions at him.

Leon still put on a cold and unapproachable look. After the reporters finished speaking, they only felt that his eyes grew gloomier, and some people even swallowed unconsciously to hide their nervous and scared feelings.

Leon didn't rush to say anything, but squinted through the microphones in the reporters' hands one by one and imprinted all the names of several companies in his mind.

The reporters realized what he was sizing up and inexplicably cringed. Each of them felt a strong sense of oppression.

After Leon looked at them with deterrent eyes and said with a mocking expression, "I don't care what your purpose is. I'm only here to respond to this once today. It's reasonable and legal for me to spend the night with that woman in a hotel."

Then, without waiting for the reporters to react, he warned them in a deep voice, "If I see you writing anything nonsense in the future, you will be responsible for the consequences."

After saying that, he pulled a long face, walked past the reporters, and left with his long legs and a straight posture.

The reporters were in a daze and thinking about what he meant by the words "reasonable and legal". They could understand "reasonable", but why did he say "legal"?

The reporters looked at each other and then the surprise in their eyes spilled out.

Did it mean that they were a legal couple?

Because only in this way could he dare to describe their relationship legally, wasn't it? If they were just lovers, it would be enough to use "reasonable" to describe. Leon added "legal", which got these reporters curious.

However, no one heard that Leon got married. Since his engagement with Hathaway was canceled some time ago, Leon continued to stay away from women and lived a life of self-discipline...

These reporters were shocked and puzzled. Some of them with connections to the Civil Affairs Bureau called to enquire about the matter, but they were told that they were not sure whether Leon was married or unmarried.

These people couldn't figure it out, but they gave up this clue helplessly. Even if they pursued it further, they couldn't find anything. Leon had long ago locked up the news of receiving a marriage license. After a short discussion, they decided to stay at the hotel entrance and wait for the woman who entered the hotel with Leon to leave.

However, they waited until the evening, but no one resembling the woman that night appeared.

After taking another nap, she left through another channel under the arrangement of the hotel manager, so those people waited for half a day for nothing in vain.

However, Hathaway could not help but smile when she saw Leon telling the reporters that their relationship was reasonable and legal.

His words were concise but aptly summed up their relationship.

And the way he described it made Hathaway feel comfortable.

He didn't deny her existence because he couldn't disclose their relationship but used such descriptions to implicitly signify her existence and importance.

Hathaway felt that Leon's behavior was very manly. Although outsiders might not know what he meant by this, she knew that he was silently guarding her and her dignity in this way.

After arriving home, Hathaway called Leon and took the initiative to compliment him, "Do you know? When I first met you, I thought you were the most inaccessible and ruthless man I've met, but I didn't expect you to be so considerate now. It seems I have good taste."

The main reason why Hathaway chose Jason instead of Leon at the beginning was that Leon had always been evaluated as cold and heartless. Before making a choice, she had done some research, so she thought that she might not be able to capture Leon's heart and then turned to Jason who looked gentle and calm.

However, after only one conversation, Hathaway read Jason's mind. He was a man who strived for power in his life. There was only power in his eyes, and he wouldn't help her in any substantial way.

So she gave up on Jason decisively and forced herself to approach Leon.

Then they ended up like this now. To be honest, Hathaway didn't know if she and Leon were destined for each other.

When Hathaway finished her compliment, Leon said sullenly on the other end, "It seems like I wasn't your first choice back then."

Hathaway, "..."

How did he know that she had tried to get close to Jason?

On second thought, it must have been Bella who told him. With Bella's character, how could she not tell Leon about something that could ruin her relationship with him?

Leon never mentioned it before but revealed her at this time, which embarrassed her.

However, Leon didn't have the slightest intention of ending the topic and continued to ask her, "What is better about Jason than me so that you first approached him?"

This matter had been bottled up in Leon's mind for a long time. Ever since Bella took the initiative to tell him this secret, he had been haunted by it.

He wanted to know what attracted Hathaway to Jason?

He thought he was better than Jason in every way, so why was he not her first choice?

Hathaway didn't expect Leon to stick to this question, yet she had to face it.

Since Leon knew about it, she felt that they needed to make it clear today so that he wouldn't continue to dwell on it later.

So she told him the truth, "He seems easier to get along with than you..."

(To be continued)

CHAPTER 396 HATHAWAY SEES HER OPPONENT—BELLA AGAIN.

Hathaway's tone was frank, and she didn't need to lie.

Leon could sense it. On the other end of the line, he pursed his lips in silence and snorted back at her, "You blow me away!"

Hathaway whispered discontentedly, "At that time, the rumors about you were so scary that I was afraid I would freeze if I approached you."

She was just a 24-year-old girl and had no choice but to make that decision, so she chose Jason, who looked less terrible, out of instinct. However, she hardly imagined that Jason was outwardly gentle and inwardly dark and indifferent.

On the contrary, Leon looked indifferent but was easily touched.

Or rather, he was easily touched by her. Didn't Bella also adore him for many years but he didn't like

her?

After saying her words, Hathaway signed with emotion softly, "Leon, I'm glad that you are with me now anyway."

Hearing her words, Leon was obviously in a much better mood and answered her in a low voice, "Me too."

To this day, after having tasted the joy and happiness of being with Hathaway and the great vitality of looking forward to every tomorrow, Leon was grateful that he didn't marry Bella, whom he didn't like, to get married and carry on the family line.

If that had happened, he would have failed his life.

He led a life of luxury, returned favors, avenged his enemies, and created many remarkable achievements, so he deserved to be loved by a woman and have his happiness.

At this point, the stigma in Leon's heart about Jason was gone.

Hathaway and Jason didn't have much interaction, except for the time when they had dinner together, Jason said something ambiguous.

After finishing her phone call with Leon, Hathaway changed her clothes and left for the studio to supervise its decoration.

As a saying went, opponents were fated to meet. She didn't expect to run into her opponent—Bella while taking the elevator at the studio's building.

Hathaway thought that she just remembered Bella when she was on the phone with Leon because of Jason, but unexpectedly, she had met her so soon.

Bella was waiting for the elevator with a woman who looked like a star in sunglasses, and Hathaway arrived after them.

From a distance, Hathaway squinted at that woman and instantly recognized her as Marian. When she attended a dinner party with Ashley last time, Marian had secretly encouraged others to humiliate Ashley because Ashley had stolen her thunder.

In the end, Marian's ploy didn't work, but instead, Ashley chose to fight back and humiliated them severely.

This was an indirect slap in Marian's face, and Hathaway had a deep impression of her.

That night, Hathaway sensed that Marian was not easy to deal with, but she could not fight with Marian

since she had no evidence of Marian directly hurting Ashley. After that, Hathaway began to be wary of Marian and reminded Ashley to be wary of her as well. In the entertainment circle, there was no lack of actors like Marian who would do anything to become a hit.

Marian valued being famous more than her life and probably hated Ashley abominably because she inadvertently stole her thunder last time.

But Hathaway didn't expect Marian to know Bella, and they seemed to be familiar with each other judging from the way they stood together and chatted. When Hathaway saw them, she only had one thought, "Damn it, I'm speechless."

She didn't want to see these two women who bored her. At first, she intended to slow down and wait for them to enter the elevator before walking over, but she suddenly wondered why they came here. After all, both her and Jasmine's studios were here. Weren't they going to play a dirty trick, were they?

So she secretly quickened her pace and pretended to walk carelessly to them.

Bella looked in a bad mood, while Marian seemed to be comforting her.

Hathaway walked past in her sunglasses, and they turned around to see her with a meaningful expression.

Hathaway could see clearly that neither of them was surprised to see her here, which showed that they knew she had a studio over here. Hathaway's breath froze for a moment. She didn't want to think badly of them, nor did she want to consider that they appeared here to cause trouble for her, Ashley, and Jasmine.

But she had to think the worst. She swore that if the two women dared to do anything bad to their studios, she would not be softhearted on them.

The studio was her and Jessica's painstaking efforts, and Jasmine's studio was also her and Ashley's. If they dared to do anything bad, Hathaway would fight with them to the end.

Hathaway had no dealings with Marian, so she didn't even look at her.

Once before, she had a head-on confrontation with Bella because of Leon. At that time, Hathaway "kindly" advised Bella to find another man, so she didn't want to talk to Bella either. With her eyes leveled at the elevator door, she stood daintily beside them and waited for the elevator to arrive.

Hathaway was a smart person and wouldn't take the initiative to provoke them. At this point, she had to stay put. If they were targeting her, they would naturally provoke her first.

As expected, not long after she stood there, Marian next to her looked up to size her up proudly, then turned to Bella and gloated, "Isn't this Miss Taylor?"

Marian was wearing sunglasses. Although Hathaway couldn't see her eyes, she could feel the strong provocation in Marian's tone.

Bella had nothing to hide and cast her eyes on Hathaway. After hearing Marian's words, she gave Hathaway a complicated look but didn't say anything.

Marian turned to Hathaway and said, "Why are you still in the mood to come here?"

As soon as she heard it, she knew what Marian wanted to say. Marian was going to say something about Leon spending the night with a woman in a hotel these days, so she wanted to humiliate her with this matter.

Hathaway was amused and reached out to take off her sunglasses. With her pretty almond eyes, she met Marian's provocation and asked smilingly, "Why am I not in the mood?"

The moment Marian saw Hathaway take off her sunglasses, she froze because she didn't expect Hathaway would dare to take off her sunglasses and face them with her true face and eyes. When two parties were confronting, their eyes were the most important. If there was even the slightest hint of timidity or guilt in either party's eyes, it would be a lost cause.

But Hathaway knew that she was provoking her, yet she still dared to take off her sunglasses. Her frankness made Marian feel like the sunglasses on the bridge of her nose were as heavy as a thousand pounds of boulders and get into a bad mood.

CHAPTER 397 MISS WILSON, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE IS.

On impulse, Marian wanted to reach out to take off her sunglasses smartly and willfully like Hathaway, but when she put her hand on her sunglasses frame, she felt guilty, had to pretend to hold her sunglasses, and then gloated, "Leon spent a day and two nights in a hotel with a mystery woman. How infatuated he is with that woman."

After Marian finished her words, she waited smugly to see Hathaway make a fuss, and Bella next to her also cast her eyes on Hathaway.

Bella's eyes were clouded with a shadow, and she looked haggard. It was obvious she was heartbroken because of Leon's gossip over the past few days.

Hathaway smiled pleasantly, spread her hands, and asked Marian with carelessness, "Then what?"

Marian didn't expect Hathaway to be so indifferent and frowned at Hathaway with some annoyance, "Don't you feel sad?"

Bella was well aware of Hathaway's reunion with Leon, so Marian naturally knew about it as her best

friend and schoolmate and thought that Hathaway, Leon's real girlfriend, should be heartbroken and crying bitterly after knowing Leon's secret meeting with a woman.

Because of Leon's gossip, Bella had been in low spirits for the past few days. Not to mention that a woman like Bella, who had adored Leon for several years, was sad about it, and even a woman like her, who had an idea of only watching from afar towards Leon, felt extremely lost.

As Leon's real girlfriend, how could Hathaway not mind, worry, or anger?

After the gossip of Leon secretly meeting a woman at night was reported, Bella immediately came to her and analyzed the woman's figure together, but after observing it for a long time, they couldn't be sure if it was Hathaway.

The photo was blurred because it was taken at night, and the woman's figure was almost completely blocked by Leon's tall body as they cuddled and entered the hotel.

However, they would rather gloat that the woman was not Hathaway, and Leon had cheated on her.

In that case, Hathaway would be a laughing stock, which was why Marian was now mocking Hathaway.

Hathaway still wore an indifferent smile and lazily replied to Marian with a stronger smile, "Why should I be heartbroken?"

Then she didn't bother to talk to Marian, turned to look at Bella, and said with a smile, "I think Miss Wilson is quite sad."

Hearing Hathaway suddenly mention her, Bella was even more upset, but she pretended to be calm and snorted, "He's not my boyfriend, why should I be sad?"

Hathaway nodded and spoke to Bella with affected seriousness, "Miss Wilson, you now seem to think of him as a womanizer. You don't know what kind of person he is. No wonder he abandoned you."

Bella's face turned pale instantly.

Although Hathaway didn't directly say whether she minded Leon's late-night rendezvous or not, her sarcasm towards Bella secretly indicated that the woman that night was herself.

Because Leon was not that kind of man, that woman could only be his real girlfriend.

Bella stared at Hathaway with annoyance in her eyes and couldn't say a word.

Hathaway was too ruthless.

She didn't do anything else directly but routed her with brief words.

Just as Hathaway said that she also took Leon as a womanizer, it was enough to make her feel heartbroken.

These days Bella did believe those rumors, which was a sign that she didn't know Leon well. She was sad that she had not been able to come into Leon's heart after trying for so long.

But was it because she didn't understand Leon?

Weren't men all like that?

She once thought that if she married Leon one day, there would be many women pursuing him because of his excellence. Even if he had another woman outside, she would choose to turn a blind eye to it, as long as he was her husband.

But Bella didn't know that it was an insult to Leon when she thought of him in this way.

After finishing her speech, Hathaway looked at Bella with a contemptuous smile.

At this time, the elevator arrived. Hathaway took the first walking in smartly, while Marian and Bella stayed outside without moving. Bella was hit hard by her. Marian looked at Bella with disappointment and then turned to glare at Hathaway angrily.

Ignoring this, Hathaway calmly reached out to press the elevator door-close button and said to them politely, "Would you like to come in?"

Marian pursed her lips in annoyance and then dragged Bella into the elevator.

Marian couldn't have imagined that Bella would be so useless. Didn't Hathaway say that she didn't know Leon well? Did she break down easily like this? With such psychological quality, it was no wonder that she was no match for Hathaway.

Marian didn't understand that Bella had read the meaning of Hathaway's words and knew that it was Hathaway who was with Leon. Besides, thinking of Leon's words "reasonable and legal", she was even more desperate.

Did "legal" meant that he and Hathaway ... had gotten a marriage license?

The three people in the elevator were in their own minds, Hathaway lazily glanced at the floor number Marian pressed and found that they were going to the same floor as her.

Hathaway didn't have time to inwardly question anything and heard Marian say, "We are here today to look at the house. I plan to open a studio with Bella."

Hathaway gave a sneer to herself.

Then she thought of the floor where her and Jasmine's studios were located. Apart from her and Jasmine's studios, all the other space on that floor belonged to an advertising company, but when Hathaway and Jasmine moved in, the advertising company was in the process of moving out. Because the advertising company's business had become bigger, its owner bought another office building in a prime location, and then the whole company moved out.

However, Hathaway had never heard the rental there before. Now, it seemed that Marian and Bella had taken a fancy to the house during the two days she hadn't come to her studio.

The two women might be opening a studio, but they chose this location, which was a deliberate move.

After being stolen her thunder at the last dinner party, Marian probably hated Jasmine and Ashley very much, while Bella had a grudge against her. Both her and Jasmine's studios were located here, so the two women deliberately chose this location for their studio to cause them problems and to fight them in the future.

CHAPTER 398 MARIAN AND BELLA WANT TO RENT THE HOUSE NEXT TO HATHAWAY'S HOUSE WITH BAD INTENTIONS.

Hathaway had more or less heard of Marian, a hot A-lister, who had recently risen to fame with her image as a villainous second female role in a costume drama. Now she was one of the young famous actresses favored by many directors and producers and had the strength to open a studio.

Moreover, Marian seemed to have a good background. Because Hathaway hadn't take Marian seriously before, she didn't bother to inquire about her and only heard that she seemed to be the illegitimate daughter of the Fingers in South City. The Fingers had never recognized Marian, so she could only take her mother's surname.

Even if she wasn't recognized, she was still a descendant of the Fingers. Besides, Marian's mother had entered the Finger's after the Finger's hostess had died of an illness, so Marian was so arrogant and unscrupulous.

The Fingers was also a famous family in South City. Under the leadership of Tam Finger, the Fingers had been focusing more on entertainment and film production in recent years and was the most prestigious private media company in South City.

Hathaway felt that she needed to ask Leon about Marian's background later.

After all, if Marian was backed by the Fingers, she, Ashley, and Jasmine would have to be careful.

Hearing Marian's arrogant statement that she would open a studio next to theirs, Hathaway made no apparent reaction and just pretended not to hear her words. She stood elegantly in the elevator with

her arms clasped and stared at the rising numbers on the elevator screen, which annoyed Marian.

Ever since Ashley stole her thunder at the last dinner party, Marian had loathed Ashley and Hathaway. Although Marian had never been publicly acknowledged by the Fingers, almost everyone in the entertainment circle knew her status. She had always considered herself to be the eldest daughter of the Fingers, so she naturally couldn't stand to see the two daughters of the Taylors in the limelight.

Ashley stole her thunder and caused her to miss out on several opportunities to talk to directors and producers.

As for Hathaway, she was gorgeous and also captured Leon's heart, which made her jealous and envious.

Bella was Marian's senior sister in the dance department of the Academy of Fine Arts and was a few years older than her. Because Bella occasionally went to the crew to guide the actors in their physical performances, so they gradually knew each other. After Marian began to dislike Ashley and Hathaway, she got closer to her because they had a common disgust and naturally could share more topics.

Originally, Bella hadn't thought about setting up a studio, but Marian came to her and said that Hathaway had set up a studio, so she wanted to set up a studio to compete with Hathaway.

Besides, Jasmine had also opened a studio. Marian also hated Jasmine because if it weren't for her, Ashley wouldn't have appeared in the entertainment circle.

After becoming popular, Marian planned to set up a studio, so she invited Bella to join her, not only to do her agency business but also to get involved in any business related to the entertainment industry. All in all, she aimed to create trouble for Hathaway, Ashley, and Jasmine.

As soon as Bella heard that Marian was going to work against Hathaway, she immediately agreed.

However, she didn't show it obviously and pretended to be in a difficult situation and agreed after Marian had a hard time persuading her.

Compared to Marian who verbally expressed her dislike for Hathaway and the others, Bella's dislike was hidden in her heart.

Therefore, they came here today to look at the house next to Hathaway's studio. Bella had Jason behind her, and Marian had the Fingers behind her. Even if Hathaway was backed by Leon and Albert, what was the point of that?

In terms of their family backgrounds, they had reached a tie, and none of them could do anything to the other. It was up to their respective abilities to be the ultimate winner.

When Bella thought that they would be working together on the same floor later, she couldn't stop

smirking.

That would be a good show. By then, she would do her best to give Hathaway and the others a hard time.

Neither Bella nor Marian took Ashley and Jasmine seriously. In their perception, the Taylor Group that Ashley relied on was on its last legs, while Jasmine was a divorced woman without any background.

The elevator arrived soon and Hathaway took the first step out.

Instead of going to her studio, she went straight to Jasmine's. Behind her, Marian and Bella were greeted by the rental agent who had been waiting for them for a long time. The agent graciously ushered them into the company next door and gave them an introduction.

The agent didn't expect that someone was coming to see the house the next day when the landlord had listed it for rent in their company after the original company had just moved out

With the development of the urban district in South City, the office buildings in the old urban district were no longer in great demand. Now, most companies had moved to the new urban district.

Jasmine was alone in her studio without Ashley and Barry. After Jasmine had helped her with the costume drama, Ashley was at home quietly reading the script and kept Paul company at the same time, while Barry was busy with his own business. Anyway, Jasmine didn't get him a suitable job now, so she left him alone.

Hathaway went in, sat in front of Jasmine, and then frowned at her, "Is the company's house next door renting out?"

Jasmine nodded, "Yes, that house started to be rented out as soon as the original company moved out."

"I just met Marian and Bella in the elevator. They said they wanted to set up a studio, and I saw that they were going to rent the house next door." Hathaway told Jasmine about her encounter with Marian and Bella.

After an initial surprise, Jasmine frowned and said, "What are their intentions?"

Jasmine was no longer a naive girl. Among them, she was the most experienced in affairs of the world and knew people's viciousness and conspiracies best, so she instantly felt the malice of Marian and Bella.

Bella was aimed at Hathaway, while Marian was aimed at her and Ashley.

Jasmine was a little annoyed and pursed her red lips tightly.

Jasmine was disgusted at Marian's vicious revenge. She was clean in the entertainment circle and got what she wanted through her fair and honest means. The reason why Ashley stood out from the crowd last time was that Hathaway had done a good job for her styling, and her appearance and temperament were excellent. Marian couldn't compete with Ashley and then wanted to suppress and squeeze them. Such unjust competition is despicable and shameless.

However, Jasmine knew that this was the harsh reality.

Although she was annoyed and disgusted, she was not afraid either.

Although she didn't have a strong background, she would fight back if Marian and Bella bullied her.

Because she had nothing to lose, she was afraid of nothing.

CHAPTER 399 THEIR MOTHER AND DAUGHTER OPEN A STUDIO TOGETHER

Hathaway snorted and said to Jasmine, "Those two women must be targeting us."

Looking outside through the floor-to-ceiling glass door, they could see the rental agent bringing Marian and Bella in and out and explained to them gallantly.

Every time Marian and Bella came out, Marian always cast her provocative eyes over, acting as if they were going to rent the house and even revealing the pride of Hathaway and Jasmine waiting to be crushed by them.

Hathaway suddenly had an inspiration and chuckled.

She picked up her mobile phone and dialed Cynthia's number. Now, Cynthia was in Hong Kong with Carl.

Hathaway asked Cynthia, "Mum, didn't you say earlier that you wanted to slowly move your studio back to South City? Do you have a suitable location for your new studio?"

Cynthia replied gently, "Didn't I buy a villa before? I don't need it now, so I'm thinking of turning it into a studio."

After saying this, Cynthia asked Hathaway, "Why are you asking me this question all of a sudden?"

Hathaway smiled, "Hearing is the thing. The house next to our studio is vacant and for rent. I want to ask if you would like to open your studio next to my and Jasmine's studios? That place is big and spacious, three times the size of my and Jasmine's studios. That's enough for your needs."

Both Hathaway's and Jasmine's studios were newly established, so they didn't need to be spacious or luxurious.

But Cynthia was a renowned designer, and her studio was as big as a company. In Hong Kong, her studio took up a whole floor. After her studio moved back to South City, there were bound to be some people who would not follow her here, but that would also require a large space to accommodate her new studio.

After hearing Hathaway's words, Cynthia said happily, "Really? Of course, I'd love to stay with you guys, so we can see each other every day at work from now on. Moreover, my studio is going to be managed by you. In this case, you won't have to run between the two studios."

"Most importantly, we can look after each other." Of course, it was more likely that Cynthia would take care of Hathaway, but that was exactly what Cynthia wanted.

As a mother, Cynthia was willing to use her existing connections and reputation to shelter her daughter and to spend time with her daughter at work, so she was immediately tempted by Hathaway's proposal and couldn't wait to rent or buy Hathaway's next-door house right now.

Hathaway was happy to hear Cynthia's words and added, "But this is not a prime location. You won't mind, will you?"

Cynthia didn't mind this at all and replied, "I've long been famous outside. Even if I open my studio in a nook, people will come to me."

Besides, Cynthia had no desire to expand her career in the future, so she didn't care about the location.

Seeing Cynthia's attitude, Hathaway took the initiative to confess, "Actually, the main reason why I want you to open your studio next to us is that my two rivals just come over to look at the house. It's obvious that they want to cause us trouble, so I'd rather ask you to come over. How nice it is for us to work together as a family."

Hathaway thought that instead of letting Bella and Marian open their studio next to them to cause them trouble, she should cut off their attempts to come here at the source. In that case, they had nothing to fool around with. Besides, she convinced Cynthia over so that they would get along well as a family.

Most importantly, if Cynthia was willing to come here, Carl would pay for her to buy or rent the place. Even if Bella and Marian rented it first, they might not be able to resist Carl's strength.

After Hathaway finished explaining, Cynthia understood everything. She naturally supported her daughter and was willing to work with Hathaway as a neighbor, so she said, "This is a good decision."

With one word, she gave Hathaway endless support.

Hathaway felt warm inside and continued, "Give your phone to my dad. The renting of the place needs to be left to him."

Then Cynthia gave her phone to Carl, who was next to her. Hathaway briefly told Carl the whole story and said with a smile, "I'll leave the rest to you. This is a good time for you to please my mother."

Carl was willing to let Cynthia open her studio next to Hathaway's so that they could meet more often.

Hathaway was already married to Leon, so she would have to live with Leon. On a daily basis, he and Cynthia couldn't even see her, but now that their studios were going to be on the same floor, he would go to the studio with Cynthia all day long. By then, he would be about to keep an eye on his wife and daughter. How happy he would be!

So he agreed at once, "Don't worry. I'll call later to arrange it."

Then he asked Hathaway, "What is the background of those two people? Do you want me to help you deal with them?"

Hathaway smiled and said, "You're helping me, and I'll do the rest myself. Otherwise, it won't be fun if you settle them all at once."

Since Marian and Bella fought against her, she naturally had to take it on and watched with her own eyes that they were taught by her to regret.

After hearing Hathaway say so, Carl didn't insist anymore and told her warmly, "If you can't solve a problem, just come to me or your brother."

To be honest, Carl was very curious as to which two stupid people wanted to fight with his daughter, but he also knew the pleasure of teaching bad guys a lesson in person. Hence, he let it to Hathaway to solve on her own.

After hanging up the phone, Carl made a phone call to his men. Although he didn't manage Feyrer Nightclub anymore, some people were still helping him with his things. He directly instructed his men to buy the whole floor of the building instead of renting it, including the two studios of Hathaway and Jasmine. Of course, he also instructed not to let Hathaway and the others know.

Carl had always done things in such a simple and brutal way. He bought it directly so that no one would be able to bother his beloved woman and daughter in the future, once and for all.

Moreover, Carl had always liked to spend a lot of money on Cynthia. Since it is Cynthia's studio, how could he just rent it for her? Only buying it outright would be enough to express his sincerity.

Cynthia listened to him order things to his men and shook her head helplessly.

But she didn't protest anything because she knew that was Carl's feelings for their mother and daughter.

Of course, it was more because she understood Carl's way of dealing with things. Although she still couldn't understand why he had to be so rough, she chose to accept and tolerate him.

CHAPTER 400 MARIAN AND BELLA HAVE LOST FACE.

After finishing his instructions, Carl hung up the phone, turned around to embrace Cynthia, and said happily, "We'll be able to see Hathaway more often when we become her neighbors."

Cynthia nodded gently in his arms, "Yes..."

She could feel Carl's happiness at the moment and was surprised that he was so eager to get along with Hathaway.

Carl sighed softly, "After I found out that she was our daughter, I wanted to keep her with me and make up for her lack of fatherly love and family life all these years, but I didn't expect her to marry Leon so soon. All of a sudden, we lost the opportunity to get along with her day and night. I've always felt sorry for it."

Although Carl had never said this before, it did not mean that he did not mind.

He did care for Cynthia, but he cared for Hathaway as well. Hathaway had been raised well in the Taylor's all these years without any lack of parental love and family warmth, but he still wanted to give Hathaway the love he and Cynthia had for her and the warmth from their family.

As a result, before his plan could be implemented, she was married to Leon, which was why Carl was not satisfied with Leon

"Well, now that your studios are adjacent to each other, we will be able to see her every day at work from now on. I feel happy and wonderful at the thought of it." Carl embraced Cynthia and sighed in a low voice.

Cynthia was also looking forward to that image, "Yes, you can also make delicious food and bring it to her to give a good play to your fatherly love."

Carl was so happy that he picked Cynthia up and let her sit on his lap. At that point, they were in Cynthia's office. Although there were no outsiders, someone might come in to report something to Cynthia at any time, so Cynthia was embarrassed and hurriedly reached out to push him, "What are you doing? Put me down quickly!"

She was the boss of the studio, okay? If someone saw her sitting on Carl's lap later, how embarrassing it would be!

Carl put his big hands around her waist and leaned over to kiss her with a smile, and said, "I didn't want to do anything and just felt happy, so I wanted to hug you."

Then he murmured fondly, "Thank you, Cynthia. You've given me the happiness I have now."

He once thought he would spend his life in such a dull manner, but he never expected to be reunited with her and bring him a quirky, beautiful, and cute daughter. Sometimes, Carl would wake up happily in his sleep. Then he turned around to embrace the woman beside him fiercely as if he wanted to rub her into his body and carved her into his bone marrow.

Cynthia originally resisted being held by him in the office, but the atmosphere he created was so good that her emotions were involuntarily controlled by him.

When Carl kissed her on the lips, she lost her ability to resist, and then only the sound of lips and teeth colliding could be heard in the silent office.

The sudden knock on the door outside woke them up. Cynthia was so startled that she almost fell off Carl's lap. Seeing this, Carl tightened his grasp on her waist and held her in time. Cynthia glared at the man sitting there, hurriedly got off him, and straightened her clothes and emotions before letting the person outside in.

After seeing the office, Marian and Bella were very satisfied and also surprised by its lighting and other facilities. Before they came here, they didn't expect it to be so good because this was an old urban district after all. They thought it must be very dilapidated and only considered opening their studio next door to Hathaway's and the girls without caring about anything else.

They didn't expect to be surprised by this place in every way and decided to rent it right away.

Of course, they didn't know that Jasmine had searched almost every building in South City for rentals before finally finding such a good place. This was the place that Jasmine had finally chosen after comparing many places, otherwise, she wouldn't have recommended it to Hathaway.

After they had clearly expressed their intention to rent the place, the agent took out the rental contract with a grin and asked them to sign it.

However, the agent suddenly received a phone call, and then his face changed after answering it.

He said apologetically to them, "Ladies, I'm sorry that you can't rent this place"

Marian shouted in annoyance, "What? Why can't we rent it?"

The agent explained, "I just received a call from the landlord and he said that someone had just bought it, so the decision is now out of our hands. The new landlord doesn't want to rent it out. We can't help it."

Marian took off her sunglasses exasperatedly and yelled at the agent, "Give me the new landlord's phone number. I'll call and talk to him. We have to rent this place, and the rent is not a problem!"

Bella was also very upset and gave the agent a hard time, "You're so unkind. We've come all this way to see the house, but you told us not to rent it after we've just made a decision. How can you do that?"

They were about to rent this place with heartfelt delight, but now they were told that they couldn't rent it. In an instant, their mood fell from heaven to the bottom. It was strange that they were not annoyed.

Marian was especially so. She was an arrogant person and now being treated in this way, which made her face clouded.

The agent could only smile obsequiously and apologetically, "Ladies, I'm very sorry. I didn't expect this to happen either. How about I continue to help you find a new office building and promise to satisfy you?"

"No!" Marian directly interrupted the agent, "I have to rent this place today!"

Hearing it, the agent couldn't keep his smile. This had nothing to do with him. He was just a rental agent, but the landlord said he wasn't going to rent it out. What was the point of them making things difficult for him and throwing a tantrum at him?

He didn't want to entertain them anymore, "In that case, please leave first. I'm sorry, but I have other clients to entertain."

As Marian wanted to continue to vent her anger, someone knocked on the glass door. She looked over with Bella and found Hathaway looking at them with a smile as if she had something to say.

Marian was furious at the sight of Hathaway and didn't want to see her at this time. She had come to this place today to rent it and then open a studio to demonstrate with Hathaway and the others, but she didn't expect the landlord to stop renting it out at the critical moment. This made her lose face.