## Timeless 611

#### **CHAPTER 611 COUNTERATTACK 1**

Tam really wanted to hear her say these words.

In fact, he wanted to hear her say "I love you", although he knew that was not very realistic. But as his girlfriend, at least she could tell him "I miss you".

Tam thought she wouldn't take his hints unless he repeated it several times, but actually, she got it instantly.

So she was just playing dumb when he hinted at it before.

In fact, she knew everything, but she just didn't let him get what he wanted.

Tam thought of her suitors that he heard from Elyse, and then said, "Actually, I had dinner with Elyse tonight, and I have let go of those frustrating things."

Aggie responded without thinking much, "Elyse is very good at comforting people."

Tam grunted, "She didn't comfort me. What she said just made me feel more jealous."

Aggie was confused. Tam continued, "She told me many stories of your suitors, including Dr. Garcia, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Stock."

Aggie was upset. Why did Elyse tell that to Tam?

She explained helplessly, "That's not completely true. In fact, these colleagues are either married or have a girlfriend."

Aggie didn't want to involve those innocent people. They just pursued her for a while but were rejected by her or gave up on her after realizing that dating her was hopeless. Now they were living a happy life with their partners.

Tam didn't know that these people were married or had girlfriends because Elyse hid it from him on purpose.

Now that Aggie explained it to him, Tam didn't feel so upset anymore, but he still refused to let it go, "I heard that one young man also chased you?"

That young man was only 24 or 25 years old. At such a young age, he couldn't be married or have a girlfriend.

"Young man?" Aggie frowned and thought about it. It seemed that there was indeed such a person, but

she had long forgotten. If Tam hadn't mentioned it today, she couldn't even remember such a person.

She was busy dealing with patients every day. It would be a tiring job to remember so many people around her, so she would choose to forget those that were not important.

To her, that young man was an irrelevant person. Aggie didn't like dating a man younger than her, not because she hated such a relationship pattern, but because she didn't want that to happen to her. Therefore, she refused that young man promptly.

"There is nothing between him and me." Aggie didn't know why she had to explain this to him, perhaps because she thought he was in a bad mood today and she didn't want to upset him any further.

"Elyse seemed to think highly of him. You don't like this type?" Tam trapped her into answering.

"Mm, I don't like men who are much younger than me."

"Then what type of man do you like?" Tam asked casually, but in fact, he was hoping to hear the answer he wanted.

Aggie realized his intention but still spoke truthfully, "To be honest, because of my experience, I have never expected love, so I have never imagined what kind of man I like."

Tam's heart sank instantly, and just when he thought he would never hear the answer from her, he heard her speak again, "But I believe in fate, and I believe... that what I am experiencing now is the best."

What she was experiencing now... was the best?

Tam thought he heard it wrong. Did she just say that he was the best?

This sweet talk was really timely.

"You..." Tam was so happy that he didn't know what he should say.

Aggie glanced at the airport bus that was already driving by, "Well, I have to gang up now. I'm going to take the bus. You go to bed early."

Before she hung up the phone, Tam whispered, "I miss you too."

After hanging up the phone, Tam couldn't fall asleep. He took out his phone and started to look at his schedule. Originally he planned to go to Aggie half a month later, but now he wanted to go there immediately. He wanted to see her, hug her, and kiss her.

However, after checking his schedule, he found that he could not leave within a short period of time. He

had to attend the banquet three days later because it was held by the local government.

So, the idea of going to see Aggie had to be dismissed.

The next day, a piece of news in the entertainment circle shocked everyone in South City. The popular female star, Marian slept with one of her male fans.

It was exposed at around 12'o clock at night. It went viral online, and by the next morning, Marian's scandal had become the most trending topic and made front-page news.

Marian used to show up with the image of an innocent and pure woman, but she had slept with her fan and even her naked photos were exposed, which was naturally out of everyone's expectation. Therefore, it triggered an extremely heated discussion online, and Marian really became known to everyone this day.

Marian's studio issued a statement urgently, announcing that it was fake news and that it would sue the rumor-mongers for slandering Marian.

But that statement was harshly attacked by the netizens.

Rumors? Those clear naked pictures of Marian had been exposed! She still wanted to deny it?

The netizens thought that Marian might as well admit it. It was no use hyping herself up as an innocent girl now.

Seeing that statement, some of Marian's fans were greatly disappointed with her and some even began to hurl abuse at her online.

No matter how netizens reacted to this piece of news, Marian's image had been completely ruined.

It was all done by Tam, and it was just the beginning.

Tam got up early and was sitting lazily on a wicker chair on his balcony, crossing his long legs while listening to a new song just recorded by David and watching online news about Marian's affairs.

David's new song had not yet been released. It was already finished and would be officially released after Tam checked it.

As a new singer in Tam's company, David hadn't made his debut.

Tam wanted to make David the top singer in the future, and he had to lay a sufficient foundation for David's career.

Tam was very satisfied with David's new song. He didn't fail to live up to Tam's expectations.

Judging from David's superb singing skills, voice, and emotion while singing, Tam predicted that this song would become a hit. Tam planned to make this song into the theme song of a popular TV series. That way, David would become famous overnight.

Tam was so happy, but Marian was in complete chaos.

In the middle of the night, Marian was woken up by her manager. She read the news on the internet and was completely panicked. She didn't expect that Tam really had evidence about her negative news. She had no idea how Tam got them.

Marian was now living with Alia. Hearing the noises, Alia also got up. After reading the news, Alia gnashed her teeth angrily, "I should have run him over last time!

If they had succeeded last time, Alia and Marian wouldn't be bothered by these things now, and they would have been rich.

It was all the fault of those doctors at HD Hospital!

Marian walked around the living room with disheveled hair, "What should I do now? What should I do? We have already broken off relations with Howard, and I have to rely on myself if I want to gain a foothold in this industry in the future, but now my scandal is exposed, I..."

Marian was going crazy.

These years, she hyped herself up and promoted herself as one of the top stars with Howard's money.

She had just left Howard and wanted to stand on her own feet, and now Tam exposed her negative news. How could she keep working in this industry?

To be more precise, no director would choose her to play a role anymore.

Marian was worried about this when she received a phone call from a director, who was probably also awakened by her incident in the middle of the night. He shouted angrily, "What's going on online? How can you show up in my drama with this image now?"

Marian hurriedly tried to explain, but the director said without listening to her, "I will choose someone else to replace you. Just solve your personal matters first!"

Then the director hung up the phone. When Marian called him again, she found his phone was turned off. She was so furious that she threw the phone away.

She liked her role in this TV drama, and she fought hard to get it, but now...

Since her debut, things had been going right for her. Now she was overwhelmed and collapsed to the ground, crying.

Yesterday Marian heard that Vanna made a fuss in front of Tam and was almost strangled by Tam. She was so happy that she celebrated it with red wine with Alia. After all, the fact that Tam almost strangled Vanna meant that Tam was really angry. But Marian didn't expect that today it was her turn to cry.

Alia had experienced more than Marian, so she looked much calmer.

After walking back and forth in the living room for a while, Alia asked Marian to talk to her manager about issuing a statement, denying the incident, and saying it was a rumor.

Marian was completely in a mess now. She listened to Alia and asked her studio to issue a statement. But then the netizens attacked her even more.

Marian almost stayed up the whole night. Now seeing the online comments, she cried again, "Why are they still scolding me? I have denied it!"

Alia also stayed up with her. She supported her forehead with her hand and said with a pale face, "Then find a lawyer, and sue those rumor-mongers! Let them know that we are not afraid."

Then Marian's studio posted a lawyer's letter, suing several key opinion leaders.

When Tam saw the lawyer's letter from Marian's studio, he couldn't help but sneer, "Stupid."

Then he took his phone and made a call, and before long, those key opinion leaders issued a joint statement, saying they had proof that Marian sleeping with her fan and also many other men. They righteously stated that it was not a rumor but the truth. They accepted Marian's lawyer's letter and would see her in court.

These key opinion leaders were fighting with Marian head-on, and the comments they made once again caused uproar online.

# **CHAPTER 612 COUNTERATTACK 2**

The news that Marian also slept with many other men once again shocked everyone. After all, Marian had been known as an innocent and pure young lady from a rich family. No one would relate her to such a scandal. But now...

Sleeping with male fans was an unacceptable thing in many people's eyes, and now it was exposed that she also slept with many other men...

In order to prove that they really had the evidence, those key opinion leaders posted a few photos of different men going in and out of Marian's villa. Those men mostly went to Marian's house at night and

left the next morning. A man and a woman stayed in the same room for one night. There must be something going on between them.

After these photos were posted online, Marian's image was once again ruined. Marian received a call from an advertiser to cancel the endorsement and then fainted with anger.

Alia couldn't remain calm anymore. She grabbed her phone and called someone, "How's it going with the investigation? How come you haven't found it out? Are you all dead?"

The person on the other end of the phone also lost his temper, "Who are you yelling at? We would have told you if we had found it out. But we haven't found it!"

And then he said, "Now this matter is too tricky. If you give us more money, we will continue to investigate!"

Alia was angry. She found this famous private detective agency on the black market and hired them to look into the background of the mysterious girlfriend of Tam. She had paid them a lot of money, but they still found nothing so far, and now they even asked for more money!

If it was before, Alia would agree. After all, she would do anything to achieve her goal.

But now she had no money. She had fallen out with Howard and could no longer squander money like before, so now, she was furious that they wanted more money.

The man on the other side continued to talk, but this time his tone was obscene, "Or you can ask your baby daughter to sleep with us."

Alia's body trembled with anger, "Stop daydreaming!"

That man snorted disdainfully, "Now everyone knows your daughter has slept with countless people. She thinks she is still that innocent and pure girl? We don't even want to have sex with such a slut!"

Alia was so furious that she even choked.

That man continued to ask her imperiously, "Do you agree to pay more or not?"

"By the way, we found that Tam stayed at the airport for a while the other day. It seemed that he was there to see off someone." Seeing that Alia refused to relent, that man put down another bait.

Alia really got curious about it, "To see someone off? Then you should continue to investigate. Find out who he saw off there!"

That man grunted, "Tam stayed at the airport for a long while, and we found that there were many flights during that period of time. We have to check them one by one. That's not easy work, so you have

to pay us more."

Alia instinctively felt that the person Tam saw off was his mysterious girlfriend, so she gritted her teeth and agreed, "Okay, I agree!"

After hanging up the phone, Alia reluctantly transferred another amount of money to that man.

As long as she could find out who Tam's girlfriend was, she could blackmail Tam with it and get a lot of money.

After sitting on the sofa for a while, Alia got up and went to Marian's bedroom to see if Marian had woken up.

Alia felt she and Marian couldn't just sit back and wait. They had to continue their life before they could manage to blackmail Tam, and they had to live as well as before.

It was said that it was difficult to go from extravagance to frugality, and it was the case for them. Having been used to the wealthy life in the past, now Alia found it so hard to lead her life fairly frugally.

They were now living in Marian's private villa, but the living expenses in this kind of private villa area were very high. They didn't have much money to support their life for a long time. The money Alia got from Howard and the money Marian earned these years were all invested in Alia's brother's company, and now they couldn't withdraw it.

If Tam acquired her brother's company, Alia would lose the money she had got all these years, and she would never let Tam go.

After Tam threatened her that he would acquire her brother's company last time, Alia told her brother to be careful.

Of course, Alia had no idea that Tam's acquisition plan was just a pretense. After all, even if Tam bought the company at a low price, Alia would still get more or less money as one of the shareholders, but Tam was not that kind; he wanted them to be penniless.

Marian had already woken up and was lying on the bed staring at the ceiling with a pale face.

When Alia came in and saw her like this, she was very dissatisfied and picked her up, "You just know how to cry and get angry, right?"

"Even if you can't be an actress anymore, you still have other chances, and your life still goes on. You are so young and beautiful. You don't have to worry about your future life!" Alia said it lightly, and Marian instantly understood her implication.

Alia wanted her to lure and live off a rich man with her beauty and body, so that they could continue to

enjoy such an extravagant life, no matter whether the man was ugly or fat, and no matter what kind of man he was. Alia just cared about whether she could get money from that man.

But Marian and Alia were not the same kinds of people after all. Alia was born in a poor family, so she could accept any man, as long as she could live a good life. But Marian had been living like a princess since she was a child, and she was always proud and complacent. She couldn't stand selling her body for a living.

Marian kept silent for a while and then suddenly hysterically yelled at Alia, "It's all your fault! Why are you so insatiable? Why do you have to fight with Tam? Can't you just live peacefully with Howard? If not for you, I wouldn't have been reduced to this situation!"

At the thought of her rich and happy life before, Marian couldn't help but blame Alia. She was once the lady from the Finger family and a popular new actress. At that time, she had already won several awards and was about to gain a firm foothold in this industry. She enjoyed all kinds of privileges of a top actress and could get any endorsement or role she wanted.

But now, she became a lustful girl in everyone's eyes, and she was doomed in this industry.

She hated Alia so much!

Alia was so angry at Marian's words that she trembled and fiercely slapped Marian in anger, then she yelled, "You think Tam will let us go if I don't provoke him?"

"You think Tam will let us go if I live honestly with Howard? You are too naive!"

Marian was slapped by Alia and fell down on the bed. She covered her face and cried.

Alia continued to yell, "He has long thought about how to deal with us, and that's why he has collected all the evidence of your negative news since a long time ago!"

Hearing her words, Marian stopped crying, and then she cried louder.

That was right. Why did Tam manage to ruin her reputation in such a short time? Why did Tam know everything about all the men she had slept with over the years? Because Tam had been collecting the evidence for a long time, and it was only a matter of time before he dealt with them.

Alia pointed at Marian on the bed with a pale face, "I brought you up and offered you an extravagant life. Don't you think now you should be grateful and return the favor?"

And then Alia coldly said, "There is a dinner party three days later. Mr. Hard will attend it. You have to seize this opportunity. Although he is a bit old and not in good shape, he is the only one in the media industry who can compete with Tam. If you can win his favor, maybe we can defeat Tam with his power!"

Max Hard was the rich man who fell in love with Marian. Finger Entertainment owned by Tam was the representative of the new media companies, while ZN Film and Television Company owned by Max was the representative of the old media companies, which was the real leader of the South City media industry a dozen years ago. At that time, almost all the TV series were produced by ZN Film and Television Company.

It could be said that before Finger Entertainment came to the fore, ZN Film and Television Company was still the leader in this industry.

Although during these years, it was overtaken by Finger Entertainment, Max still had the strength to fight with Tam, which was why Alia asked Marian to sell her body to Max.

Marian also knew about Max's strength, but she always felt disgusted when she thought of Max's fat figure.

If Max had a son, she would certainly go out of her way to lure Max's son. At least, he would be younger and stronger on the bed than his father.

However, unfortunately, Max didn't have a son. He and his wife only had a daughter, who was about the same age as Marian. Max's mistresses had also borne daughters for him, no son.

Marian was hesitating, and Alia was convincing her, "If you can get pregnant and give birth to him a son, he will definitely divorce his wife and marry you. Everyone in the entertainment industry knows how eager he is to have a son, otherwise, he wouldn't have been sleeping with all kinds of women and allowing those women to get pregnant without hiding everyone."

Marian raised her hand to cover her face and cried, "Mom, give me time to think it over, okay? I really don't want to..."

Although the temptation was great, Marian still couldn't accept it.

She only liked handsome men. If Max was a little younger or better-looking, it would be easier for her to accept him.

But she herself and Max's daughter was about the same age, and she had to have sex with Max. Thinking of this, Marian felt so unreconciled.

**CHAPTER 613 COUNTERATTACK 3** 

Why? Why!

Why wasn't she as lucky as Max's daughter, who had a really rich father?

Marian didn't even know who her real father was. She thought she was Howard's daughter before, but now they had fallen out!

Thinking of her pathetic life, Marian was quite frantic. Alia told her, "Anyway, it's still early for the banquet. You'd better think it over."

Alia was warning Marian and forcing her to take this path. After saying these words, Alia turned around and went out.

When she reached the door, Alia stopped again and looked back at the reluctant Marian, "You like acting and want to stay in the entertainment industry, right? But now your image and reputation have been ruined, and you won't be able to get any role. But if you win Max's favor, he can help you and you can still play a part in the TV series."

Marian lowered her head and didn't say anything. Alia couldn't figure out Marian's mood right now. She turned around and left.

Alia was disappointed with her daughter. She really couldn't understand what was going through her daughter's mind. They were already at the end of their rope, but Marian was still so picky. Alia thought, if she were 20 years younger, she would have taken Max down!

But she was old now, and Max didn't like her.

Alia knew how to please and coax men in bed, but she had nowhere to give play to her skills.

Tam was satisfied that Marian and her studio had no more reaction on the internet. He elegantly took a sip of coffee and took his phone to make another call.

He was calling Finger Entertainment's artist director, "Old Baker, David's new song can be released now. Let's do it today."

The person on the other end of the phone answered calmly, "Okay."

Then he protested, "Call me Steve. Baker is my surname, and I'm not old. I'm just thirty years old!"

Tam replied in a good mood, "You can also call me Old Finger. I don't mind."

The man at the other end of the phone just hung up the phone. Tam continued to drink his coffee.

Ten minutes later, Finger Entertainment's official blog announced its lately signed singer, David Robinson, and posted David's biography and his new song "As I Wish".

The song was composed and sung by David himself, and it told the story of a boy who had been secretly in love with a girl for many years and finally became her boyfriend. This song fully demonstrated David's

ability in all aspects.

The news about David and his song immediately triggered a heated discussion. First of all, no one knew who David was. Before this news, David was unknown in the singing world. Now all of a sudden, he signed up with Finger Entertainment and attracted people's attention, making a lot of people jealous.

Secondly, the song "As I Wish" was really good. People could experience the pain of the unrequited love and the sweetness of a romantic relationship in this song, and they couldn't help but play this song over and over again.

Moreover, David's composing ability was also very impressive No wonder he was picked by Finger Entertainment.

Therefore, David and his song became a massive hit.

Of course, Tam wouldn't allow Marian's news to be forgotten. He asked someone to keep Maria's scandal one of the trending topics. Anyway, he wouldn't let Marian off easily.

He wanted Alia and Marian to watch him make a new star popular, and let them suffer in pain.

After taking care of all these matters, Tam finally got up and left the balcony.

He went to the bathroom and took a shower. He deliberately made his hair half wet so that he looked somewhat sexy. And then he pulled the collar of his bathrobe down and made a video call to Aggie.

Last night, they only had a talk on the phone. Today, he wanted to see her.

But it was hung up.

Then Aggie sent him a message: my colleague who lives with me is also here. It is not convenient now.

Tam was dissatisfied and sent her a message back: I want to see you. You go somewhere else and let me see your face.

Aggie was a little upset. She was sharing a room with a female doctor from the gynecology department. If she made a video call to Tam, that doctor would definitely know about her relationship with Tam, so she said it was inconvenient.

But now looking at the message sent by Tam, she knew Tam wouldn't give up today.

Finally, she took the phone to the bathroom and closed the door, and called Tam again.

As Tam answered the call, she saw his half-wet hair and sexy chest muscle under his bathrobe. He looked so captivating now.

Aggie knew what he was trying to do. She asked him helplessly, "Don't you feel cold?"

Tam smiled smugly, "You see that? Are you turned on now?"

He deliberately made it like this to tease her. He wanted her to be attracted by his look and miss him hard.

Seeing the man's handsome face, Aggie asked, "You want me to feel turned on right now?"

Tam showed an evil smile, "I hope I can turn you on at any time."

Aggie replied to him with a serious face, "But here is the problem. I am turned on, but you are not by my side. What if I go out and find a booty call?"

Tam instantly changed his face, "Don't you dare!"

Aggie smiled at him, "Then please put on your bathrobe, okay?"

Tam, "..."

After putting his bathrobe in order, he suddenly asked Aggie, "Have you been in touch with Hathaway recently?"

Aggie didn't know why he suddenly changed the subject, "No, what's wrong?"

Aggie had no contact with Hathaway except for the last time she met her at her home, and now that she was studying abroad, she naturally had no contact with Hathaway.

Tam grunted, "You should contact her more and learn how to please men from her."

Then he said, "If Hathaway didn't know how to please a man, how could she make Leon so deep in love with her? You should learn it well."

Leon was known for being cold and indifferent in South City. Countless women wanted to win over his heart, but only Hathaway succeeded in the end, so Tam was sure that Hathaway was good at pleasing men.

Aggie almost laugh out, "Shouldn't you learn from her? After all, you were the one who tried to win my heart."

Tam felt the pain in his heart.

That was his girlfriend!

It seemed that Aggie couldn't get along with him without irritating him. Tam gritted his teeth and stared fiercely at the woman on the screen, "Okay, wait and see. I'm going to learn it! And I will win your heart."

Aggie laughed softly, "You seem to be in a good mood today?"

Yesterday when Aggie talked to Tam on the phone, she could feel he was pretending to be relaxed so as not to let her worry about him.

But today he seemed happy from the bottom of his heart, so Aggie asked him.

Tam then told her how he had dealt with Marian, and how he had successfully promoted David, and then he added, "Seeing them being despised by everyone, how can I still pull a long face?"

After getting revenge on Alia and Marian, Tam had vented all his anger, and naturally, he was happy.

In fact, he could directly get rid of Alia and Marian, but that couldn't make him relieve the hatred.

He wanted to make them lose all they had bit by bit and live in shame and despair. He wanted them to know how it felt being trampled under his feet.

Aggie could understand Tam's hatred for Alia and Marian. She also hated the man her mother had an affair with.

If she could, she wished she could take revenge like Tam did, because that man was too nasty.

The night she went to the house where Moira and that man lived and wanted to smash their house. And that man almost raped her...

At that time, she struggled while grabbing the bedside lamp and smashed it hard on the man's head. If she hadn't done that, she might have been ruined by that man.

Aggie's mother, Moira, was so angry at that time that she couldn't wait for the man to teach Aggie a hard lesson and punish her, so she just watched Aggie scream in pain.

Aggie had never told Maynard about it. Once she did, Maynard would definitely seek justice for his beloved daughter and teach that man a lesson, but he even had trouble walking, and he was definitely no match for that young and strong man.

Tam noticed a sudden trace of gloom on Aggie's face and asked with a slight frown, "What's wrong?"

Aggie then shook her head, "Nothing. I just thought of unhappy memory."

Tam asked, "What unhappy memory?"

Aggie refused to go on, "It's late. Get ready to go to work. We're also ready to rest to get over the jet lag."

Tam stared steadily at Aggie's face. Although he did not continue to ask further, he knew keenly that she had something on her mind.

There was something buried deep in her mind.

They finally hung up the phone. Before Tam could think about what was bothering Aggie, he received a call from the artist director, "Jennie went to the hospital and beat up Vanna just now. She didn't even cover it up. A lot of onlookers took a video. I'm afraid we can't suppress the news."

Tam cursed. These women just knew how to cause trouble.

Why couldn't they be as calm and sensible as Aggie?

Tam took a deep breath and ordered, "Ignore the idiot Vanna. As for Jennie, we have to help her. Think about some ways to delete all those videos."

Jennie was a popular actress and singer. If the scandal of her beating someone up was exposed, her image would definitely be ruined.

Although he had refused to renew the contract with Jennie after she committed suicide in front of him, he was glad that Jennie could give up on him.

Except for that incident, Jennie had done nothing wrong all these years. Tam couldn't just stand by and watch Jennie's image being ruined.

He also knew that the reason Jennie went to beat Vanna was that she heard about what Vanna had said to him yesterday.

Steve Baker was the artist director of Finger Entertainment. He naturally knew that a ruined image was bad for Jennie, but he just said, "I'm afraid there is no way I can do that. Jennie rushed all the way to Vanna's ward without even wearing a mask. Some people had followed her and shot a video since she showed up. If no one saw her except the hospital staff, we can still ask Nick for help."

"But too many passers-by saw her and took videos. We can't contact them one by one." Then Steve said in a desperate tone, "No need to think of a way to suppress the information. Someone has posted it online. We have to figure out how to solve it."

Tam was so angry that he threw away the phone in anger.

The video of Jennie fiercely slapping Vanna went viral on the Internet. The netizens were really overwhelmed by all kinds of breaking news about Marian, David, and Jennie.

Jennie's news soon became one of the trending topics. Netizens thought Jennie was bully a new star and also her love rival.

However, since the video was posted online, Jennie herself as well as the Finger Entertainment hadn't made any explanation.

Tam received Jennie's call and he scolded her coldly, "Do you want to lose everything you have? Or are you always so dumb? What makes you think you need to defend me?"

Jennie was silent for a moment and then said, "You'd better be good with Aggie, otherwise I'll beat up every woman who appears around you in the future, and also those who try to hype themselves with you."

The implication was that only Aggie could make her surrender.

Jennie went on to say, "I don't need you to help me solve the problem. I'll go to Jasmine. Last time my manager recommended I go to her after the termination of my contract. I can use this incident as a test of her PR ability."

Jennie finished her words in one breath and hung up the phone, not giving Tam a chance to say anything

Tam was so angry that he took several deep breaths. It was better that Finger Entertainment didn't need to figure out the way to save her image.

Jennie really went to see Jasmine, who received Jennie at the studio.

Jasmine was puzzled by Jennie's sudden visit. She could not figure out why Jennie suddenly paid her a visit.

After all, Jennie was already a top star in the entertainment industry, while her small studio was just an unknown company.

Jasmine poured a cup of coffee for Jennie, while she himself was drinking flower tea.

After the two were seated, Jasmine asked confusedly, "Ms. Jones, may I ask what you are here for today?"

Jennie looked at her and said, "Don't call me Ms. Jones. Just call me Jennie."

Jasmine was kind of flattered.

Then she heard Jennie say, "My contract with Finger Entertainment is about to expire. I am thinking about signing up with your studio."

Jasmine just drank a mouthful of flower tea. Hearing Jennie's words, she almost spewed out the tea. She knew this behavior was very rude, so she fiercely pressed it back. In the end, she choked and began to cough violently.

Jasmine was originally a composed person, but Jennie's words caught her off guard.

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Barry had been focusing on what was going on here, so he immediately rushed to Jasmine after hearing Jasmine coughing. In Jennie's stunned gaze, he handed a tissue to Jasmine and patted her back.

Jasmine was so embarrassed. She glared at Barry and said, "Thank you. Go do your own work."

Then she slightly turned her body sideways, avoiding Barry's touch.

A trace of gloom crossed Barry's handsome, but he still took her feelings into consideration and respectfully said, "Ms. Turner, don't drink too fast."

Then he nodded to Jennie with a smile and retreated to the original distance.

Jennie hid the stunned expression on her own face and calmed down.

In fact, such an action could show that this little boy cared for Jasmine.

Jasmine calmed herself down and looked at Jennie again, "Sorry, I was really surprised. Can you please explain to me in detail?"

Jennie smiled, "My former manager at Finger Entertainment recommended you to me, and I decided to sign up with your studio."

"But even if your contract expires, you can set up a studio of your own. There is no need for you to come to my small company...." Jasmine was not being humble. She really thought her studio didn't deserve a top star like Jennie.

Besides, it was common that stars set up their own studios. And they would be able to earn more in this way. Why did Jennie decide to sign up with her studio?

Jennie shrugged, "I'm too lazy to deal with anything else, so I need someone to help me take care of everything, and I just need to be responsible for singing and acting or attending events with a stunning look. I don't want to care about anything else."

Hearing her explanation, Jasmine kind of understood her. In fact, a celebrity manager needed to help artists with all kinds of work, including dealing with crises and some chores, but for people who loved this job, it was nothing.

Jennie then smiled self-deprecatingly, "But considering my current situation, you still want to sign up with me?"

Jennie was referring to her violence incident. Jasmine naturally knew about this matter.

This was indeed a tricky problem because Jennie was already a top star in the entertainment industry, and Vanna was a newbie star. Jennie would be accused of bullying newcomers no matter what.

The other tricky thing was that Vanna just hyped herself up with Tam's fame a few days ago, and there were also some rumors about Jennie and Tam over the years, which made the problem even trickier.

However, for Jasmine, the more difficult a task was, the more it could stimulate her fighting spirit.

Originally she wanted to decline Jennie's suggestion. Although her studio would attract more attention in the industry if Jennie joined, Jasmine didn't think her current resources could offer any help for Jennie's career. Jennie used to be in Finger Entertainment, which was the leading company in the industry and could offer Jennie the best resources. But the resources Jasmine could offer... Maybe Jennie wouldn't be satisfied.

But now, speaking of the crisis Jennie was experiencing, Jasmine felt maybe she could give it a try.

Jasmine looked up at Jennie and solemnly said, "Well, I will first talk about my solution plan for this matter, if you think it's okay, we can talk specifically about cooperation. If you feel unsatisfied, you can go to other competent managers."

Jennie nodded, "Okay."

Jasmine said seriously, "Can I ask why you terminate your contract with Finger Entertainment?"

Jennie had been working for Finger Entertainment since she made her first debut. Over the years, many stars had left and set up their own studios, except Jennie. She said she didn't want to take care of those trivial matters, but Jasmine thought that was not the most important reason.

Jennie told her the truth. She had nothing to hide in front of Jasmine now.

"Because of Tam." Jennie lowered her eyes, hiding the gloom under her eyes, "He announced that he had a girlfriend, and I met his girlfriend. I admit I lost, so I quit, and I decided to quit completely."

Jasmine was a little surprised, and then she asked, "So the rumors about you and Mr. Finger over the years, are they true?"

According to Jennie's look, Jasmine guessed that this should be Jennie's unrequited love.

Jennie said, "We have never been together. I like him, but he didn't say anything publicly in order to hype me up."

Tam knew her feelings for him, and he also said that he wouldn't go out with her, but she just refused to give up.

Jasmine was silent for a while. She glanced at Jennie's gloomy expression and asked tentatively, "So this time, are you really sure you're letting him go?"

Jennie nodded her head.

Last time, Aggie's words had completely sobered her up. No matter how hard she tried, Tam would never fall in love with her.

"Then why did you hit Vanna?" This question was the point, and Jennie didn't cover it up. She just said that Vanna said some offensive words.

Jasmine thought for a while and then said, "In that case, we should tell everyone what exactly happened. We just tell them the truth. There is no need to whitewash it or distort the facts. People will think you have a true personality. Anyway, I also think you are a straightforward woman."

Jasmine asked Jennie again, "And you also need to publicly admit your mistake. After all, your behavior has caused a negative impact on everyone. Can you do it?"

Jennie did not expect Jasmine to let her face the reality. She thought Jennie would think of a way to sugar her behavior.

After all, that was the common PR method in the entertainment industry. Once the stars did some bad things, their managers would sugarcoat their actions and defend them. Not many were willing to admit their mistakes. Or they would just play dumb and didn't make any response, which would affect their popularity to a certain extent.

Jasmine suggested Jennie should confess and admit her fault. Jennie at first found it a little difficult to accept, but after thinking about it, she felt she was not completely in the wrong. She shouldn't have resort to violence, but Vanna deserved it.

Maybe after she exposed the truth, people would think her behavior was reasonable.

So Jennie nodded in agreement, "I didn't expect you would use such a method, but I think it's feasible."

Jasmine added, "Because it involved Mr. Finger's deceased mother, so it's not good for us to disclose in

detail what Vanna said. We just need to let everyone know why you did it."

Then she said, "Then people will ask again, what is your relationship with Mr. Finger? Why do you want to stand up for him and hit Vanna? In my opinion, since you plan to give up on him, why not take this opportunity to explain to the public about the rumors about you and Mr. Finger these years? It isn't embarrassing to admit your crush on a person. Besides, the man you have a crush on is so outstanding."

Jennie laughed after hearing this, "You're trying to tell all my secrets to everyone."

Jasmine shrugged, "Isn't it good? You are going to say goodbye to the past anyway, aren't you?"

Jennie quietly looked at Jasmine for a while, then took the initiative to extend her hand, "Deal."

Jasmine smiled and shook hands with her, "Hope we can cooperate happily."

Jennie let out a long sigh of relief, "I am happy. I really did not expect such an unusual method, but I like this simple and straightforward response."

And then Jennie continued, "Well, I'll leave the PR work to you. I'm going home to sleep."

Then Jennie got up and stood up. Jasmine said, "There is one more thing. After we release the statement, we need to ask Mr. Finger to confirm it. Maybe you should tell Mr. Finger about what Vanna has said in advance."

Jennie smiled elegantly at her, "Since I have left all the work to you, you should be the one to contact him. I'll send you his phone number later."

Jasmine, "..."

She had never contacted Tam. In Jasmine's opinion, Tam was a heavyweight in the entertainment industry, an outstanding and legendary man...

But before she could say anything else, Jennie had already taken her bag and turned around to leave.

Jasmine stood in the same place, thinking how she should tell Tam and ask him to cooperate with her.

Barry walked over and took a glance at Jennie's back, "Ms. Turner, do you really plan to sign up with Jennie?"

Jasmine sighed, "Actually, I was going to refuse, but considering her crisis this time, I want to give it a shot."

Barry clenched his fist and cheered her on, "Ms. Turner, I support you! I know you won't stay in obscurity like this. I know how amazing you are."

Barry actually hoped that Jasmine could sign up with Jennie.

Jennie was a top star, and in Barry's eyes, Jasmine would soon become a top manager too, and she deserved to work for the top artist.

In the future, Jasmine would definitely become the most famous manager in this industry and take revenge on the company that kicked her out.

She would also lead a happy life and make Caleb and Patty envy her.

Even if someone didn't think Jasmine deserve Jennie, he would help her with his own strength.

Jasmine actually was not sure if she made the right decision, but after being comforted by Barry, she felt so warm in her heart, "Thank you, Barry."

Jasmine felt especially grateful to the people around her because it was their care, love, and trust that made her become better and better.

Since she chose to sign Jennie, Jasmine felt that she should work harder in the future to get resources for Jennie that matched her current status and that she would also try to get good resources for Ashley and Nick.

### **CHAPTER 615 PUBLIC STATEMEN**

The statement written by Jasmine had to be posted by Finger Entertainment because Jennie had not yet officially terminated her contract with Finger Entertainment.

After Jasmine finished it, she first sent it to Jennie and her current manager, also the one who recommended Jennie to sign up with her.

Jennie's manager was quite satisfied with it, and Jasmine expressed her heartfelt thanks to him. Jennie's manager told Jasmine that he hoped that Jennie and she could both develop their careers, so he created this chance for the two to work together. He also told Jasmine about Jennie's habits so that Jasmine could get to know Jennie better.

Jennie made some revisions after reading it, and then she agreed to post it online.

This statement would soon be posted by Finger Entertainment, with the following content in Jennie's tone.

Hello everyone, I am Jennie.

As a public figure, I apologize for setting such a negative example.

But since things have happened, I think I need to tell everyone what exactly happened.

As you all know, Mr. Finger's mother passed away many years ago, but Vanna went to Mr. Finger yesterday and said some offensive words about his mother. I couldn't stand her hurting Mr. Finger in this way, so I went to the hospital and beat her up.

You may want to ask me, what's the relation between Tam and me? Why would I hit someone because of him?

Today I want to clarify it. I have never been together with Tam all these years, but I do like him.

So I couldn't see Vanna hurting him like this, and I beat her on impulse.

Mr. Finger never accepted my love, and the gossips about us were all just hype.

The reason I choose to confess today is that Mr. Finger has a girlfriend now, and I don't want those rumors to affect their relationship.

I've met Mr. Finger's girlfriend, and she is a very good and outstanding girl, and I'm convinced to lose to her, so I decided to quit.

I wish Mr. Finger and his girlfriend a happy life forever.

In addition, after my contract with Finger Entertainment expires, I will not continue to renew it. I have talked with Jasmine's studio, and I will sign up with her after the termination of my contract.

That's all my heartfelt confession about this incident, and once again I apologize for my rude behavior of beating people up.

At the end of the statement was Jennie's signature.

After this statement was posted, it again triggered a heated discussion online.

The website even broken down as too many netizens were searching for the relevant news. The technicians hurried to fix it.

Half an hour later, the website finally returned to normal. Jennie's statement changed public opinion, because she sounded frank and honest in the statement, without any bitchy words or actions.

She apologized for what she had done wrong and clarified everything, and she even sent best wishes to Tam and his girlfriend.

Especially when the netizens saw that Vanna hurt Tam by saying offensive words about his dead mother, they all sided with Jennie at once.

It was wrong to beat people up, but Vanna's words were more unacceptable. Although Jennie did not explicitly say what Vanna said, any offensive remark about Tam's deceased mother would be despicable and nasty.

For a while, the netizens harshly scolded Vanna.

Originally, they found it disgusting that Vanna tried to involve herself with Tam and hype herself up, and now her nasty words were also exposed. Even though she was beaten by Jennie, no one sympathized with her.

In addition, Vanna had been permanently blacklisted by Tam, so she wouldn't be able to work in the entertainment industry anymore.

However, Jennie's candid and sincere attitude was greatly praised by people. In the beginning, many people were indignant and even scolded her for beating Vanna, but now they all changed their attitude.

After seeing the change of the online public opinion and the increasing number of Jennie's Tweet followers, Jasmine let out a long sigh of relief.

She won this battle.

Jennie also won.

Those who tried to hurt others with despicable and nasty means had lost completely.

In the hospital, Vanna originally wanted to contact reporters to publicly blame Tam for almost strangling her, but today, Jennie exposed what she had done. Now there was no way for Vanna to launch an attack at them. This time, she was doomed, just like Marian.

Vanna fell back to the hospital bed with a pale face. There were some red marks on her neck, which was left by Tam's violent action yesterday.

In fact, there was nothing seriously wrong with her body. The doctor told her that she could be discharged after she woke up, but Vanna insisted on being hospitalized in order to make a big fuss about Tam's violence so that Tam would not stop her from working, or at least terminate the contract with her.

If she could terminate her contract with Finger Entertainment, she would be free and could make ends meet by taking on small jobs.

But now, Tam prevented her from taking any job. Before her contract with Finger Entertainment expired, she could do nothing but wait around.

Vanna was furious and called Marian, who answered it in a weak tone. Vanna sharply yelled, "Marian, what am I going to do now? If you hadn't encouraged me to provoke Tam like that, I wouldn't be in such a mess now!"

Originally, she just wanted to make herself famous. Even if Tam was angry with that, he wouldn't treat her like this.

She could wait until the netizens forgot about that incident, and ask her manager to find some chances to play a part in some TV series. She would learn to be smart in the future, and would not make the same mistake.

But now everything was ruined. She irritated Tam with such unpleasant words yesterday, and he would definitely not let her go.

Marian and Vanna were in the same situation now, so naturally, she couldn't stand Vanna yelling at her like this, so she also lost her temper, "Can you blame me for that? If you hadn't been so greedy and wanted to take advantage of Tam, you wouldn't have taken my advice."

"You're the fucking bitch!" Marian cursed, and then hung up the phone.

Anyway, Vanna was no longer of any use, so Marian didn't bother to pay attention to her.

Vanna was so angry, she cried out loud in the ward, and in the end, she left the hospital in dejection. While going through the discharge procedures, the nurses looked at her with contempt.

In addition to clarifying the rumors about her and Tam over the years, Jennie's statement also revealed some other information. For example, Jennie said she had met Tam's girlfriend, which meant that Tam and his girlfriend had a good relationship, otherwise Tam wouldn't have taken his girlfriend to see the woman who adored him.

It also showed that all of them were frank people. Tam was frank because he had no feelings for Jennie, and Tam's girlfriend also trusted Tam completely. Despite all those rumors about Tam and Jennie, she still chose to believe him.

Jennie was also candid and straightforward, which was reflected in her statement.

Besides, Jennie also said that she was convinced to lose to Tam's girlfriend, which implied that Tam's girlfriend must be a very outstanding woman, and she also became one of the trending topics online.

But no other information was exposed. Many people thought Tam's girlfriend was exposed, but they were disappointed to find there was no useful information at all.

Jennie's statement also showed that she had signed up with Jasmine's Studio. People were confused. There were only a few famous managers in the industry. Who was Jasmine? How dare she sign with an

artist from Finger Entertainment?

Therefore, Jasmine also became one of the subjects of the netizens' discussion.

Soon the netizens found out that Jasmine's studio was a small studio that had just been established, with only two artists, Ashley and a model named Barry.

Everyone knew Ashley, who they didn't dare to discuss. After all, she was now Nick's wife. But if her relationship with Nick had not been exposed, Ashley wouldn't have been known to everyone. She just played a part in a movie and a TV drama.

As for Barry, he was a complete nobody.

Everyone was surprised that Jennie signed up with such a studio.

Of course, they didn't know that the artists in this small studio were not common people.

The model, Barry, who had no fame at all in their eyes, was the future heir of the Rosy Group. Being the colleague of Barry should be good enough for Jennie.

Some of Jennie fans felt Jennie deserved a better studio. They asked Jasmine online why she would sign with Jennie. After all, her small studio didn't match Jennie's status as the top star. And the poor resources Jasmine could get would be of no help for Jennie's career.

After one of Jennie's fans asked these questions, many fans also followed suit. The account of Jasmine's studio was bombarded with all kinds of questions.

However, Jasmine did not know about this. She went to work on something else after seeing the shift in public opinion about Jennie online.

As long as people no longer paid attention to Jennie's violence, Jasmine felt she had done her job, and she did not care about anything else.

The Twitter account of Jasmine's studio was taken care of by Barry in his spare time because he seemed to have more free time.

So Barry was the first one to see these questions. He read them with a frown.

Some fans' words were quite reasonable, but some people's words were quite offensive. Jasmine would be upset if she saw them.

Barry began to think about how to suppress these questions and hide them from Jasmine.

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However, it was too difficult.

After all, Jennie's fans did it voluntarily; it was not an organized activity. Some haters and paid supporters also took a part in this. It was a little tricky matter now.

And when Barry was lost in his thoughts, Jasmine had come closer and seen all the questions asked by Jennie's fans on the computer.

Jasmine lowered her eyes and took a look at Barry's worried look. She couldn't help but laugh softly.

Hearing her laughter, Barry hurried to turn off the computer.

Jasmine stopped him, "No need to close it. I've seen it all."

"Ms. Turner, you..." Barry looked at her with some concern.

Jasmine didn't seem to care about it, "Do you think I didn't expect these questioning?"

Jasmine was wearing a black professional suit and high heels. She said with a confident smile, "Finger Entertainment is the leading company in our industry. Even if Jennie chooses another company, her decision will still be questioned by her fans. Our studio is too small, so her fans are more worried. Relax, don't pull a long face. Just ignore them."

After saying that, Jasmine turned toward and walked to her seat while saying, "You should know about me. The more pressure and questioning there are, the more I can overachieve."

When Barry saw the relaxing look on her face, his tightly knitted brows loosened slightly.

Yes, she had always been like this.

The more the reality was against her, the better she could do, like a tenacious weed, thriving in a bad living environment.

In her own words, no one in this world could defeat her, except herself.

It was also her tenacity and resilience that deeply impressed him.

There were many younger and prettier girls, but Jasmine was the only apple in his eye. He appreciated the tenacity and perseverance in her.

So, Jasmine didn't make any response to all those questions.

She also thought that any response she made now was useless.

Even if she swore that she would let Jennie develop much better in the future, what was the point of that? Jennie's fans wouldn't believe it. After all, it was just lip service.

Besides, she didn't want to boast. If she failed to keep her promises in the future, she would be losing face in front of everyone.

She might as well focus on developing Jennie's career. As time went by, Jennie's fans would gradually see what she did for Jennie.

So Jasmine just kept silent. She wouldn't respond to every request made by the artists' fans, otherwise, those fans might cause bigger trouble in the future.

For example, this time, Jennie signed up with her studio. It was good that her fans cared about Jennie's future development, but questioning and even attacking Jasmine online was way out of line. Did they not believe their idol, Jennie could make the right decision?

Jennie was not a newcomer, nor was she an inexperienced young girl. She was an experienced top star, and she knew better than anyone what she wanted.

Moreover, did Jennie's decision have anything to do with them?

They could idolize Jennie, but they couldn't interfere with Jennie's choice.

So, Jasmine decided to ignore these people.

However, before long, some people defended Jasmine online and publicly showed support for her.

The first was the boy group that Jasmine was in charge of in the former company. Each member of the group posted a text in support of Jasmine: Jasmine once worked with us for three years. She is a careful, gentle, and capable person. And we were touched a lot by her when we just started our career. We wouldn't be so famous now if not for Jasmine. We wish her a better life and career.

A popular female star who once worked with Jasmine also showed her support for Jasmine: Jasmine is the most reliable manager I have ever encountered. She is the best!

The boy group that Jasmine was in charge of was now the top group. Actually, they thought Jasmine played a much more important role, but they couldn't be so frank, otherwise, they would be punished by the company. After they showed their support, some netizens changed their attitude towards Jasmine.

It was true that Jasmine brought them from obscurity to fame, and when the company kicked out Jasmine, they wanted to follow her, but they couldn't leave because of their contracts, so they could only speak out to support her when Jasmine was now being questioned.

They released this statement while hiding it from the company because the company wouldn't allow them to release it.

But even though they posted it, it was not a big deal. They were just showing their support for Jasmine, and they didn't harm the interests of the company or expose any secret. Maybe the executives of the company must be furious right now.

Together with the support of that female star, they had fully expressed their dissatisfaction with Jasmine's dismissal from the company.

Although they were all developing well now, they would have developed better if Jasmine had not left.

Soon, Jennie's current manager also spoke up for Jasmine: I recommended Jennie to sign up with Jasmine, because I had contact with her before and thought she was a very promising manager. I wish both Jennie and Jasmine a good career, so I made this proposal, but I didn't expect to bring so much trouble to her. I'm sorry. You should blame it on me, instead of Jasmine."

Realizing that Jennie's current manager recommended Jasmine, the netizens instantly stopped complaining. After all, Jennie's current manager was the top manager in this industry. If he thought highly of Jasmine, that implied that Jasmine was really capable.

Jennie woke up and found that the netizens were attacking Jasmine. After seeing her manager's statement, she also spoke up: I made the decision. Blame it on me.

Now no one dared to attack Jasmine anymore.

But people were still discussing Jasmine, especially the fans of the boy group members. They began to give publicity to Jasmine's capability.

Seeing all this, Jasmine felt worried. She didn't want them to voice for her at all, and she didn't want to be one of the trending topics.

After all, she was just a manager.

She said with an upset face, "Barry, maybe we should spend money to suppress the discussion about me."

Barry laughed out, "Other stars spend money to make more people discuss them, while you spend money to stop that! They must be so envious of you."

Jasmine sighed, "But I'm not an actress. I'm a manager. You and Ashley have not been so heatedly discussed!"

She thought, if only the subject of this online discussion was about Barry and Ashley!

Barry felt funny. It was just a piece of cake for him to become one of the trending topics. He just needed to spend some money.

Maybe he didn't even need to spend money. As long as he made it public that he was the heir of the Rose Group. He would make the headlines for a whole month.

In the end, Jasmine did not spend money to suppress it, because Barry and Ashley both agreed that she shouldn't do that.

The minority was subordinate to the majority, so Jasmine had to compromise.

The news that Jennie had met Tam's girlfriend instantly caught the attention of Alia and Marian.

They were now about to be driven crazy by Tam. Originally they wanted to make it public that Tam almost strangled Vanna and make a big fuss about it. They had even prepared the statement to condemn Tam and the pictures of Vanna's wound that Marian got from Vanna.

But unexpectedly, Jennie went to beat Vanna up and ruined their plan.

Now hearing that Jennie had met Tam's girlfriend, Alia quickly asked her brother, Donald to hire a group of gangsters to teach Jennie a lesson and ask her who Tam's girlfriend really was.

But Jennie was always surrounded by bodyguards. Those gangsters had no way to get close to Jennie.

This time, they stalked Jennie's nanny van to Jennie's villa. Jennie's two bodyguards came over and beat them up severely, leaving them screaming in pain.

Jennie stood in front of those gangsters in high heels. She asked one of the bodyguards to take out one of their cell phones. She checked it and found Alia's phone number.

Jennie dialed it with a cold face. She heard Alia asking expectantly, "How's it going? Did you find it out?"

Jennie sneered. She cursed, "Old bitch, don't play any tricks on me! I won't hesitate to beat you if you irritate me."

Alia was so furious at her words. She asked in disbelief after a while, "Jennie?"

Those gangsters were there to teach Jennie a lesson. How did Jennie get their phones?

But the next second, Alia realized what had happened. She knew those gangsters must have been taught a lesson by Jennie. Alia gnashed her teeth in anger.

Jennie stepped on one man's hand on the ground with her high heels and crushed it. That gangster

screamed in pain. Even Alia trembled a little, hearing that voice.

Jennie continued to talk, "You know what? In fact, I wanted to hit you and Marian that day, but I didn't know where you two were hiding, so I vented my anger on Vanna. You'd better not show up in front of me, or I will beat you to death."

Alia, "..."

Jennie let go of the man's hand and coldly spoke to Alia, "You want to know who Tam's girlfriend is?"

"I'll give you a word of advice. Don't try to find it out. You can't afford to mess with her." Jennie said that and hung up the phone directly. Then she smashed the phone into the head of one gangster, turned around, and walked away, leaving that man crying painfully.

Jennie later looked into Aggie's background and surprisingly found out that she was Maynard's daughter.

Although Maynard had trouble walking smoothly, he had a successful career and make a fortune from his company.

Even Howard was no match for him. If Maynard knew Alia and Marian were plotting against his daughter, he would definitely teach them a lesson.

### **CHAPTER 617 FIGHT**

Being cursed and threatened by Jennie, Alia hung up the phone with an angry face.

Marian did not know this. She came over and asked her curiously, "How is it? Did they find out?"

"A piece of shit!" Alia scolded fiercely, then said, "Jennie said that Tam's girlfriend is not someone we can afford to mess with, and it sounds like she is from a rich family."

"From a rich family?" Marian was exasperated. This topic was now a sore spot for her.

Marian gritted her teeth and said, "Then tell them to continue to check. Check if there is any lady from a rich family in South City who is about the same age as Tam."

Thinking of her own situation, Marian hated Tam's girlfriend even more.

Why did everyone come from a wealthy family, except her?

Alia then called the detective agency and asked them to look into it.

Far away in the United States, Aggie was busy attending the large international academic conference and learning from it every day. It was a very rare opportunity, and everyone tried to take this chance to

enrich themselves.

The people HD Hospital sent abroad this time were basically about thirty years. These people would become the pillar of the HD Hospital in the future. Before the trip, Nick held a meeting and expressed his expectations of their future, so everyone was working hard to improve themselves and live up to Nick's expectations. They didn't have time to care about the domestic news.

It was Elyse who told Aggie that she became one of the trending topics.

Actually, it was "Tam's girlfriend" that became one of the trending topics.

That day, Aggie finally had time to have a video chat with Elyse. After learning the news of the past few days, she couldn't help but drink some water, "That's really unbelievable!"

Elyse nodded repeatedly, "Yes, we have been bombarded with all kinds of gossip for the past few days."

Aggie laughed softly. Tam forced her to call him whenever she was free, and this was her first call to Elyse since she came to America.

Aggie couldn't even refuse Tam's request, because he would send her a message every once in a while, reminding her that he missed her and wanted to see his face.

Because he knew that she was busy, Tam always reminded her with a message and waited for her to call.

In fact, there was nothing to talk about on the phone. She would just report to Tam what she did every day, and Tam talked about what he did. In the end, Tam would tell her how much he missed her. It was kind of weird. Originally Aggie was too busy to think about love, but hearing Tam's words about how he missed her, she also started to miss him a little.

Especially when she was organizing study materials late at night, his face always came to her mind.

Tam had never talked to her about this gossips, probably because he didn't want to distract her.

After hearing Elyse out, Aggie felt she was quite relieved because Vanna and Marian were both doomed now.

Now she would feel happy as long as Tam was happy.

Aggie asked Elyse about her relationship with Dante, and Elyse told her that she was frightened by Dante's identity.

Aggie was surprised, "You didn't know he had his own company?"

Aggie knew about this, and she thought Elyse also knew about it. She thought Dante had told Elyse about his identity when he started to chase her.

Elyse said in dejection, "I don't know. He never said about that."

Aggie was very sorry, "Sorry, I should have told you about it."

Then she added, "But I think he's very nice."

Elyse grunted, "Are you defending him?"

Aggie laughed, "I'm not defending him. I'm just telling the truth."

Elyse pouted. She didn't want to admit that Dante was a good person.

Aggie looked at her and said, "Elyse, actually... I want to tell you something. My family is also quite rich."

Elyse opened her mouth wide in shock. Aggie continued, "My father is Maynard Winn. You can search him online."

Elyse was stunned, "I, I know him!"

"He is the famous wheelchair president in South City!" Maynard had had trouble walking since a car accident, and he had been sitting in a wheelchair, so he was often known as the wheelchair president.

Although Maynard always kept a low profile, his image of sitting in a wheelchair was very recognizable, so even Elyse knew about Maynard.

Maynard's rehabilitation training was carried out at the HD Hospital, and Elyse could occasionally run into him.

"Well, it's him." Aggie nodded and admitted, then she jokingly said, "I was scared by your rejection of Dante. You won't reject me and stop being friends with me, right?"

Elyse quickly denied, "No, you two are different."

Love and friendship were two very different things.

But Elyse was really surprised, "Your father is actually Maynard! No wonder you can afford a house here."

Elyse only knew that Aggie's father was not very healthy and had trouble walking, but she never associated Aggie with Maynard.

In Elyse's eyes, Aggie was such a nice person. Although she might seem cold and indifferent at first look, Elyse found it easy to get along with Aggie. Aggie was kind and beautiful, totally different from the arrogant and domineering image of a rich lady in Elyse's imagination, like Marian.

"I only told you this secret. You have to keep it a secret for me." Aggie was used to keeping a low profile and was not willing to let others know that she was Maynard's daughter.

The reason why she told Elyse was that Elyse rejected Dante, so Aggie was a little worried that Elyse would also reject her.

Elyse nodded, "I will."

She knew about Aggie. If Aggie really wanted to show off her wealth, she would have told everyone she was from a rich family.

After finishing the call with Aggie, Elyse washed up, got dressed, and prepared to go out to work.

She was working the night shift today, from 12 p.m. to 8 a.m. tomorrow.

As soon as she went out, she saw Dante standing downstairs. Elyse heaved a long sigh in her heart.

In order to send her to work and pick her up from work, Dante also adjusted his schedule.

As a nurse, Elyse had to work at night sometimes. She could get a rest after a night shift, but Dante still had a lot of work to deal with in his company.

Since the last dinner with Tam, the relationship between Elyse and Dante was somehow eased.

Elyse didn't know how she felt exactly. Although she didn't reject him as much as before, she still kept a certain distance from him.

Now seeing him waiting downstairs in the middle of the night, Elyse was greatly moved.

She went over and whispered, "You don't have to send me to work in the future..."

Before she could finish her words, Dante suddenly stepped forward and held her tightly in his arms. Then he shouted coldly, "Come out!"

Elyse was scared by his roar and shivered, and then she saw a few people come out from behind the car not far away in the darkness.

Those few people looked like some fierce gangsters. It was obvious that they meant no good, and they even carried some weapons.

Two of them had sticks in hand, and another one was holding a shiny knife.

Elyse trembled and her face went pale.

She had never been in such a horrible situation in her life before.

Dante said before that he would escort her to and from work in order to prevent Marian from taking revenge. Elyse thought he was making a big deal about it. But now seeing those people, she realized that Marian and her mother really hated her so much and were really malicious.

Noticing her trembling, Dante hugged her tightly and comforted her, "Don't be afraid. They are no match for me."

The man said while shoving his car keys into her hand, "You know which car is mine, right? Run there and hide in it, and then lock the door."

Holding tightly the key in her hand, Elyse asked him with a trembling voice, "Be careful..."

In the end, Elyse couldn't help but cry. She was afraid that those gangsters would hurt Dante with that knife.

Although as a nurse, she was used to seeing blood and injuries, she couldn't bear to see those wounds on Dante's body.

Seeing her worried look, Dante lowered his head and gently kissed her on her forehead, "Do not worry. I can fight them alone. They are no match for me."

Elyse was really frightened and was completely unaware that she was kissed.

Those gangsters were approaching them, and one of them said arrogantly, "You're still making out right now? That's impressive!"

Then he looked at Elyse and said lustfully, "This nurse looks soft and tender. Maybe in bed..."

Before he could finish his dirty words, Dante pulled a long face and gave that man a roundhouse kick on his chest. That man was caught off guard; he was kicked away, fell to the ground, and fainted. That was such a strong kick!

Other people were startled by Dante's kick. Dante took this chance to push Elyse and tell her, "Leave now!"

Elyse then hurriedly ran to Dante's car with the key in her hand. She knew she would be of no help staying there, and maybe she would even distract Dante, so she rushed to the car at full speed, locked the door, and then and watched nervously the fight outside.

#### CHAPTER 618 BE MY GIRLFRIEND

The men didn't know Dante was so good at fighting, and they didn't know who Dante was.

They were just paid by Alia who told them to screw Elyse. They observed Elyse for several days and found that she was always escorted by this tall man, so they chose to attack in the middle of the night.

They did not expect this man to come to pick up and drop off her in the middle of the night, but they looked down upon Dante, thinking that he was just tall and stocky. But they had knives and sticks, so they were not afraid of him.

However, after Dante kicked their leader who then couldn't move a muscle, they instinctively cowered.

They looked at Dante in shock. How could this man be so powerful?

Several of them looked at each other for a few moments and then at the knives and sticks in their hands, gritted their teeth, closed their eyes, and swung hard at Dante.

In just a few seconds, a few of them who did not come back to their senses were severely beaten to the ground, with broken bones and ribs. Their faces were disfigured. In short, all of them were wailing on the ground and could not get up.

Dante slapped his hands, had a condescending attitude towards those people, and asked, "Did Alia send you?"

One of them covered his arm and nodded, "We don't know her full name, only that her last name is Moore, and she told us to screw the nurse..."

When it came to Elyse, Dante was once again gloomy, lifting his foot and kicking the man hard again, raging anger against Alia.

If Alia just looked for someone to scare Elyse, Dante wouldn't be so furious. However, Alia asked them to do such nasty things to Elyse, he would never let her go.

Since Alia liked having intercourse so much, then he would satisfy her.

She could go enjoy it with her spoiled daughter together.

He did not bother to pay attention to those people who were beaten on the ground but walked towards his car.

Elyse saw him coming and also hurriedly opened the car door and got out, ran over to him full of concern, "How are you? Are you hurt?"

Just now when she watched the fight, she was really worried. She covered her face to hide for a while

and when she opened her eyes, the few punks were beaten on the ground.

Dante held her in his long arms, comforting, "I'm fine."

Dealing with these people was a piece of cake for Dante. Even if they had knives and sticks, he didn't give a damn.

He was trained in martial arts from childhood and learned many skills from various sects. He had been a bodyguard for many important figures. How was it possible that a few punks could hurt him?

Elyse was still uneasy after she heard him say that he was fine. She pushed him away to check him up carefully. She was relieved to check with her instinct of being a nurse that he wasn't hurt at all. But she did not know that Dante was physically aroused after being touched by her.

Of course, he could only hold back.

He asked her harshly, "Are you still in the mood to go to work? Why don't you take a leave of absence?"

Elyse nodded, "I'll call our head nurse."

Elyse was scared and now her legs were limp. She was too uneasy to go to work and take care of a patient because now a man with a knife in his hand was haunting her every waking moment.

The head nurse said she was not short of hands tonight, and after hearing that Elyse had been frightened by the mugger, she urged Elyse to rest and not have to go to work.

Elyse was accompanied by Dante to go home slowly. After a few steps, Dante suddenly bent down and carried her in his arms. She exclaimed in shock and blushed, "You, what are you doing?"

He suddenly carried her in his arms, and they got suddenly very close. Both of them looked at each other clearly.

Elyse who had fair skin blushed instantly.

Dante literally blushed too, but he was dark-skinned. It was almost invisibly.

"I, I see you are scared, so I carry you back." Dante stammered, then hugged her and walked quickly.

He couldn't keep staring at her like that. Dante wouldn't be able to control himself if he kept staring at her.

After entering the elevator Dante put Elyse down, who then whispered to thank him and blushed, remaining quiet.

Elyse's roommate was working the night shift, so Dante and Elyse were left in the small apartment.

After entering the house, Dante asked Elyse to sit and calm down, while he went to get Elyse a glass of water.

Elyse took off the down jacket and felt a cold chill on her back because she broke out in a cold sweat.

When she saw Dante pouring water for herself, she felt very sorry for him.

This was obviously her home, but he who had fought with the scoundrel had to take care of her. He should be resting now...

Dante poured water and handed it to her, saying apologetically, "I'm sorry, it's all my fault. If I hadn't said you were my girlfriend in public that day, they wouldn't have laid hands on you."

Dante felt guilty. Even though he saved her tonight, what if Alia and Marian made trouble again?

Elyse shook his head, "You don't have to feel guilty. You were saying that to protect me and keep me from getting in trouble with Marian."

The last time she accidentally bumped into Marian, if Dante hadn't stepped in and said she was his girlfriend, Marian wouldn't have let it go and might have humiliated her.

All the things had nothing to do with Dante. It was she who was unlucky and offended Marian.

Dante gritted his teeth, "President Finger and I will take care of them as soon as possible. Why don't you take the next few days off?"

Elyse shook her head, "No, there are two nurses in our department who are studying abroad with Aggie, and we are short of staff. I shouldn't ask for leave again."

Dante was so worried about her that he blurted out, "Or you can move in with me. It's more convenient for me to protect you."

Elyse was so shocked that her mouth opened in shock, staring at him for half a day and unable to say anything.

Move, move in with him?

Did he know what he was talking about?

He wanted her to move in with him when they had nothing to do with each other.

Elyse regained her consciousness and drank several mouthfuls of water. When she just put down the

glass of water, she was suddenly pushed down on the sofa behind her, and Dante's tall body was on top of her. Elyse's brain was blank and she only saw Dante in front of her say firmly, "Elyse, I can not stand it. I really like you. I'll be nice to you. Can you be my girlfriend?"

Elyse didn't even give him an answer and he already pressed her and kissed her forcefully.

Elyse felt she should have pushed him away, but she closed her eyes after he kissed her, and didn't push him away at all.

They both kissed for the first time. At first, they were impatient. Then they cared nothing and kissed each other by instinct.

Of course, Elyse at first was passive but then held his waist somewhen...

Later, Dante was the one who let her go first. If she didn't let her go, he was afraid he would lose control of himself. Dante didn't want to touch her when she hadn't accepted him completely.

Elyse, flushed as she was released, raised her hand and grabbed the pillow on the sofa, throwing it at the man's sturdy body.

"Shame on you! Elyse was ashamed and annoyed.

Dante grabbed her hand and pulled her easily into his arms.

"I really will be nice to you, I swear." After kissing her, Dante felt his heart melt. His tone became much softer.

"You can hit me, but I absolutely won't fight back. I promise I will never get physical with you." To make her trust himself, he even said this.

Elyse's heart was beating fast, especially as she felt hot when being held in his arms.

She struggled to distance herself from him, but he held her so hard that she could not break free. Her eyes were red with anger.

He said that he would never get physical with her, but she could not shake off his hands.

Seeing her red eyes, Dante held her face and asked, "What's wrong?"

What did he say wrong again?

Elyse, red-eyed, "You let go of me!"

Dante released her right now, and Elyse retreated to distance herself from him.

"I will think about it. Give me time." She whispered, looking away.

"Okay," Dante said.

She was kissed by him, so she would be his girlfriend sooner or later.

Dante wished there was more of it at the thought of the kiss, "You go and have a rest. I'm not going to leave tonight. Anyway, your roommate is not here. I'll make do with it on the sofa."

Although she was fine now, he still felt worried if she would stay alone.

Elyse was really scared. She would set her mind at rest if her roommate was there, so she was okay with Dante staying here.

However, she glanced at his long, slender legs and then at the tiny couch, offering, "You can go sleep in my bed and I'll sleep on the couch."

He was tall and must feel uncomfortable with sleeping on this sofa.

Dante chuckled, "It's okay. I've slept on smaller couches than this when I was not living in luxury."

Not to mention the sofa, he had even slept on the floor.

He was hardy, but he hated to let her suffer.

Elyse didn't say anything else when she saw he insisted on this, so she went back to the bedroom and took a quilt of her own to him. It was late after all, so they slept in the bedroom and couch respectively.

Elyse tossed and turned. Dante did not sleep at first and savored the moment of that kiss.

CHAPTER 619 BE IN A RELATIONSHIP

Dante who was controlling his lust could not help wishing to do it rough when he could touch Elyse.

But then he couldn't help but take it into consideration that Elyse was slim with a slender waist, so if he really did it rough, she would not be able to withstand it.

The last thing Dante thought was that Elyse hadn't even agreed to be with him. But he was thinking so much about it, and in the end, he was the one bearing the sheer torture.

He did not dwell on it and went to sleep.

The next day, Dante was greeted by the doorbell.

The next morning Dante was woken up by the doorbell. He went over and opened the door, seeing two middle-aged men and women standing outside the door, about 50 years old. The man was elegant and the woman was gentle.

The most important thing was that the gentleman looked very familiar.

Dante's heart did a complete somersault. The woman took a step back to look at the door number above her head, and turned to the man and said, "I can't go wrong. The door number is right. It's indeed where our daughter lived. How come the door is opened by a man?"

Then she turned to Dante and asked, "Who are you? Does Elyse live here?"

The gentleman rolled his eyes at the woman before his eyes fell on Dante who was standing in front of the door, half a head taller than that gentleman. He looked at Dante up and down with discerning eyes.

He was sure that his daughter lived here. A man came out from this house, so this man must be his daughter's boyfriend, or it could be her roommate's boyfriend.

But he hoped from the bottom of his heart that this was Elyse's boyfriend. Because he was very satisfied with this man's tall and sturdy figure. He felt very secure, thinking that this man was able to protect his daughter.

Dante suppressed the nervousness in his heart and answered calmly, "Yes, she lives here, please come in."

He had already guessed who they were. They were Elyse's parents.

He was confused. He did not think Elyse's parents would visit in the morning on the day he stayed overnight at Elyse's.

The worst part was that he had no relationship with Elyse. She hadn't even agreed to go out with him, and yet her parents had caught them staying overnight together...

Dante walked sideways to let Elyse's parents in while his mind was scrabbling for how he should respond. He didn't know how Elyse would explain to her parents when she woke up, but he felt he needed to convince her parents that he was her boyfriend.

This way, her parents might help him to win her heart if they knew they were so close.

Whether her parents liked him or not, it was better for him to do this anyway.

After entering the door, Dante welcomed Elyse's parents to the couch and took away the quilt off the couch. He was discouraged.

He thought he could convince them that there was a certain chemistry between Elyse and him, but the quilt on the sofa went back on him. He spent the night on the sofa and did not sleep with their daughter.

Mr.Cottrell glanced at Dante keenly, and then glanced at the quilt in his hands without speaking.

On the contrary, the woman, sitting down on the sofa, asked Dante uncomprehendingly, "Excuse me, who are you...?"

Dante made up his mind, "I am..."

He was just about to shamelessly tell her that he was Elyse's boyfriend when he saw the bedroom door open and Elyse came out of it, bleary-eyed.

While yawning, he asked, "What's all the noise?

Dante, "..."

He was speechless.

He was just about to pretend to be her boyfriend when she came out and interrupted him.

But he didn't say anything. He raced into the bedroom and put his quilt on Elyse's bed. Then he heard Elyse screaming outside, "Ahhh."

He rushed out and held Elyse in his arms, asking with concern, "What's wrong?"

The intimate hug had given it all away.

The woman on the couch instantly jumped up from the couch as well, screaming along with her, "Ahhh, Elyse, I can't believe you're living with a man!"

Dante's head was about to explode, and the svelte man on the couch also looked like he was vexed.

Elyse was calm for a few moments when the woman shouted, pushed away Dante who was hugging her, rushed over and pulled the woman, and said, "Mom, what are you doing here?"

Elyse just opened her eyes, saw her parents sitting on the sofa, who gave her a nasty shock, and screamed in panic.

Her parents were obviously at home in the next city, but why did they suddenly come here so early in the morning?

She thought she was hallucinating!

The gentleman got up, pulled the mother and Elyse who were shocked away, and calmly explained, "Your mother had a dream last night that you were being chased and killed and covered in blood, and she couldn't get through to you on the phone. She was so worried. I drove her here early in the morning."

It took about two hours to drive from the next city to Leon on the highway.

Elyse, "..."

Were she and her mother birds of a feather?

Last night, she was almost killed by someone, and her mother dreamed about it?

Without waiting for Elyse to say anything, the gentleman looked her up and down again and asked, "Are you okay? Have you had any bad things happen recently?"

"No, no, I'm fine." Elyse quickly shook her head, "Look at me, I'm fine. Nothing happened."

Elyse didn't want her parents to know what happened last night at all. She didn't want them to worry about her.

The refined man was relieved, while her mother, Ms. Garcia, just came back to her senses after being taken back by Dante holding her own daughter. She even forgot that she had come all the way to see her daughter because she was worried about her. Her attention had been drawn to Dante.

She grabbed Elyse, "When did you fall in love? How come you never told us about it? And you've lived together."

When it came to this, Elyse had a breakdown instantly.

"No, no. He's not my boyfriend, he's..." Elyse was at a loss for words. Dante was not her boyfriend, but her parents would have misunderstood when he showed up at her house in the morning.

Ms. Garcia obviously didn't believe her, "You've been sleeping together but you said he's not your boyfriend? He hugged you so tightly."

Elyse wanted to cry, "We didn't sleep together. He slept on the couch. I had some business last night so he stayed with me."

Then she added, "You must have seen it when you came in. There was a quilt on the couch."

Elyse finally found some evidence that Dante was sleeping on the couch.

However, her father said, "Elyse, you don't have to cover up. I know you were afraid that your mother

and I would scold you for living with a man, so you deliberately let him open the door after throwing a quilt on the couch, creating the illusion that you were not sleeping together. That way you made us think you weren't having a relationship, right?"

Elyse, "..."

Damn, what nonsense her dad was talking about?

Dante next to him, "..."

This reasoning of the future father-in-law was simply too perfect. He was so cute.

Ms. Garcia couldn't keep up with it. She instinctively stood next to her own husband, indicating that she was sided with him, and then said to Elyse, stone-faced, "Your father is right. You do not need to cover up. We are not old fogey. You can go out with a man or sleep with him. Remember to take precautions."

Elyse, "..."

She stomped and then squatted on the ground, while crying, "How did my dad get into medical school with his logical thinking back then? You cheated, right?"

How could he reason so? It was obvious that Dante was sleeping on the couch, so how could he reason that they slept together?

Besides, did they want her to have a relationship with Dante? Were they not afraid that Dante would abuse their daughter with his physique?

Her parents were so careless.

The gentleman was upset when she accused him of cheating, "It's because of the excellent logical ability that I got into medical school!"

Dante felt that he simply experienced a journey from hell to heaven. He originally thought that Elyse's parents would reject him, but he didn't expect that they were quite happy with him from what they said.

Looking at her family making a fuss, he held back his laughter, but finally, he couldn't help letting out a giggle, then bent down and pulled up Elyse who was squatting on the ground and crying, "Alright, don't be angry. Let's clarify with them seriously to explain our relationship."

Elyse heard him say so and finally felt better. She raised her hand to wipe the tears thinking that she really needed to explain it properly. They obviously had nothing to do with each other. Even though they kissed last night, she didn't agree to be his girlfriend.

They stood side by side and Dante formally introduced himself to the gentleman and woman, "Mr. Cottrell, Mrs. Cottrell, hello, my name is Dante. I'm Elyse's boyfriend, nice to meet you."

Elyse jumped up in anger and turned to yell at him, "Dante, what are you talking about! Who said you were my boyfriend!"

Elyse was furious. He said he wanted to explain their relationship, and she thought he would clarify it. But he said he was her boyfriend. Could it still be explained clearly?

Dante was so cheeky, "We have kissed, but you still do not recognize our relationship."

Since her parents were very pleased with him, he must assert emphatically that he was her boyfriend. With the help of her parents, he was not worried that she would refuse to be his girlfriend.

Elyse's eyes went black and she almost passed out from anger.

In the end, she grabbed Dante's arm and bit it hard.

The gentleman's face darkened all of a sudden, "Elyse, what are you doing? How can you abuse Dante?"

Elyse thought she misheard. What did her father say? Did he really say she had abused Dante?

### **CHAPTER 620 PROMISE HIM**

Dante raised his hand and stroked Elyse's back, comforting, "That's all. Don't be angry. Your parents came all the way here. You talk to them."

Elyse looked at her parents plaintively. Did they lose their mind? She didn't even want to talk to them.

But she still went over and pulled them to sit down, "Well, well, you came all the way here. Let's talk about something else."

Dante thoughtfully said aside, "Setting off early in the morning, you must not have eaten breakfast. I'll go downstairs to buy some."

Dante would like to cook something herself to impress them, but now it was clear that time was off. Elyse had very few ingredients here, and he couldn't make any delicious breakfast. So he decided he'd better go down and buy for them. There would be plenty of opportunities to impress her parents later anyway.

And he also felt the need to leave space for them to talk it over, especially about him who was her boyfriend.

After Dante left, her family was left alone in the living room. Elyse went to pour a glass of warm water

for her parents and then said, dejected, "Thank you for coming all the way here to see me. I'm fine, don't worry."

Although she was angry with them for misunderstanding her relationship with Dante, she was touched and warmed by their love and care for her.

Her parents loved her very much, otherwise, they wouldn't have made a personal trip to confirm her safety. They were so old and her dad got up early and drove two hours to see her...

Penny sighed, "I dreamed last night you were hacked with a knife, covered in blood lying on the ground. Your father and I were trying to save you, but you refused to answer, which scared me awake."

Penny said and her eyes were red, but then glanced at Elyse, "Now that you're fine and even can yell and bite, I am relieved."

And she asked Elyse, "What is going on with you and that young man? I can tell right away that he likes you."

His eyes gave him away. He was into her.

Elyse rolled her eyes, "He's not young but old."

Penny glanced at her husband and asked Elyse tentatively, "How old is he then?"

"Forty." Elyse made up an age, but she actually didn't know how old Dante was.

She deliberately said Dante was old to discredit him.

Penny could not sit still and moved her body. Forty seemed a bit old. Elyse was only twenty-five or twenty-six years old and gorgeous.

Mr. Cottrell coughed and said, "Older people know how to love you dearly."

He was satisfied with Dante. In other families, the mother-in-law became more satisfied with her son-in-law, while in Elyse's family, the father-in-law was satisfied with his son-in-law.

Elyse was shocked by her own father's remarks. If her dad kept this up, she would be going to fabricate that Dante was divorced.

But she was also curious. What did he like about Dante?

It was said that fathers were very picky about their sons-in-law. But why was it not the case with her?

So she asked her father, "What do you like about Dante?" Mr. Cottrell had just met him.

Mr. Cottrell said seriously, "He is very sturdy, loyal, and honest. I think he can protect you very well."

Elyse was speechless. She did not think her father would take a fancy to Dante's physique. She hated his physique at the beginning, okay?

So she protested with discontent, "Don't you think he's so big and scary? If he abuses me after a quarrel, I will be instantly smashed!"

Elyse said while making a fierce face.

Mr. Cottrell gave her a look, "Are you sure it will be him who abuses you? I just clearly saw you bite him."

Elyse, "..."

She slumped back into the couch helplessly, "Stop here."

Penny yanked her up, "What sort of attitude is that? We came and met him and got to know him. We'll learn more if you tell us more, won't you?"

Elyse sneered, "I don't think you need to know about him. You're already happy with him, aren't you?"

Elyse didn't even want to explain her relationship with Dante. They wouldn't believe her if she did anyway.

She also did not want to say anything more. If they learned that Dante was good at cooking and fighting, they would immediately marry her to him.

Dante returned in a few minutes with a sumptuous breakfast, and they sat down at the table to eat.

During the meal, Elyse's parents asked Dante everything about him. Since their daughter wouldn't tell them, they just asked him themselves.

Dante answered truthfully whatever Mr. and Mrs. Cottrell asked, and showed more details sometimes to make a favorable impression on them.

So after breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Cottrell figured everything out Mr. Cottrell was even more pleased with Dante, especially when he knew how far he had come from nothing. As Elyse thought, they almost took her by the hand and married her to Dante.

He patted Dante's shoulder and praised him, "Good boy, good boy!"

Ms. Garcia was also needling Elyse, "Dante is only thirty-four, but why do you say he's forty?"

Penny was most concerned about his age issue and was satisfied with Dante after personally confirming with him that he was thirty-four years old.

Elyse rolled her eyes, not bothering to talk to Penny.

Penny was unhappy, "Girls better not roll their eyes, which is too inelegant."

Elyse, "..."

Penny spoke disgustedly to Dante, "Dante, you can discipline her more. She doesn't listen to her father and me. When we say something she resents, she rolls her eyes."

Elyse wanted to get up and leave, but suddenly Dante held her hand, looking at her so tenderly, "It's okay, I think she's cute."

Elyse shivered, feeling nauseating.

But she somehow felt soothed. The reason was that she could really feel from Dante's eyes that he truly thought she was cute and liked her from the bottom of his heart.

Elyse felt she couldn't resist any longer. Even her parents approved of him, so how could she resist?

When her parents left later, she would agree to be his girlfriend.

Anyway, everyone around her now knew that they were in a relationship, so why not just go out with him?