## **Timeless Love 151**

## **CHAPTER 151 HAVE A WARM-UP FUNCTION**

Cynthoo ontorod tho bodroom onsodo woth Hothowoy, ond thon sho locked the door ommodootoly, soveng Corl from comong on to dosturb thom ogoon.

Hothowoy wotchod Cynthoo's bohovoor ond only folt hoppy. Why dod sho fool that the rolotoonshop between her rool peronts seemed even more choldesh than that between young mon loke her ond Loon?

os soon os Cynthoo lockod tho door ond turnod bock, sho sow Hothowoy's smolong foco ond hod to oxploon, "Ho just knows how to moko thongs worso."

Hothowoy noddod, "o con toll thot."

of Cynthoo dodn't lock tho door, Corl would cortoonly como on woth hor. ond lotor whon Cynthoo wos tolkong ond cryong, Corl would hold hor ond coox hor ogoon. Hothowoy wos ofrood that sho wouldn't bo oblo to fonosh hoorong obout thoor post untol dork. So, wosn't that o bod thong?

Cynthoo lookod ot Hothowoy woth omusomont, "You'ro just loko hom. You'ro oll noturolly ongogo woth pooplo. You two hovo just mot todoy, but ho's not ot oll uncomfortable. So oro you, and you'ro stoll ployong o joko on hom."

ovon though Hothowoy hod olroody sood that sho dodn't blomo thom, Cynthoo stoll folt o lottlo norvous whon gottong olong woth Hothowoy todoy, but thoro was obsolutoly nothong uncomfortable botwoon tham fother and doughtor.

Hothowoy sprood hor honds. Sho dodn't know why, moybo thoy hod o worm-up function on thoor bonos.

Bocouso of Hothowoy's oosy-goong porsonoloty, Cynthoo's mood slowly roloxod. Tho mothor ond doughtor sot on the corner of the bodroom on the sofe cheer, os Cynthoo teld Hothowoy, but by bot, obout her post woth Corl, and her entenglement woth edolone and Morlen.

Cynthoo, olso known os ovolyn, mot Morlon on collogo. Whon Cynthoo just ontorod tho froshmon yoor, Morlon wos olroody o junoor. Ho wos hondsomo ond gontlo, ond hos good fomoly bockground ond cultovotoon modo hom moro ologont thon othor boys of tho somo ogo. ovolyn wos onovotobly ottroctod by hom os woll.

Lotor tho two got togothor, and much lotor, they oncountered obstruct by the old Dovos.

ot that tomo, odolono, who had the suoted femoly background os Morlon, has olroedy been oround Morlon for a long tomo, just Morlon dod not loke her.

Woth oll sorts of sowdossonsoon by odolono and the obstructoon from the old Dovos, Morlon gove up the relationshop weth every often they had been together for two years, and often graduated from uneversety, he morrood adolone following the old Dovos' errongement. Not long often that, adolone got prognant and gove borth to Loon, olthough every frustrated and sod, she stell slowly pulled horself out of that relationshop.

Morlon's onoctoon olso modo hor thoroughly dosoppoonted on hom. ofter they broke up, evelyn contenued to stey on South cety and else looked for a suetable job, entendeng to stort a normal, now lofe. But Morlon stell colled hor when he get drunk several tomos, making her so enneyed.

os for Corl, ho wos somoono ovolyn mot on socoolozong. ovolyn wos complotoly dostoncong horsolf from choroctors loko Corl. Howovor, tho mon wos complotoly ottroctod to hor. ovolyn dodn't know whot ho lokod hor obout, and thon Corl stortod pursuong hor crozoly.

Lotor on, sho was fromod by adolono, who sont har to Corl's bod. although he know sho was unwallong to do so, he stall touched har. Sho was so angry that sho flad ammodaatoly ofter govong borth to Hothoway.

To be more process, she went onto hodong ofter she reelected she was prognent because she was tern between keeping or getteng red of the chold, so she messed the best opportunity to do the oborteen.

obout thoso post ovonts, ovolyn couldn't dony that oxcopt for the voolont soozure of her vergenety, Corl was roolly noce to her of ony other teme, never welling to let her cry or let her suffer ony groovences. of not for hom forcebly sloopeng weth her, perhaps she would be touched by hom some tome. However-

Yot lofo could not stort ovor ond tomo could not bo turnod bock.

They had already reached thes poont between them, and there was no turning back.

oftor Hothowoy lostonod to whot Cynthoo sood obout the post, her entered person froze there.

Sho fonolly undorstood why odolono hod such o horrofood oxprossoon whon sho forst sow hor tho noght Bollo porformod, and why the old Dovos osked her of sho know evelyn when he forst sow her, os well os Morlon's expressoon when he sow hor...

ot turnod out that thoro was such a love-hoto antonglomont botwoon thom the provocus generation.

ot's just that what adolono dod was too dospocoblo.

Sho ruonod Cynthoo's lofo ond cousod Hothowoy to bo born wothout hor rool poronts by hor sodo. of Poul hodn't kondly odoptod hor, of the porents who edopted her hodn't been os leveng os Poul end hos wefe, Hothowoy wouldn't know what she would be loke now. She moght be desployed and useless, moybe even pleanly leveng her lofe to morry end hove choldren.

Cynthoo took tho onotootovo to soy, "Tho grudgo botwoon odolono ond mo, o don't wont to toko ot out on hor son Loon, but just bocouso o don't toko ot out on hom doosn't moon thot odolono doosn't toko ot out on you oothor, so you ond Loon..."

Cynthoo dodn't fonosh hor words ond Hothowoy olroody know whot sho wos goong to soy. Sho would novor bo poocoful or hoppy woth Loon bocouso odolono would koop tossong hor oround.

Sho was alroady dosloked by adolono of sho wasn't the doughter of Cynthoo, but now that sho had become the doughter of adolono's revol Cynthoo, Hothowey was only afroad that adolone would loothe her to dooth.

Hothowoy droppod hor oyos to look of the woddeng rong on hor left rong fenger. Yos, Cynthoo wos roght. Cynthoo could be megnenemous end occept Leon colmly, but edelene couldn't moke et.

Thonkong of oll thos, Hothowoy's lops curled up on a solf-doprocotong smole, then unrestroenedly lefted her roght hand and retroeted that rong just loke that.

Cynthoo olroody undorstood hor docosoon. Hor tono wos hoortbrookong, "Hothoo, o truly wont you to bo hoppy. os long os you con lovo o hoppy lofo, o con occopt Loon no mottor whot."

Hothowoy lofted her eyes to Cynthoo when she smoled, "octuelly, o'm elroody tored of thes releteenshop. We will the post of you guys, o else went to end et."

olthough Loon hod novor hurt hor, Hothowoy stoll folt that moontoonong thos rolotoonshop woth Loon was too torong.

Now that sho know what adolono had dono to Cynthoo, sho truly couldn't accopt contanuong to be woth Loon because, whonever sho thought of adolono, Hothoway folt ancomporably desgusted.

Fonolly mokong thos docosoon, Hothowoy olso folt much moro roloxod, "o'll tolk to Loon obout thos lotor. You don't hovo to fool too much romorso on your hoort."

Whon sho lost tho chold, Hothowoy olroody wonted to end of woth Loon. They were orogenelly envolved because of the chold on the forst place.

Now odolono's old grudgo woth Cynthoo wos tho lost strow thot ovorwholmod hor.

Cynthia entered the bedroom inside with Hathaway, and then she locked the door immediately, saving Carl from coming in to disturb them again.

Hathaway watched Cynthia's behavior and only felt happy. Why did she feel that the relationship between her real parents seemed even more childish than that between young men like her and Leon?

As soon as Cynthia locked the door and turned back, she saw Hathaway's smiling face and had to explain, "He just knows how to make things worse."

Hathaway nodded, "I can tell that."

If Cynthia didn't lock the door, Carl would certainly come in with her. And later when Cynthia was talking and crying, Carl would hold her and coax her again. Hathaway was afraid that she wouldn't be able to finish hearing about their past until dark. So, wasn't that a bad thing?

Cynthia looked at Hathaway with amusement, "You're just like him. You're all naturally engage with people. You two have just met today, but he's not at all uncomfortable. So are you, and you're still playing a joke on him."

Even though Hathaway had already said that she didn't blame them, Cynthia still felt a little nervous when getting along with Hathaway today, but there was absolutely nothing uncomfortable between them father and daughter.

Hathaway spread her hands. She didn't know why, maybe they had a warm-up function in their bones.

Because of Hathaway's easy-going personality, Cynthia's mood slowly relaxed. The mother and daughter sat in the corner of the bedroom in the sofa chair, as Cynthia told Hathaway, bit by bit, about her past with Carl, and her entanglement with Adeline and Merlin.

Cynthia, also known as Evelyn, met Merlin in college. When Cynthia just entered the freshman year, Merlin was already a junior. He was handsome and gentle, and his good family background and cultivation made him more elegant than other boys of the same age. Evelyn was inevitably attracted by him as well.

Later the two got together, and much later, they encountered obstruct by the old Davis.

At that time, Adeline, who had the suited family background as Merlin, has already been around Merlin for a long time, just Merlin did not like her.

With all sorts of sowdissension by Adeline and the obstruction from the old Davis, Merlin gave up the relationship with Evelyn after they had been together for two years. And after graduated from university, he married Adeline following the old Davis' arrangement. Not long after that, Adeline got pregnant and gave birth to Leon. Although Evelyn was very frustrated and sad, she still slowly pulled herself out of that relationship.

Merlin's inaction also made her thoroughly disappointed in him. After they broke up, Evelyn continued to stay in South city and also looked for a suitable job, intending to start a normal, new life. But Merlin still called her when he got drunk several times, making her so annoyed.

As for Carl, he was someone Evelyn met in socializing. Evelyn was completely distancing herself from

characters like Carl. However, the man was completely attracted to her. Evelyn didn't know what he liked her about, and then Carl started pursuing her crazily.

Later on, she was framed by Adeline, who sent her to Carl's bed. Although he knew she was unwilling to do so, he still touched her. She was so angry that she fled immediately after giving birth to Hathaway.

To be more precise, she went into hiding after she realized she was pregnant because she was torn between keeping or getting rid of the child, so she missed the best opportunity to do the abortion.

About those past events, Evelyn couldn't deny that except for the violent seizure of her virginity, Carl was really nice to her at any other time, never willing to let her cry or let her suffer any grievances. If not for him forcibly sleeping with her, perhaps she would be touched by him some time. However-

Yet life could not start over and time could not be turned back.

They had already reached this point between them, and there was no turning back.

After Hathaway listened to what Cynthia said about the past, her entire person froze there.

She finally understood why Adeline had such a horrified expression when she first saw her the night Bella performed, and why the old Davis asked her if she knew Evelyn when he first saw her, as well as Merlin's expression when he saw her...

It turned out that there was such a love-hate entanglement between them the previous generation.

It's just that what Adeline did was too despicable.

She ruined Cynthia's life and caused Hathaway to be born without her real parents by her side. If Paul hadn't kindly adopted her, if the parents who adopted her hadn't been as loving as Paul and his wife, Hathaway wouldn't know what she would be like now. She might be displaced and useless, maybe even plainly living her life to marry and have children.

Cynthia took the initiative to say, "The grudge between Adeline and me, I don't want to take it out on her son Leon, but just because I don't take it out on him doesn't mean that Adeline doesn't take it out on you either, so you and Leon..."

Cynthia didn't finish her words and Hathaway already knew what she was going to say. She would never be peaceful or happy with Leon because Adeline would keep tossing her around.

She was already disliked by Adeline if she wasn't the daughter of Cynthia, but now that she had become the daughter of Adeline's rival Cynthia, Hathaway was only afraid that Adeline would loathe her to death.

Hathaway dropped her eyes to look at the wedding ring on her left ring finger. Yes, Cynthia was right.

Cynthia could be magnanimous and accept Leon calmly, but Adeline couldn't make it.

Thinking of all this, Hathaway's lips curled up in a self-deprecating smile, then unrestrainedly lifted her right hand and retreated that ring just like that.

Cynthia already understood her decision. Her tone was heartbreaking, "Hathee, I truly want you to be happy. As long as you can live a happy life, I can accept Leon no matter what."

Hathaway lifted her eyes to Cynthia when she smiled, "Actually, I'm already tired of this relationship. Without the past of you guys, I also want to end it."

Although Leon had never hurt her, Hathaway still felt that maintaining this relationship with Leon was too tiring.

Now that she knew what Adeline had done to Cynthia, she truly couldn't accept continuing to be with Leon because, whenever she thought of Adeline, Hathaway felt incomparably disgusted.

Finally making this decision, Hathaway also felt much more relaxed, "I'll talk to Leon about this later. You don't have to feel too much remorse in your heart."

When she lost the child, Hathaway already wanted to end it with Leon. They were originally involved because of the child in the first place.

Now Adeline's old grudge with Cynthia was the last straw that overwhelmed her.

#### CHAPTER 152 LET HER BE REALLY MAD

After finished talking to Hathaway, Cynthia went forward to open the door and Carl came in and asked Hathaway, "I heard that Abby, the one who pushed you downstairs, has been acting like she has mental problem lately?"

After knowing that Hathaway was his daughter, the first thing Carl did was to look into the matter of Hathaway losing her child.

Hathaway nodded, "Yes, because we're going to prosecute her, so she's pretending to be insane, trying to use mental abnormality to escape her responsibility for pushing me down the stairs."

Carl sneered, " If she is so fond of playing the fool, let her be really mad."

Hathaway coughed, "Isn't that inappropriate?"

Hathaway wanted to say that it was really quite scary for Carl to show his cold face like that. And because of Carl's previous identity position, Hathaway was afraid that Carl would do something bad.

Carl didn't mind, "What's inappropriate? I'm just fulfilling her."

Then Carl slammed Leon and the others with dissatisfaction, "Leon and the others are just too gentlemanly. Different methods should be used to treat different kinds of people. Don't they know that they should use inhumane methods to treat that kind of vicious woman? What's the point of going through a proper prosecution?"

Hathaway wordlessly looked to the side of Cynthia. While Carl didn't listen to her words, then he should certainly listen to Cynthia's words.

Cynthia didn't want Carl to do bad things more than Hathaway. She watched Carl and was about to speak when Carl burst into laughter towards her, speaking in a very modest tone, "Just relax. I won't do anything illegal. She said she is crazy, didn't she? Then she can just stay in the mental hospital. If you have a mental illness, of course, you should go to a mental hospital."

Hathaway silently gave Carl a compliment.

As long as entering a psychiatric hospital, Abby would be driven crazy even if she wasn't crazy by those who were really crazy, right?

And Carl's words also prevented those opposing words of Cynthia from speaking out. Although Cynthia had a good temper, she wasn't a saint. She naturally didn't want to let go of Abby who had caused Hathaway to lose her child. Originally, she was thinking of using legal means to punish Abby just like Leon and the others, but now that Carl had said so, Cynthia also felt that it was a good idea.

It was just the right medicine to solve the problem. There was nothing illegal about it.

Abby deserved to pay such a price for her insidiousness and viciousness, and this was the only way to make Abby break down and feel pain, right?

And when Abby was in pain, they would be relieved.

When Carl saw that Cynthia was also acquiesced to his method, he proudly curled his lips, and in the meantime, he raised his hand and hugged Cynthia over and kissed her, and that expression was as if he was asking Cynthia if he was great.

Hathaway, "..."

Although she was quite liberal, she was also really having some headaches with Carl kissing Cynthia in front of her like this. It should be known that although Paul and the deceased Mrs. Taylor were very close, they didn't go to such an extent, especially kissing in front of a child.

With Cynthia's shy character, it was natural that she was furious at this point, and raised her hand to push Carl out, "You should hurry up and go about your business. Hurry up and leave."

Rather, Carl enjoyed being pushed by Cynthia, looking back at Hathaway as he walked and said, "You rest and nurse your body. Leave the rest to me."

Hathaway somehow felt warm in her heart and nodded just like that.

Carl suddenly stopped his footsteps as if he had thought of something and said angrily, "Right, about that brat Leon, just kick him out. Someone like Adeline dared to look down on my daughter, and I still don't like his son!"

Hathaway touched her empty left ring finger and smiled at Carl.

This was good. There was also opposition on her side now. She got even with Leon.

After Carl left, Hathaway received another call from Leon. Her tone was as calm as ever. Before Leon said anything, she herself said first, "I'm here with Ms. Nelson. Meet with them."

Because she had just met up with Cynthia, Hathaway was still uncomfortable with calling them Mom and Dad for a while, so she still used a name like Ms. Nelson.

The reason why she took the initiative to speak about her situation was also that she knew that Leon must have called to ask about this matter regarding her biological parents, so she took the initiative to say so, saving him from having to ask and worry about anything.

Leon did call her for this stuff. After watching the news, Leon understood why Carl had such a patronizing attitude towards him that day. When his mother had humiliated Hathaway and refused to let her marry him, it was strange if Carl had given him a good face.

Leon was also shocked that Carl and Cynthia were Hathaway's biological parents, and he took a long time to digest the news.

Then he hurriedly called Hathaway, for he was worried about whether Hathaway could accept this fact, but hearing her tone just now was very calm and her emotions did not fluctuate, Leon was relieved and asked her at the same time, "Was it a pleasant meeting?"

Leon was now really worried about if there was anything else bad happening to Hathaway. She had already endured enough.

Hathaway truthfully confessed her real emotions, "It's quite good. They're all very nice to me, and I don't have any rejection towards them."

Leon paused for a moment and asked her again, "Then why did they in the first place-"

Leon wanted to ask Hathaway why they abandoned her in the first place, but he didn't feel like he could

say the word "abandon". It was a word that made him feel very sorry for her.

Leon's question made Hathaway freeze at this end of the phone. She didn't know how to tell Leon about what happened to Cynthia because it involved Adeline.

Regarding the despicable things that Adeline had done to Cynthia, Hathaway didn't think it was right for her to tell Leon, or else Adeline would think that she had deliberately provoked the relationship between the mother and son. It would be best if Adeline took the initiative to say it, or Leon should find out on his own.

Therefore, she perfunctorily laid on Leon at this end, "It's all so long ago. I don't want to pursue it. As long as they love me now, it's enough for me."

Carl, her biological father, had been completely unaware of his daughter's existence for the past twenty years, she simply couldn't pursue anything. As for Cynthia, Hathaway felt that there was no need to pursue or grudge her either, especially after knowing what happened to Cynthia.

She believed that none of them wanted to abandon her if they could.

Since Hathaway had already said so, Leon did not pursue any further questions and instead said, "Now that you are their daughter, no one dares to say anything about you in the future, so adjust your mood and take care of your body."

"Mm." Hathaway responded in this way, then asked him again, "Are you still coming over at night?"

If they met in the evening, Hathaway wanted to be honest with him about the breakup.

# **CHAPTER 153 INTERESTING PEOPLE**

Leon asked her back, "You want me to go over there?"

Hathaway choked up, not knowing how to answer his question.

It wasn't good to say she didn't want him to come, because she wanted him to come so that she could break up with him.

But if she said she wished he would come, it would look as if she missed him a lot.

In short, this question made it difficult for her to answer.

Leon couldn't wait for her to speak, so he had to take the initiative to ask, "This question is hard to answer?"

Hathaway didn't answer yet before Leon raised his tone, "Can't you just say that you wish I would go over there? Where was all your cheekiness when we first met?"

Hathaway got choked once again.

But what Leon said was also the truth. When they first met, she was really quite shameless. At that time, she was trying to get connected to him by sending herself in front of him, not to mention all sorts of provoking him. How come now she couldn't even say a word like she hoped he would come?

Hathaway smiled somewhat self-mockery. Those sweet words could be spoken freely in the past because her mental state was relaxed then, but now...

Hathaway continued silent, so Leon could only say himself, "I'll be over after work."

Leon then hung up the phone and threw himself into the chair and slowly closed his eyes.

The man's eyebrows were cold and deep, and every part of his face was fascinatingly handsome, but his mind was restless.

Hathaway was not the kind of person who could keep silent. On normal days, there was never a moment she could not say a word. It was her nature to talk incessantly like a chatterbox.

After half a dozen times, Leon reopened his eyes, his gaze slowly falling on the wedding ring on his left ring finger, and the emotions under his eyes kept sinking and sinking.

Hathaway had been staying with Cynthia since she ended the phone call with Leon. Considering that Hathaway's body had not yet recovered, Cynthia let her lie down on the bed while she sat down beside her. The mother and daughter chatted softly about how Cynthia had struggled all these years, and also about Hathaway's design studying abroad.

It seemed that Hathaway's design talent was all inherited from Cynthia. Cynthia was already very optimistic about Hathaway, and now that the relationship between them had been public, she took the initiative to invite Hathaway, "Come back to Hong Kong with me when you get well, and help me take care of the studio."

Hathaway was a little surprised, then shook her head, "That's not good. I don't have much fame. People will definitely not be convinced if I help you manage the studio."

It didn't occur to Cynthia that Hathaway would be so cautious and delicate in considering things at such a young age. She just wanted to give Hathaway everything because she loved Hathaway so much, so she added, "You're my daughter, you should inherit everything from me."

Hathaway laughed, "I would love to go to Hong Kong with you, but I want to start as a basic designer after I go there."

Once she broke up with Leon, she would leave here temporarily.

She had suffered too much criticism during this time, and even if she could turn over a new leaf now, she didn't want to stay here anymore.

She wouldn't leave South City forever. This place was, after all, the place where she had lived since she was a child and the place where she had deep feelings. And now that she had another father Carl when she went outside for some time and Leon's feeling for her had faded, she would come back to live again.

Cynthia gently grasped her hand, "Then it's all up to you."

She agreed with Hathaway's idea. If she wanted to convince others, if she wanted to go further on the path of design, starting from the bottom was the best path, but it was also the hardest and longest path. But Cynthia believed in Hathaway's ability, she also believed that Hathaway was the one who would persevere to the end.

Jessica also called Hathaway later on. She sounded very excited on that end, and came up with calling to Hathaway, "Call me sister-in-law."

Hathaway, "..."

Hathaway felt that between Albert and Jessica, Jessica's nature was more like Carl. Albert's personality was actually similar to that of Leon, not very interesting, but Jessica, who was lively and boisterous, had the characteristics of the Feyrer family.

Jessica then laughed, "I'm joking with you. You will not be frightened, right?"

Jessica was such a troublemaker. She didn't really want Hathaway to call her sister-in-law, she wasn't even as old as Hathaway, and she would probably be uncomfortable all over if Hathaway really wanted to call her sister-in-law.

However, Hathaway squarely and loudly shouted at that end, "Sister-in-law!"

Now it was Jessica who was speechless, and she started to beg for mercy at that end after half a dozen times, "Alright, count me in. Don't call me sister-in-law. It seemed like I'm thirty or forty years old."

Hathaway smiled back at her, "That's not okay, sister-in-law has ordered me to call her as a sister-in-law, then me, as a younger sister must call her sister-in-law, otherwise how disrespectful I am to my sister-in-law."

Hathaway said several sisters-in-law in a row, and Jessica was about to cry at that end, "Don't you call me sister-in-law, I'll call you big sister, okay? I'm wrong! Please stop it."

Jessica thought that she was quite capable of tossing people around, but she didn't think that Hathaway was as good as her, and she gave up in this game.

Hathaway couldn't stop laughing, and this was the happiest she had laughed in the past few days.

So, interesting people still had to communicate with equally interesting souls to be happy. An interesting person like her living with a boring person like Leon was nothing but boredom or boredom.

Jessica's tone suddenly became solemn again at that end, "Since you really are daddy's biological daughter, then can I ask you for one thing?"

With such a serious tone, Jessica made Hathaway think that she had something serious and important to ask her, so she also asked curtly, "What's wrong?"

Jessica was extremely serious on that end, "You take away the Feyrer Nightclub. You inherit it, and make Old Albert quit."

Hathaway, "..."

How could she not understand what Jessica was talking about?

How could anyone force someone to take over an estate from her husband? She and Jessica were only four years apart, and Hathaway has always thought that she understood Jessica, but now it seemed like there's a deep generation gap even if she was only four years older than Jessica.

Jessica sighed, "Hey, I really don't want him to be so busy all day. I want him to travel around the world with me."

Hathaway giggled, "Then I can only say I'm sorry. I don't have any idea of being a big sister. My dream is to be a designer."

Jessica acted coquettishly, "Can't you just take over for him? He's so busy all day at his age. How bad is it?!"

Hathaway teased her, "I don't know you love him so much. Are you so in love with him that you can't help yourself?"

"Bah bah bah!" Jessica instantly blew up, "Who loves him so much? I'm just protesting that he's too busy!"

Jessica hurriedly said she had something to do and hang up the phone after saying so for fear of Hathaway saying something else. Hathaway spread her hands. Jessica was clearly distressed for Albert to bear the heavy burden of managing the Feyrer Nightclub, but the little girl just refused to admit that she was worried about Albert.

**CHAPTER 154 CONSIDERATE DAUGHTER** 

Carl left to deal with the stuff of Abby. The man's power in South City could not be underestimated. He just simply ordered his heeler about the stuff, then Abby was successfully sent to the real mental hospital on account of her "mental disease".

The subordinates of Carl acted quickly and ruthlessly, so Abby's cries and screams were to no avail, and by the time Andrew was notified and arrived at the hospital, Abby had already been taken away.

Even if as calculating as he was, he didn't expect that Carl would come to such an end. Before that, Andrew had made all the preparations to handle the prosecution of Leon in this matter of Hathaway. But now-

Andrew gritted his teeth and squeezed his phone, staring at Abby's empty bed with his chest rising and falling violently.

Now he simply couldn't go and get Abby out of the mental hospital, because bringing her out would be like admitting that Abby was not mentally ill, then Abby would have to face prosecution by Leon for intentionally injuring someone, but if he didn't bring Abby out, Abby would really go crazy sooner or later if she stayed in a real mental hospital.

In short, no matter which measure he took now, Abby would not end up well.

Andrew finally turned around and left the hospital. He didn't want to care about Abby anymore. No matter which way she ended up, it was all her own fault. She had no brains at all. Was Leon the kind of person that could be easily provoked? How did she dare to push Hathaway downstairs? Not to mention the fact that Hathaway had lost the child, even if the child was still alive, Leon would not easily let go of Abby.

Moreover, the Feyrer family was also involved in the issue now. Andrew felt a headache as long as he thought of that family. He had met with Albert several times, and Albert seemed to have some good manners, but Carl was different. Carl's generation was fierce and hardworking, so it would be difficult for him to do anything when Carl also took part in it.

So Andrew didn't even want to care about Abby now. He couldn't manage it either.

There's also his mother, Barbara, who was making all kinds of trouble in the prison. It's good to accept her fate if she's already in there. If he had his way, he would have gotten her out long ago.

What she offended were Leon and the Jackson family. He had no idea why Nick was also involved in. The things of the Taylor family obviously had nothing to do with him, but Nick was giving pressure to his mother's case all the way.

Since no one knew about Ashley's being together with Nick, so Andrew only found Nick baffling.

Andrew was also tired.

He couldn't take care of his own affairs and still had to take care of Barbara and Abby.

Carl finished up dealing with Abby and returned back to the hotel contentedly.

After he opened the door for him, Carl took a look at Hathaway who was still there, and smilingly said to Cynthia, "Pack your luggage. You two come home with me."

Cynthia, "..."

Hathaway, "..."

Carl looked at the petrified mother and daughter, only felt his heart was soft beyond words. One was the woman he loved and the other was the adorable beautiful daughter. Although it had only been a short time since he had met them, they both made him love them to the bone. And he was willing to dig out his heart for the two of them.

Cynthia was a woman he had loved for half his life, and Hathaway, his daughter, the more he looked at her, the more also he loved her. So naturally, he wanted to bring both mother and daughter home.

Hathaway came back to her senses first and smiled at Carl, "I'm fine with you bringing Ms. Nelson home, but I'll skip it for now. After all, my father is still in hospital."

Hathaway wasn't that ungrateful. Paul was still in the hospital. How could she follow Carl to his home? Although she also quite liked Carl as her real father, she didn't think they were going to move to live together just after they first met. To the current her, the Taylor family was the place where she had lived for 24 years. That was her home.

Cynthia heard Hathaway ask Carl to bring her home, and she was so angry that she didn't know what to say. What kind of daughter she was! She treated her so well, but her daughter just pushed her towards Carl!

She glared at Hathaway then vented her discontent on Carl, "What's wrong with you? I'm not going back with you."

Carl raised his hand to come over and hug her, but it was dodged by Cynthia. Carl didn't care and instead continued, "It doesn't matter if my daughter doesn't come back with me, but you have to come back with me. Our daughter is standing in front of us, do you still want her to continue life without a complete home?"

Cynthia just opened her mouth trying to say something, when Carl suddenly changed into a face of guilt and self-recrimination, "We already owe our daughter so much, shouldn't we compensate her properly from now on? Giving her a full and warm home, giving her everything her own parents deserve is the best compensation we can give her!"

Hathaway looked at Carl speechlessly. It was a pity that her biological father wasn't an actor, but she also admired Carl for being so flexible in order to impress Cynthia.

As expected, it was easy to take advantage of Cynthia using this manner, because now Hathaway was her soft spot.

Carl continued to coax, "Don't worry. I don't live with Bert and Jess. We're the only two in my house."

Although Carl was a rather coarse person, his mind was extremely delicate when he was facing Cynthia. He was afraid that Cynthia would be a bit awkward getting along with Albert and the others, so he took the initiative to give Cynthia a reassurance pill. It was also true that Carl didn't live with Albert. Especially since Albert was with Jessica, it would be even more inconvenient for him as their father-in-law to live with them.

"If you guys live together, it will be more convenient for me to visit you then." Seeing that Carl was so cute, Hathaway took the initiative to help Carl out.

Cynthia was completely shaken. She might not listen to what others said, but she would definitely listen to Hathaway's words. She felt guilty about Hathaway so she took everything Hathaway said to heart.

Of course, it wasn't only because of Hathaway, but also because she was quite tired, and she knew that she couldn't escape after meeting Carl again.

Carl was very satisfied that Hathaway had helped him, and his eyes were full of appreciation towards Hathaway. Hathaway was really his daughter! The minds of the father and daughter were really connected.

In the past, Carl had only one son, Albert. He has always been extremely strict and harsh to Albert, and when Albert was young and rebellious, he had made a lot of troubles for him as well. But now he had a daughter who spoke for him, he really felt that his daughter was considerate. Thinking like this, Carl was discontented about his son Albert even more.

However, the daughter was not always that sweet.

When Cynthia had packed up her luggage and the three of them went out, Cynthia walked alone in the front because she was not in a good mood. Carl carried Cynthia's suitcase and Hathaway walked with him in the back.

Hathaway teased Carl in a low voice, "Can a strong twisted melon be sweet?"

Carl stared at the considerate daughter, unable to speak for a moment.

Where was her sweet little girl?

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Hathaway took a look at Carl's deflated expression and laughed in pleasure.

Carl then grinned back at her, "Didn't you also twist the melon yourself? You don't know it's sweet or bitter?"

This time it was Hathaway who got speechless.

Carl referred to her initial pestering of Leon, when Leon simply ignored her, so it could be considered that she forced herself on him.

Hathaway did not expect that her real father also reacted so quickly. It seemed that he not only had a strong and powerful appearance but also owned enough IQ.

Hathaway coughed lightly and then smiled at Carl, "It seems to be quite sweet."

It was indeed quite sweet. Apart from Leon initially treating her with cold faces and poisonous words, they all got along quite harmoniously and happily afterward.

Although she had suffered so much now, Leon had always treated her the same, had never hurt her nor given up on her.

Thinking of Leon, her heart was sweet.

Carl rolled his eyes at her, "That's it."

The implication was that he now felt that it was also sweet to force Cynthia to be with him like this.

After Carl said so, he stepped forward to chase after Cynthia, and Hathaway silently followed behind the two of them.

After knowing that Carl had missed her for so many years, Hathaway could understand the behavior of Carl, who was now surrounding Cynthia and never wanted to lose the person he had loved all his life. Children would be independent eventually to live their own life, only lover was to accompany you to the end.

If Carl was only hanging around his new daughter, it's not worthwhile for Cynthia to stay.

Focusing on Cynthia while concerning his daughter and helped her deal with someone as shameless as Abby, Hathaway felt that Carl's actions were reasonable.

Carl first drove Hathaway back to Taylor's house, then drove Cynthia away.

Cynthia actually missed Hathaway and wanted to take care of her personally by Hathaway's side.

Hathaway's body was so weak now that she really needed to recover properly.

Hathaway took the initiative to reassure her, "Don't worry, Nanny loves me very much and has been cooking me delicious food all day long since my accident."

Hathaway was sincere in what she said. She hadn't missed a variety of soups these past few days.

Cynthia felt a little more at ease, "That's good."

Cynthia now also didn't have a fixed residence in South City. Her own newly bought villa wasn't even decorated. She had been staying in a hotel before and it wasn't convenient for her to cook, so she could only wait until she was at Carl's place when she could personally cook for Hathaway.

After Carl and Cynthia left, Hathaway went home, still resting with nothing to do.

After Andrew made such a scene, she was kicked out of the Taylor Group, and Andrew took advantage of the situation to take over the throne, and there was no place for her in the Taylor Group anymore.

Hathaway thought mockingly to herself, never mind, she didn't like to be the boss of Taylor Group anyway. Now she could finally study designing from Cynthia.

It was just that Hathaway's life was destined to be not peaceful during this time.

While the topic of her being the daughter of Carl and Cynthia was already hot, another heavy news came out.

The most famous clothing factory in South City, Rose Group, had offered an olive branch at her, graciously inviting her to join the Rose Group as the chief designer, and Rose Group had sent out such an invitation with all the awards she had received when she was studying design in England, saving others from not recognizing her as a designer.

Why did this olive branch of employment offered by Rose Group cause such a big stir?

That's because South City was now the largest garment production base in China, and the local Rose Group has monopolized the garment production in the whole of South City. It could be said that almost every two or three pieces of clothes worn by people in South City were produced by the Rose Group. In recent years, many famous brands both at home and abroad have chosen Rose Group as their processing plant in China. The reputation of Rose Group was rising rapidly during these years.

One of the most delightful things about Rose Group was that the group was located in a small suburban town, but it was famous all over South City and even the whole country.

When such a company took the initiative to offer Hathaway an olive branch and invited her to be its chief designer, Hathaway's price instantly doubled, and it was because of this olive branch from Rose

Group that everyone knew that Hathaway was also talented in design.

Hathaway won a lot of awards when she was abroad, otherwise, she wouldn't have the courage to start her own design company. It wasn't that there weren't any famous fashion companies abroad who invited her, but she declined them because she felt that it would be more free and more right of speech when she worked for herself.

Now, the confirmation of her parents' identity and the olive branch offered by the Rose Group, have instantly reversed the situation Hathaway has gone through these few days, making her once again surpass many famous women in South City in terms of her background and work. With Carl and Cynthia behind her back, Bella's family background was nothing compared to Hathaway.

Those Bella's fans who had been teasing on Hathaway using the huge gap between their family background were instantly laid to rest.

Carl and Albert's name was not something they could afford to provoke, and the internet marketers who were paid to work for Bella also ceased all activities. They were only trying their best to frame and stomp on Hathaway for a little money, but now they felt that life was more important than money.

Hathaway stared at these top searches about herself on her application and was quite speechless.

These days she has really become the "famous" person in South City. She lost her child, was exposed as not the Taylor family's biological daughter, was kicked out of the Taylor Group, and now she was the daughter of the Feyrer family and a famous designer. TV screenwriters dared not write such a dramatic show, but she really experienced all of this.

However, what Hathaway wondered was that the fact that she used to be a designer was only told to Barry apart from her family after she returned to China, and all the awards or trophies she received were placed in her house's living room. How did people in Rose Group know about it? And how come there were even pictures of those trophies?

So, what's the relationship between Barry and Rose Group?

While wondering this way, she also called Barry and asked him directly. Barry smiled somewhat shyly on the other end of the phone, then answered her, "Rose Group is a company run by my mother..."

Hathaway, "..."

Her entire mouth opened into an O shape.

As far as Hathaway knew, Ms. Rosetta Lee, the owner of the Rose Group, only had one son, except that her only son had never been exposed so Hathaway had no idea that it was Barry. Rosetta's husband passed away when she was very young, and she managed to build up a garment factory by herself while raising her son alone, and has been honored many times as an excellent positive representative for

women in South City.

Now Barry said that Rosetta Lee was his mother, wouldn't that be the same as saying that Rose Group was his?

Rosetta Lee only had one son, Barry, and the entire Rose Group was naturally Barry's.

So, did she employ the successor of Rose Group to be her assistant for so many months?

No, an assistant plus bodyguard plus driver to be exact...

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Thinking about this, Hathaway sighed long and hard, "I'm sorry to Ms. Rosetta Lee..."

She really was. Such a son who was not only handsome but also sweet and tender, Rosetta must have treated Barry like a treasure, but Hathaway employed him as the assistant for a few months. Rosetta would have been heartbroken if she knew.

Barry giggled at that end, "You don't need to feel sorry for her. She should be thanking you instead."

Hathaway sighed, "Mr. White, you're not my assistant anymore. You don't have to be so sweet-mouthed."

After learning about Barry's identity, how did Hathaway still dare to call him Barry? She quickly changed to an appellation like Mr. White when she called him.

Barry was really amused by her "snobbishness", "What I said is true. If I hadn't worked by your side these days, I wouldn't have grown up so fast. We all want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to start at the bottom."

Barry continued to explain to Hathaway, "My mother wasn't pampered with me at all. I was thrown to a boarding school out of town a long time ago, and her principle of raising me was to fend for myself on my own."

"Because I used to be kidnapped and almost killed as a child, so she asked me to learn taekwondo for self-defense, and since then she stopped taking me out in public and seldom stayed together with me, trying not to let anyone know that I was her son. I studied incognito in a faraway country until I went to college, and it was only after college that I came back to be close to her, because, at this time, I'm already capable enough to protect myself. As a famous wealthy businesswoman in South City, I know her intentions, and only by doing so can she protect me when I'm not able to protect myself."

Barry said so much to Hathaway in one breath, and Hathaway understood this. Her heart had a lot more respect for Rosetta Lee, and of course, a little more heartache for Barry.

She never thought that the warm Barry had gone through such a cruel thing, but of course, she never thought that Barry had such an identity either.

Barry explained again, "These past few days, seeing you being attacked so badly, I wanted to help you so I let my mom do it. Of course, I didn't just help you. After you told me you were a designer, I searched many of your designs and also showed them to my mom. We unanimously felt that you had potential and were sincere in inviting you to work in Rose Group."

Barry laughed again after saying this, "But I think you definitely won't be coming to our firm. Ms. Nelson is your own mother, so you're naturally going with her."

"Barry, thank you for helping me so sincerely. I don't know what to say right now except thank you." Hathaway was very touched by what Barry had done for her. To say the least, she hadn't been working with Barry for long, just two or three months, but Barry had stepped up to the plate when she was at her most difficult time. Hathaway's eyes were wet at the thought, "If there's anything you need from me in the future, I'll definitely do my best."

She was no longer working at the Taylor Group, so Barry naturally wouldn't stay any longer, and their days working together might be up here, but the friendship they had built up in these few short months would never be broken.

And it was only natural that Hathaway would choose to work with Cynthia now, so the only thing she could do for Barry was to give Barry such a frank and sincere promise.

"Good." Barry's tone was full of pride, "You're now the daughter of the Feyrer family, the princess in South City. I can go to you if I have anything in trouble right then."

Hathaway giggled, "The princess in South City? Why do I feel like an alpha girl in particular?"

Barry replied to her, "It's not like, you are now!"

Carl's daughter, Albert's sister, she was the rightfully named alpha girl.

Barry thought about Hathaway's current identity and felt so satisfying. Those who tried to see Hathaway's jokes, tsk tsk, now they were going to be abused to death, right?

Barry then solemnly instructed Hathaway, "Although I told you my identity, my senior sister she doesn't know about it. You have to keep it a secret for me, cause I don't want to scare her."

If it wasn't for the fact that he needed to help Hathaway this time, Barry wouldn't tell outsiders his true identity anyway. For so many years he had been living a very low-key and simple ordinary life, all of which he had gotten used to. Unless one day his mother Rosetta Lee announced her complete retirement, he would never want to let anyone know his true identity.

Now he's tough enough not to be afraid of those who would try to harm his personal safety. He's afraid that... Jasmine would stay away from him once she knew his real identity. She had been repelling him originally. If he was exposed to be Rosetta's son, he might be able to be close to her in all his life.

Hathaway replied to Barry speechlessly, "Aren't you afraid that your identity will scare me?"

Barry smiled, "Your heart is much tougher than others. I know you can definitely digest it."

Hathaway was different from Jasmine, Hathaway grew up in the Taylor family and was considered the little daughter of the Taylor family, and now she was the daughter of Carl and Cynthia, so she didn't have that much discomfort and rejection of rich people's lives, but Jasmine was different. Jasmine was a girl from an ordinary family, so she would definitely have psychological pressure if she was with someone from such a family, like him.

He didn't want to put any distance between him and Jasmine, so he wanted to hide everything first and told her the truth when he had obtained Jasmine's heart and their relationship was stable enough one day. But in fact, there was nothing between them right now.

After the divorce, Jasmine has already closed her heart and poured all her enthusiasm into her career.

So, he didn't know when he would be able to be with Jasmine, but he could wait. He was still so young anyway.

"Don't worry, I'll keep it a secret for you." Hathaway could understand Barry's hardship, and she would definitely keep the secret for Barry properly because Barry trusted her so much.

After the call with Barry ended, Hathaway leaned against the bed and thought carefully about the time she had spent with Barry. It was no wonder that Barry wore a limited edition high-tailored suit during Cynthia's big show at that time, and the brat even said that he borrowed it from his friend.

But since Barry had never been someone who would lie in her mind, she chose to believe him at that time.

Luckily she didn't mistreat him when she was her assistant, otherwise, she wouldn't be able to make it to South City in the future. The identity of the only son of Rosetta wasn't easy to mess with.

# CHAPTER 157 LOSING THE RING

Leon came to Taylor's house as soon as he got off work in the evening and had dinner with the Taylors.

In the afternoon, he had another phone call with the people from the wedding planning company about his marriage proposal.

Leon thought that Hathaway's health was not well enough, so he didn't rush to make the proposal, but

the preparatory work still had to be carried out in advance. As a result, he kept in touch with the planning company for the past few days. After all, he wanted to make the proposal grander, so naturally, he could not be rash.

In fact, it was the first time in his life for someone with his personality to act in such a high-profile manner.

After dinner, Kenny had to go to the hospital to take care of Paul, while Ashley stayed home to rest. Paul was still in the intensive care unit. The doctor said that there were three days in danger. If the three days have passed peacefully, the situation would improve. But if not, they would have to prepare for the funeral things.

Hathaway really wanted to go to the hospital to accompany Paul, but Kenny and Ashley didn't allow it.

After all, her body was now also in recuperation after the miscarriage, and her spirit had suffered a series of blows, so she wasn't suitable for all kinds of back and forth.

As Kenny left for the hospital, he said to Hathaway solemnly, "You rest well at home, and if, if dad really can't make it through, I'll let you know. I won't let you miss his last face."

Kenny left after saying these words, and Hathaway's heart was heavy to the point of depression.

Ashley went upstairs after eating, taking the initiative to leave the space for Leon and Hathaway. It was obvious that both of them had something to say.

Leon opened his mouth first, his eyes staring complexly at Hathaway's empty ring finger on her left hand, asking in a heavy tone, "Where's the ring?"

He'd seen the ring missing from her hand when he walked in, and that was the same ring he'd helped her put on. At that time, his heart sank a bit, but it was good that he had a few points of reason under his belt to make it through to the end of dinner.

Hathaway was also originally going to tell Leon about breaking up with him, and since he had now taken the initiative to mention the ring, she took a look at the ring still securely on his left ring finger and raised her eyes to him and faintly said, "Leon, let's break up."

Leon refused without any hesitation, "I don't agree."

Hathaway was a little speechless. Why did he return so simply? Didn't he even think about it?

Curling her lips in a somewhat self-deprecating smile, she said, "You wouldn't want to get someone killed again, would you?"

Hathaway was referring to the fact that Paul was so disturbed by their affair that his life and death were

now unknown as well as Adeline who had been into the hospital several times in a row. If they continued to be together, Hathaway was afraid that they would piss Paul and Adeline off to death. Hathaway felt that it was too unworthy. What's the meaning of to kill a loved family for the sake of a relationship?

Leon stared at her with an unchanged face and said, "My mother's health was originally not good, and it's not all because of us that she went into the hospital frequently."

Although Leon's appearance remained unchanged, there were already a few waves of anger in his tone, as if Hathaway dared to say one more word of breaking up with him, he would be able to strangle her to death.

Hathaway fell silent due to Leon's words. Paul's health had actually been very poor before this, especially after Kenny and Ashley's successive accidents, he had also fainted once before this. Yet no matter how poor Paul and Adeline's health condition was before, it couldn't erase the fact that they had recently been admitted to the hospital because of her marriage to Leon.

And while Hathaway was silent, Leon took a step forward and grabbed her hand, once again coldly pressed, "Where is the ring?"

Because his emotions were a little out of control, the strength of Leon's squeeze on Hathaway's hand continued to increase, and Hathaway was hurt by his squeeze, answering him directly in a bad mood, "I took it off! What's the point of wearing a ring if I'm not even going to be with you!"

Leon's fury all erupted this time. The man's eyes were full of anger. He stared at her half a dozen times with a straight face, then dragged her hand and walked upstairs.

Hathaway struggled, "You let go of me! What are you doing!"

"Go find the ring and put it on you!" As Leon said this, he tugged on her and walked upstairs without letting her go. Hathaway couldn't struggle out and had to scold him angrily, "What are you mad about? Isn't marriage something that related to both people?! I don't want to marry you now! What right do you have to force me?"

The strength of Leon's grip on her hand increased, making Hathaway's flames of fury rising as well.

When the two of them went up to the second floor, Ashley heard the noise they made and came out, took a look at the picture of the two who were frozen and entangled, trying to ask them what was happening now, however, was prevented by a look from Leon.

Leon directly dragged Hathaway into her room, kicked the door shut, and pressed Hathaway against the door. Every word he said was like being dipped in ice, "Don't you want to marry me now? Who was the one who came up to me in the first place and shouted out that she was pregnant? Who asked me if I wanted to marry her in the first place? Now you're telling me you don't want to get married? I'm telling

you, Hathaway! No way!"

Leon didn't even give Hathaway a chance to speak, and made a domineering decision right away, "You have to get married no matter you want to get married this time, or not!"

Hathaway was also on fire, "Leon, are you crazy!"

As she said this, she raised her hand to beat off Leon's hand that was blocking her side, but he did not move at all.

Hathaway tilted her head to take a look at the ring on his hand and felt that it was really an eyesore, so she lost her mind and violently pulled his hand and rudely withdrew the ring on his left ring finger, then walked to the window and threw the ring down.

Below her room was the garden of the villa. The lush green lawn spread over the entire garden, and when something as tiny as the ring fell into it, it just disappeared without a trace in an instant.

"Hathaway!" Behind her came Leon's sky-shaking roar. Since knowing Leon, this was the first time Hathaway had experienced such anger from Leon.

She pursed her lips and then turned and looked at Leon a little more coldly. Then she stood at the window with her arms folded and said to him lightly, "The first time I approached you was for the benefit of the Taylor Group, and then I used the child to pinch you or for my own benefit. Now I think marrying you would do more harm than good. So naturally, I don't want to marry you now."

Hathaway attempted to use the most unpleasant words only to irritate Leon to push him to agree to break up with her.

Leon stood there with his hands hanging down and his jaw tightly tensed, as if this was the only way to calm him down, otherwise he was afraid he would go up and throw Hathaway out of the window.

And a trace of sorrow crossed his pair of deep and beautiful black eyes when he looked at Hathaway. And of course, there was also a touch of intense disappointment.

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Hathaway and Leon only looked at each other and then their eyes quickly parted. She spoke indifferently to expel him, "Go away. Let's not contact each other anymore."

They were separated by the grudges of the previous generation, especially when thinking about how Adeline had so sinisterly framed Cynthia, Hathaway didn't want to have any interaction with Leon anymore, and it was impossible for them to be together at all, wasn't it?

After Hathaway said such ugly and hurtful words, Leon still stood in the same place, staring at

Hathaway's fair face like that without saying a word. Hathaway was getting more and more guilty and annoyed with him when being stared at like that, and couldn't help but glare at him in annoyance and growl, "Will you hurry up and leave?"

What was the problem of this man? Shouldn't he the kind of person that couldn't stand this kind of grievance at all? She had already said she didn't love him, so shouldn't he be angry and ashamed to turn around and leave here and never wanted to see her again all his life?

Leon gazed at her and suddenly curled his lips and laughed lightly. Hathaway was pissed off by his sudden laughter and turned her head sharply to stare at him.

Leon took the opportunity to ask her back, "Are you sure you don't love me?"

Hathaway was momentarily forced into a bit of speechless by his words. Leon took a step forward and continued to press her, "Look into my eyes and say again that you don't love me."

Leon was already a man whose presence was overwhelming, when he behaved aggressively like this, Hathaway almost retreated with weak legs, but she held back her guilty conscience, standing there to meet Leon's eyes straight, saying cruelly, word by word, "I don't love you. I want to break up with you."

Every word and every sentence poked at Leon's heart cruelly.

It also poked at Hathaway's own heart.

Leon finally lost all his manners after she was once again so cruel to him and went forward to strangle her, squinting his eyes and saying viciously, "I once said to myself, if you dare to break up with me, I will strangle you."

Faced with such a threat from Leon, this time it was Hathaway who laughed out softly.

Even though it was somewhat difficult for her to speak after being constrained by Leon like this, she still insisted on saying, "Leon, how come I didn't even know that you were such a person who doesn't know how to let go?"

Leon leaned in close to her, with a few shamelessnesses in his eyebrows, "I just can't afford to let go, so what? I just force you to marry me, so what?"

Hathaway rolled her eyes, "Nothing, the worst that can happen is to appear that you have no manners."

The matter had come to a point where Hathaway completely disregarded whether or not she had a good and elegant image in front of Leon and rolled her eyes with no etiquette at all.

Now that he was shameless, what else did she need manner for?

Leon's mood then calmed down a bit, and after releasing her, he hung his eyes like that to tidy up his cufflinks, incidentally declaring as if nothing had happened, "I don't agree to break up. The wedding will be held as usual."

Hathaway gritted her teeth in anger. Leon swept her away, "There's no need to try to resist. You can't turn over my palm in South City."

Such an overbearing tone and posture of Leon really pissed Hathaway off and she was just about to jump to her feet to warn him. For the first time in her life, Hathaway almost blushed and roared, "Don't you forget, I'm now Carl's daughter!"

Hathaway has never been the type to bully people, but now Leon was really too bullying, so she angrily moved out Carl, the father she had just admitted today, to pressurize him.

Carl was the most powerful and fierce man in South City. She didn't believe that she couldn't suppress Leon's arrogance.

Leon once again swept a glance at her with full carelessness and responded with a cool tone, "So what if you are his daughter? Go ask Albert and Carl if they want to compete politely or fight simply. I'll accompany them no matter what."

The implication was, if they wanted to fight, he would accompany. If they wanted to seek other solutions, he would also accompany them, and she would just have to marry him anyway.

"Leon!" Hathaway was so angry that she didn't know what to say. She had made it so clear to him, but he still wanted to marry her.

What kind of man had she messed with? How come she had always thought he was a good man? She must say that he was really a scoundrel.

"You rest and take good care of yourself. I'll come back to see you tomorrow." Leon turned around and left after saying so calmly.

It was true that he had just been wounded senseless by her words, but his ability to control his emotions after being in a high position for so many years was also very strong, so he quickly calmed down after losing control and also quickly responded to Hathaway's proposed breakup, that was, no matter what she said, he would not agree to the breakup.

This way the person in a passive position was not him, but Hathaway herself.

Now it was true that Hathaway was so angry that she even used Carl to threaten him.

Hathaway gnashed her teeth as she stared at Leon's back which seemed to be influenced by nothing, wishing she could jump on him and scratch his face, but her body was too weak now, so Hathaway

considered the consequences of jumping on him and finally could only suppress the thought.

When Leon walked to the entrance of Hathaway's room, he paused in his steps, then turned around slowly and looked at Hathaway, who was fiercely abusing at his back. His sudden turning around made Hathaway feel embarrassed as well.

Leon asked Hathaway with a smile on his lips, "Very angry?"

Hathaway piqued and looked away to ignore him.

Leon said again, "I'm angry too."

Then he snapped back, fiercely embraced Hathaway into his arms before she could react, leaned over, and kissed her lips violently.

When he finally let go of Hathaway, only then did Leon feel the depression in his chest dissipate a bit.

Leon was in a good mood, but Hathaway was about to explode.

Raising her hand and pointing at the door of her room, she yelled at Leon, "You get out of here!"

What the hell was happening here now? She intended to break up with Leon but instead was taken advantage of.

This time, Leon left happily and didn't stay or make things difficult for her anymore.

After Leon left, Hathaway threw herself into the bed in anger. She really didn't know what to do now towards Leon's attitude.

Ashley then knocked on the door and came in, asking her with great concern, "Are you alright?"

Just now Leon's face was so serious that Ashley was frightened by him.

Hathaway sat up on the bed and angrily bit her teeth, "I broke up with him and he didn't agree!"

Hathaway then told Ashley about Adeline's grudge against Cynthia, after which she said to Ashley with great distress, "How can I still be with him after what his mother did? I have a knot in my heart as long as I think about it, not to mention that his mother still hates me so much."

No matter how stiff she was with Leon just now, she didn't tell him about Adeline's affair with Cynthia. Hathaway always adhered to the principle of not discussing this thing Adeline did behind his back. If Leon wanted to know, he should also hear it from Adeline personally, or he had noticed it himself.

CHAPTER 159 CARED A LOT ABOUT LEON, RIGH

Ashley was shocked by what Adeline had done, "How, how is Adeline such a person? She set your mother up like that, it's like ruining your mother's life!"

Before this, Ashley didn't know Adeline. Her impression of Adeline was only on the various decencies of an ordinary wife in a rich family. But at this time, in Ashley's opinion, Adeline's actions were simply as vicious as Barbara's.

Hathaway sighed, "So, how could I continue to be with Leon as if nothing had happened?"

"I can ignore those past events of Adeline, and Ms. Nelson has also said that she can leave it alone, but the problem is that Adeline won't let us live in peace anymore." Hathaway spread her hands as she said this. Considering the way Adeline acted, there was no open and upright to speak of. Even if she continued to be with Leon, Adeline would inevitably continue to make things difficult for them in the future.

Hathaway had a headache just thinking about this kind of life.

Ashley also had a headache for Hathaway. If Leon had happily agreed to break up, there was actually nothing to worry about, but the problem now was that Leon didn't agree to break up, and his attitude was still very tough.

"What are you going to do now?" Ashley asked Hathaway softly, and Hathaway shook her head, "I don't know..."

Originally, she thought that she would be relieved as long as she broke up with Leon, but she never thought that Leon would strongly disagree to break up with her. She had thrown the ring of him and also said something so terrible to him, but he still held on to be with her. So what could she do?

Ashley comforted her, "If you don't know what to do, then don't think about it for a while. Things will eventually sort themselves out. You should recuperate your body first."

Now to Hathaway, recuperating her body was the most important thing. Miscarriage was very harmful to a woman's health anyway.

After Ashley left her room, Hathaway gave Cynthia a call again, asking how her stay at Carl's place was going.

Cynthia said while gritting her teeth on the other end, "No good."

As soon as she went back with Carl, she was thrown into bed and slept by Carl, with no room for discussion, much less a chance to resist. This was not at all comfortable for a woman who had been physically and emotionally vacant for so many years, especially a middle-aged woman, and she resisted this kind of intimacy the entire time, yet Carl told her everything would be fine until she got used to it.

She had all the thoughts of leaving with her suitcase, yet Carl watched her firmly.

After her previous experience of escaping, how could Carl let her leave so easily this time? He hugged her after making love and coaxed her to be less annoyed.

At this moment, Hathaway just happened to call over, so Cynthia chucked Carl out and started to answer Hathaway's call.

Hathaway couldn't help but laugh when she heard Cynthia's words, "Did he bully you? I'll help you to criticize him."

In the past, when Mrs. Taylor was alive, she also often roast Paul with their children, and they would always help Mrs. Taylor to question Paul. It was normal that the husband and wife would quarrel when they had been together for a long time. Even if they were as loving as Paul and Mrs. Taylor, there were still times when they quarreled. But many times, the two couldn't talk to each other after quarreling because of embarrassment, and if the children acted as the intermediaries, it was easy for them to make up.

Hathaway knew what condition that Carl's relationship with Cynthia was, so she didn't have to think about it to know that the one who was bullied between them was Cynthia.

Because, Carl was too thick-skinned, and Cynthia was not as open-minded as Carl, so naturally, she was the one being bullied.

How could Cynthia open her mouth to tell Hathaway about how Carl was bullying her? So she changed the topic and asked Hathaway instead, "Did you meet with Leon?"

"Mm..." Hathaway softly responded, then told Cynthia the results of her talk with Leon, as well as the fact that she didn't say anything about what Adeline had done.

In the meantime, Cynthia frowned her brows over there, then asked in a low voice, "You chose not to tell him these things yourself because you didn't want him to be embarrassed in front of you, right?"

Being told by Hathaway's about the fucking awful things, for someone as proud as Leon, it was really an extremely hurtful display of pride, and her daughter was thinking about Leon like this only because she cared about Leon a lot, right?

Hathaway was biting her lip at that end as what's on her mind was totally spoken out by Cynthia's words.

Indeed, it was one thing for her not to say anything about Adeline, besides not wanting to be accused by Adeline of backstabbing her in the future, it was also one thing for her to leave a trace of face for Leon.

And since this was Hathaway's way of doing things, Cynthia couldn't say anything else and said to

Hathaway after half a silence at this end, "You come with me to Hong Kong. As long as you leave, he had no choice but to agree to break up."

It was just as well that she didn't want to continue to stay here with Carl, so it was better for them to leave together as mother and daughter.

Anyway, her career focus was now also all in Hong Kong. If she used the reason to go back to deal with work, then Carl certainly could not use any reason to stop her. Besides, Carl already knew her identity, so she would not disappear again this time. After all, this was the brand she had run for most of her life. She could not lose these again and disappeared directly.

"Okay..." Paul promised very quickly, "But wait one more day. I want to wait and see how my father is doing in the hospital."

Paul was still in the ICU, how could Hathaway just leave on her own. Whether Paul's condition was good or bad, she had to say goodbye to Paul.

Naturally, Cynthia also understood Paul's filial piety, so she also agreed to it.

After all, Paul was the one who had raised Hathaway since she was a child, and by all accounts, Paul's upbringing to Hathaway was much more generous than her and Carl, who had been very irresponsible in everything but giving Hathaway life, so Cynthia strongly agreed that Hathaway should be filial to Paul.

It didn't matter to her that even if Hathaway never called her and Carl "Mom and Dad", since she always thought Hathaway should never forget the Taylor couple's upbringing, and it didn't matter that in her heart she only recognize Mrs. Taylor and Paul as Mom and Dad.

Cynthia also wanted to personally say thank you, a very sincere thank you to Paul.

Thank him for bringing Hathaway home after she abandoned her, for giving Hathaway such a warm and loving father, for giving Hathaway a home, and for raising Hathaway with his family's love and kindness. Without Paul, she couldn't imagine what Hathaway would be like now.

After mother and daughter ended their call, Cynthia then went out to tell Carl about her decision with Hathaway, about them returning to Hong Kong.

When she thought that Carl would be annoyed, he ended up nodding his head approvingly, "Your career is in Hong Kong, so it's only right to go back."

But he followed that up with, "I'm also going with you guys."

Cynthia, "..."

**CHAPTER 160 RAISING A BIG RUMPUS** 

Cynthia stared at Carl, and she couldn't say anything for half a second. What was the matter if he went along too? She didn't want to see him at all!

Carl was puzzled by her speechlessness, "What's wrong with me going with you guys? What's the point of me staying here when our family is just reunited and you and our daughter have left?"

Cynthia was not in a good mood as she reminded him, "You don't seem to have just one daughter. You have a son!"

The implication was that he couldn't forget about his son when he had a daughter now. He'd better stay honestly in South City to accompany his son.

Carl waved his hand, "Don't mention that brat. He has forgotten me as his father since he has a wife. Besides, they both don't have children now, what's the point of me staying in South City?"

Carl was telling the whole truth. The boy was not as close to his father as he was to his mother, and besides, Albert had Jessica now, and he only had Jessica in his eyes. Since Jessica was now in college, so it was impossible for her to get pregnant and give birth to a child within three or two years, so Albert didn't need any help from him, so of course, he would chase after Cynthia and Hathaway.

Thinking of this, Carl added, "Now you and your daughter are the most important to me. Wherever you two go, I'll go."

The man said these words with a solemn and affectionate tone in his voice.

As Cynthia stared at him, she wanted to question him that was it really good for him to ignore his son like that? And also, he was really - too brazen!

After biting her teeth, she declined Carl's suggestion, "It's not convenient for you to come with us."

Carl was puzzled, "What's inconvenient about it?"

Before Cynthia even said anything yet, he continued, "If you're worried about outsiders would gossip about me going to Hong Kong with you, then we can go to get the marriage license right away. If you are worried about it's inconvenient that I have no place to live, I will ask Alb to buy a house for me. But I don't think a top fashion designer as you may not have your own housing, so I can live with you together. Is that a problem?"

Cynthia turned her back on him and left directly.

She really couldn't say a word to him. She couldn't talk to him at all. When she said it was inconvenient for him to follow along, she wanted to tactfully tell him that he wasn't welcomed, but he was always so straightforward.

Her tactfulness and his directness were always so out of sync with each other.

Cynthia was in Carl's territory now, so she couldn't go anywhere, but she went outside to the garden for a stroll, to get some fresh air and to relieve the depression in her chest.

Hathaway did not sleep well at night and was so angry with Leon that she could not sleep.

After finally falling asleep, she was woken up by the rumbling sound of a machine in the early morning. She wrapped up her clothes and opened the curtains to look outside, then she saw an excavator parked behind her garden.

What made Hathaway's chin almost fell down was that there was a man standing next to the excavator, and that man was Leon, who was talking to the driver of the excavator. Not knowing what he was talking about with the driver, but he was pointing in the direction of the place under her window.

Hathaway was going to be furious. Was he going to demolish her house with the excavator?

Her door was also knocked on just at this time. It was the family's housekeeper who said urgently outside, "Miss Taylor, oh my god! Mr. Lu brought an excavator to dig up the backyard. He said he was looking for some kind of ring..."

The housekeeper did not dare to provoke Leon at all, but when she saw Leon raising such a big rumpus, she gathered all her courage to ask him. And when she got such an answer from Leon, she had to hurry up and rush to Hathaway again.

"The garden is planted with all the flowers that Master Taylor likes, how distressed Master Taylor would be if it was dug up like this." The housekeeper said like this outside Hathaway's door very helplessly. Hathaway gritted her teeth and said angrily, "I see. I'll go down right away."

Leon was definitely a psychopath. She indeed threw away his ring last night, but he wasn't going to go to such an extent to find a ring, right? He even got an excavator.

After changing clothes without even washing her face, Hathaway rushed downstairs like that, and when she came into Leon who was talking to the excavator driver at the gate, she unceremoniously started yelling at him, "Leon Davis, are you a psychopath! Who gave you the right to demolish our garden without permission?"

Hathaway would never allow him to do something ridiculous like this. How dare he be so arrogant? This garden was at least the Taylor family's property, did he still want to obey the law or not?

However, Leon was so arrogant, squinting at her with cool eyes, "You talk about rights with me? Then you should call the police to arrest me instead."

Hathaway was furious while at the same time Leon announced, "I dropped my stuff in your garden, and I

want to find it this way."

Hathaway freaked out, "What's your stuff? I gave you that ring. When did it become yours?"

Leon curled his lips and sneered, "You also said that you gave it to me. Since it was given to me, then it belongs to me."

Hathaway bit her teeth and snorted, "I don't want to give it to you now, okay? Can I take it back? Are you ready to go?"

Compared to Hathaway's exasperation, Leon had looked calm the entire time, and then he took a step closer towards her when hearing her words, and the man's thin, cool lips just pressed against her ear and said, "How can you just take back something you've given to someone else, especially something as important as a wedding ring?"

"By the way, this wedding ring was designed by you personally." Leon said so and straightened up again, his gaze sinking into her fire-breathing beautiful eyes, "Hathaway, look at how much you wanted to marry me in the first place, you even designed the wedding ring yourself, can you now say that you don't want to marry me?"

Hathaway tightly pursed her lips, staring at him unable to say a single word.

In fact, Leon was just looking for the ring. There was no need to make such a fuss and send out an excavator, but he was just trying to magnify the importance he placed on that ring, but he was just trying to magnify the importance he placed on this marriage.

It's like when children couldn't get the candy they wanted, they used very loud crying to attract the attention of adults.

Leon was the same at this point. He wanted to use such exaggerated behavior to get Hathaway's attention and let her know that he would never agree to the breakup.

Hathaway's chest rose and fell for half a day. It was hard for her to suppress her emotions, and she eventually curled her lips to look at Leon with a sneer, "If you value this ring so much, what's the point of using an excavator? Shouldn't you be the one to find it yourself to better demonstrate your sincerity?"

It just rained last night, not too big but enough to soak through the entire backyard. Leon was in such a high-class and expensive suit that he would be in a mess if he stepped on it. Hathaway just made things difficult for him on purpose.