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Theodore had kidnapped him that day. It was a warning to him. Tyler was powerless in front of the man who could strangle him with a finger. How could he ever compete with Theodore?

Tyler couldn't hide his love and looked affectionately at the woman on the sofa.

Although he used to harbor some hopes, he now knew he was in no position to love her.

If Theodore ever mistreated her, or she had no feelings for him, he would try his best to become stronger and protect her. But for now, Tyler could see that Ariana really loved Theodore.

He didn't want to put her in a spot, so he would keep his love secret and not let anyone discover his love for her.

His only wish was to protect her. And that was enough for him.

Tyler smiled and straightened his posture as he strode quietly to the table and continued watching the drama. Perhaps he was excited to see himself on screen for the first time. He felt the drama was surprisingly intriguing.

The rain continued for a long time. The humidity rose, and the temperature dropped.

Ariana frowned as she felt stuffy with the blanket on her.

Her mind was heavy, and she couldn't sleep well. She felt as if she had fallen into another space, unable to escape. In her dream, she was trudging through an endless mist for a long time until she saw a familiar greenhouse. Instinctively, she thought of Theodore. She called out to him at the direction of the greenhouse twice.

However, there was no response. When she was about to turn around, her dream began to change.

She turned around and found herself chained by a golden shackle while Theodore was in a clean white shirt, looking at her from afar. Neither saying anything nor approaching her.

In her dream, she was struggling and begging like crazy. However, the man remained indifferent to her plight. His eyes were cold and devoid of love.

She cried, but he was still unsympathetic. Gradually, the greenhouse faded into the darkness, and the faint light from the wall lamp dimmed.

Suddenly, she heard a cry from a black cat.

This time, Theodore was wearing a red shirt and black pants. His face was attractive, like a mountain spirit. In his hands held a golden dagger.

Theodore approached her slowly and pressed the cold dagger against her artery. She felt cold all over, and her body froze.

His voice boomed in her ears, "Only in death shall beauty be eternal."

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She shivered in fear and instantly woke up from the nightmare. She opened her big eyes and stared at the ceiling, sweating. Just then, her phone vibrated beside her.

Releasing a long breath, she checked her phone and found it was a call from Theodore.

She felt a lingering fear because of her dream but laughed it off. She couldn't believe she was taking a dream seriously. She quickly calmed herself down and answered the phone. "Hey, are you done with your work?"

"yes, where are you? I'll fetch you home."

After thinking for a while, Ariana decided to tell the truth to Theodore. "I'm in Tyler's dorm now," she said honestly.

Theodore was silent for a while. After what seemed like forever, his calm voice sounded again. "Get yourself prepared. I'll be there soon."

Although Theodore's tone was calm and without a trace of anger, Ariana was worried that he might have misunderstood her, so she explained, "Today, Tyler's first soap opera is being broadcasted, so we're watching it together in his dorm."

Theodore chuckled and replied quickly, "I know that. Horace told me about it. Get ready quickly. I'll call you when I arrive downstairs."

"Okay."

Ariana hung up the phone and rubbed her stiff neck. She then looked at the four phones on the table. The videos had all been closed. Tyler was sitting on a chair in the corner, reading a book.

The drama was really boring. Even Tyler, who played in it, couldn't stand it.

With a sigh, Ariana stood up. She picked up a piece of bread and had a bite. Then, she put a bottle of juice in front of Tyler and comforted him. "Don't be disappointed."

You have done a good job. It doesn't matter whether this soap opera is good or not.

You're not the lead actor, so you don't have to take responsibility for its failure. You are not to be blamed for the extremely low audience ratings. We should just look forward to Jayson's movie, okay?"

After a sleep, Ariana had calmed down a lot. She wasn't so affected by the catastrophic result of the soap opera anymore. Anyways, they had achieved their goal. It was not a loss for Tyler but a win because this drama officially marked the beginning of his acting career.

Tyler stuck a straw in the juice and handed it to Ariana. He said with a smile,

“Ariana, I watched all the episodes today. Actually, the later episodes aren't bad.

The plot really gets better after the third episode. It's actually extremely dramatic in style.”

Looking at Tyler who was trying to comfort her, Ariana felt her heart ache. This boy was just too caring. He was obviously very sad, but he was still trying to hold back his emotions.

Ariana chose to play along and said seriously, “That's right. Doing things to the extreme is also a great approach. Anyway, we never know what will happen with each project we undertake. We just need to learn something from the process.”

“yes!” Tyler smiled genuinely. He was so cute when he smiled.

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Tyler's sincere smile always caused Ariana to want to protect him. She threw out plenty of comforting words before letting him go.

Ariana suddenly glanced at her watch to check the time. It was almost eight o'clock. Theodore might not be able to come over so soon. Since the videos were turned off, the room was very quiet which was rather awkward.

Ariana didn't realize the awkward atmosphere, until now. She suddenly felt that it was really awkward for a man and a woman to stay together alone in such a small space.

Although the dorms allocated by SJ Entertainment to the artists were small, they were equipped with the necessary things, including a fully equipped kitchen and a small balcony. However, the space was a bit small. The living room, for example, was so small that Ariana could walk through it in just a few steps.

Ariana was a little naive on some things, and she really only viewed Tyler as her own brother.

But even someone as naive as Ariana couldn't ignore the wild thoughts Theodore often had. She definitely didn't want there to be another misunderstanding like last time, no matter how small. So, she had to avoid doing anything that could let Theodore misunderstand her.

"Theodore said he is coming to pick me up. I guess he will arrive soon," Ariana said suddenly, doing her best to behave naturally. She put on her coat and said to Tyler, "I'm leaving now. Make sure you have your dinner later."

"Okay, let me walk you out." Tyler was smart. He knew she wanted to avoid any misunderstanding with Theodore, so he didn't try to hold her back and walked her to the elevator.

When Ariana went downstairs, she put on a scarf and hummed a song. Guessing it might take a while for Theodore to arrive, Ariana planned to go to the nearby convenience store to pass time.

As soon as she stepped out of the lobby, she saw a familiar black car pull up under a tree. It was as if the car had been parked there for a long time.

Didn't Theodore say that he would call her when he arrived?

Ariana checked the time and realized it had only been thirteen minutes since Theodore called. How did he reach so quickly? Why didn't he call her when he arrived?

While she was lost in thought, Theodore called her again.

She didn't answer but trotted over to the black car instead. She knocked on the car's window before opening the door and sitting in the back seat.

Despite it being spring, the temperature was still cold.

As soon as Ariana got in the car, the heat enveloped her. She rubbed her hands comfortably before taking off her scarf.

She greeted Horace and asked, "How did you arrive so soon?"

Horace turned his head and replied with a smile, "Mr. Anderson happened to be dealing with something nearby, so we were just around the corner from here."

Ariana nodded and didn't ask more.

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Horace started the car and rolled up the back seat partition.

Ariana turned to Theodore and grabbed his hand, rubbing it greedily to get his warmth. The man indulged her and held out his other hand for her.

"[ told you about Tyler's drama on the phone, remember? We were just watching it.

It was so boring! | think the investors may lose money," Ariana said, feeling chatty.

She went on to explain, "At first, we wanted to watch it in the company, but Tyler had a one-to-one physique class today. The instructor visits his dorm for lessons, and it would be very troublesome to go back and forth between the company and his dorm, so we just watched it in his room. That way, we didn't have to waste time moving between places."

Theodore nodded but said nothing. He just held her hand and kissed it.

Ariana heaved a sigh of relief and was glad Theodore did not misunderstand her.

She then began to criticize the drama plot while Theodore held her in his arms as he listened to her patiently. As she chatted away, she began to feel sleepy again because of her pregnancy.

In order to wake herself up, she played with the delicate and expensive cuff link on Theodore's sleeve while talking. Theodore would make some remarks from time to time.

The car drove slowly along the wet road. The rain had finally stopped, and the distant mountains were shrouded in white mist.

When Ariana was about to fall asleep, Theodore said in a cold but gentle tone, "It's time to arrange an assistant for Tyler. There will be too many tasks from now on, and you can't do it alone."

"Yeah, but I didn't have time to arrange it because I was busy with the film," Ariana said as she rested her head against Theodore's chest, feeling comfortable and at ease.

"I'll arrange it for you. Don't worry about it," he replied and lowered his head, kissing her on the top of her head.

Ariana nodded and played with his shirt happily. "Theodore, you really are a man with multiple talents. There's nothing you can't handle," she cooed.

Theodore replied with a smile, "It's not a big deal, but if you keep moving, things are about to get dangerous."

Ariana froze and immediately understood what he meant. She moved away and tried to stay as far away from his crotch as possible.

Theodore chuckled and pinched her nose while he asked, "Are you hungry?"

Ariana didn't feel hungry, but her stomach started rumbling when he asked. She held her stomach and replied with a nod, "I'm hungry now."

"Horace, go to the restaurant," Theodore ordered after pulling down the partition.

The car immediately detoured. Suddenly she realized the car had been driving for more than ten minutes, but the scenery outside was still very quiet.

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SJ Entertainment built its dormitory in this remote suburb to protect the privacy and security of its artists. No one usually came here, so what was Theodore doing here just now?

After driving for more than twenty minutes, they finally arrived at a nearby restaurant. Theodore ordered several of Ariana's favorite dishes.

"Do you want anything else?" Theodore asked.

Ariana browsed through the menu and added several strong-flavored dishes.

It was late, and there were only a few customers in the restaurant.

Theodore took a few bites from his steak. He then put down his cutlery and wiped his mouth with his napkin, drinking some water while staring at Ariana.

Meanwhile, Ariana was staring at the food in front of her. She had the habit of focusing on delicious food while she enjoyed them.

After observing her for a while, Theodore suddenly said, "Your tastes changed recently. You're not eating some of your favorites. You even seem to be particularly fond of sour and spicy food."

Ariana, who was gobbling down an enriched tomato soup, took a while to register what he had just said. She then realized that her tastes had indeed changed after her pregnancy.

She wouldn't have noticed if he didn't point it out.

Ariana hesitated before replying dismissively, "You would get bored of your favorite food if you always eat it. It's good to mix things up once in a while."



Theodore stopped questioning and wiped the tomato soup on the corner of her lips with a napkin. Ariana was afraid he would continue the topic, so she racked her brain to find something else to talk about.

“Do you want to watch The Sky with Romance when we go back? | haven't finished watching it. We can watch it and criticize it together.”

Before Theodore could answer, she immediately dismissed her suggestion. “You know what? Forget it. The drama is a waste of time. It can't help Tyler gain a lot of fans. | just hope it won't hamper Tyler's career in the future.”

Theodore sulked at the mention of Tyler's name. He put down his napkin, picked up his cutlery again, and began sawing through the food on his plate.

After dinner, they went back to their rented apartments.

In the elevator, Theodore was holding Ariana's hand tightly.

When the elevator door opened, they went out together and were about to head back to their respective units.

Suddenly, Theodore pulled her back and asked in a low voice, “It's been a long time.

When are you coming back to the Anderson family's mansion? Helen has returned to the hospital to prepare for her operation. And | already asked Judy to clean your room and change the sheets.”

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Ariana was a little surprised and secretly felt happy. However, she snorted and replied with a sneer, “Who knows if you will bring her back when she recovers.”

"| promise | won't. | will put her in another house and ensure she'll never visit the mansion again," Theodore said hurriedly as he wrapped his arms around her waist, drawing her closer.

"(I think about it again. | have gotten used to living here," she replied casually. She didn't want to say that she would move back. In fact, her heart had already softened. She just wanted to make things difficult for Theodore.

"That's fine. I've already planned to purchase both of our units. We can connect our units then. The landlady has already agreed," Theodore coaxed her patiently.

Ariana tried her best to hide her joy. She looked down at his tie and muttered, "I will consider it depending on your behavior. I'm going back to my room. Go to bed early.

Good night."

"Good night, Mrs. Anderson. Where is my kiss?" Theodore said cheekily as he held her firmly, preventing her from escaping. Her heart beat even faster with his words. Her lips curled uncontrollably, and she pretended to reply irritably, "Okay."

She then bent over and wrapped her arms around Theodore's neck, kissing him.

And Theodore pulled her into his arms, deepening the hot kiss.

After the kiss, Ariana's face turned red, and her eyes were wet as she gasped for breath.

Theodore kissed her nose and hugged her waist. Suddenly, he asked, "Have you gained some weight recently? Your waist is thicker than before, and your belly seems a bit rounder."

He pinched her waist and reached out to her lower abdomen as he commented.

Shocked, Ariana jumped off Theodore's legs at once and covered her belly. She glared at him and berated him with righteous indignation, "You said I'm fat! A gentleman can't say that to a lady!"

Theodore was at a loss and stammered awkwardly, “I-I didn’t mean to do that, but it’s really what I feel when I touch your waist.”

“Humph! I don’t want to talk to you anymore.” Pretending to be angry, Ariana ran back to her apartment in a hurry. Theodore stared blankly at the closed door and shook his head helplessly. He really wanted to catch up with her and take her back to his room. Alas, he couldn’t do that.

He was a “cripple” after all. He got tired of sitting in the wheelchair. He really needed to find an opportunity to get rid of the wheelchair as soon as possible.

Ariana still hadn’t calmed down when she returned to her room. She touched her belly carefully and found that it was indeed fatter. Well, she was pregnant, after all.

She couldn't help but wonder if Theodore doubted her.

Chapter: 457 With a frown, she lifted her shirt and looked at herself in the mirror.

What should she do? Her belly had grown so much recently. She hadn’t noticed it since she wore baggy clothes all the time. If she took off her clothes or if Theodore touched her belly, he would find out she was pregnant.

For the moment, she could still make him believe that she had gained weight because she ate too much recently. But she would surely not be able to hide her pregnancy for another month when her belly would have grown bigger.

Ariana sighed worriedly. At this moment, she began to seriously think about whether she should tell Theodore the truth. Although Theodore didn't like the idea of having a baby, would he accept their baby now that they loved each other? After all, it was the symbol of their love, right?

Looking at her belly, Ariana became more confident and planned to find an opportunity to sound him out about it.

After washing her face and brushing her teeth, Ariana went to lie on the bed and stared at the wall in front of her. She remembered that Theodore had just said that he would break down the wall and connect the two apartments.

It would be nice because the apartment would then become bigger and they could even build a home theater.

The more Ariana thought about it, the more excited she became. She began to think about the details of the construction as well as the layout of the rooms and she was already looking forward to it.

She got up from the bed, fumbled here and there, and then knocked on the wall. She was actually imagining herself as a forewoman investigating her construction site.

As Ariana was immersed in her fantasy, a noise was heard from the other side of the wall. Theodore had knocked on the wall as Ariana did.

Ariana sat cross-legged on the bed and knocked on the wall twice. Soon three knocks came from the next room as a response. Ariana smiled happily and felt excited like a kid who had just been given a new toy.

She knocked four more times.

Five knocks came from the other side.

Both Theodore and Ariana were happy to play this wacky knocking-on-the-wall game. Love really made people do crazy things.

Ariana called Theodore's name through the wall, and he replied with a knock on the wall. The next second, her phone chimed. She'd received a new message.

Of course it was a message from Theodore. "If you can't fall asleep, you can come to my room to work off your energy."

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Ariana immediately understood what he implied and her face instantly flushed.

She didn't dare to play this game any longer and sent a "good night to the cat" emoji.

However, Theodore wasn't giving up so easily and soon, she received a video call from him.

Lying on the bed, Ariana picked up the call. Theodore's handsome face soon appeared on her screen. "What do you want? I'm sleeping," Ariana said shyly, hiding in the duvet, only her round, clear eyes visible. "I just want to see you," Theodore replied with a gentle smile.

"Okay." Ariana pulled down the duvet, revealing her flushed face, and murmured with embarrassment, "Why do we need to see each other like this?"

"Why don't you come to my apartment now? Or should I come to yours instead?"

It was clear that Theodore had something in mind.

Ariana shook her head at once and said quickly, "No way. I'm going to sleep. I feel sleepy now." After saying that, she turned off the light, and the room fell into darkness.

Ariana wished Theodore good night in a soft voice.

Theodore also responded with tenderness.

After that, neither of them said anything else, but they didn't want to hang up the call either. They fell asleep with the video call still connected.

The next day, when Ariana woke up, she was stunned to find that her phone was powered off. She sat up and charged it. As soon as she turned on the phone, she received a call from Sonia.

The girl was as energetic as ever. “Baby, check the social media. Your artist is the trending topic on the Internet right now.” When Ariana heard that Tyler became a trending topic online, she thought the netizens must be criticizing him because of the bad drama.

She was already mentally prepared for that, so she told Sonia calmly over the phone, “It doesn’t matter. It’s not Tyler’s fault that the drama is terrible. If there’s anyone to blame, it would be the hero and the heroine.”

“No. That’s not why I’m calling,” Sonia replied mysteriously. “I just sent you a link. You can check it out.” Ariana hung up the phone and tapped on the link Sonia sent her. It was a post with thousands of comments.

The account that posted the comment had one of Selene’s magazine shots as the profile picture. Curious about who the account holder was, Ariana tapped on the account to find out more.

Chapter: 459 It seemed he was Selene’s fan, and his bio was filled with praises for Selene. Ariana then looked at his latest post and saw a picture of Gifford, Tyler’s character.

The post wrote, “What is this? How can someone bully you just because he likes you? This is just a story about campus bullying! Everyone, please wake up. These exaggerated plots are only practical in novels. If this was real, such a character would be put behind bars.”

The comments section was heated, and there were two camps of commenters. One was echoing similar criticisms, and the other was filled with praises.

Many who criticized the drama were angry about its unreasonable logic.

The others who praised were lauding Tyler for his good looks.

In fact, many started asking questions about Tyler.

Initially, the post was not trending. However, some media outlets started spreading the post.

Eventually, the debate in the post blew up, and many fans started voicing out to support their idols. Cole's fans were anxious that their idol might be overshadowed and began to throw Tyler under the bus.

"I didn't find Gifford annoying at first. But now, I'm more and more annoyed when I watch the character being performed by this rookie actor."

"Is he really so handsome? The production crew must have edited his pictures."

"Ha-ha, actors these days all edit their photos to make themselves look better. The hero looks more natural. The pimples on his forehead are so cute. He's way better than that dummy Tyler."

"Gifford doesn't look like a good person. The actor might also be a bully in real life."

Ariana scrolled through some negative comments about Tyler. She couldn't bear to read them any longer and started reporting them one by one.

However, there was a turning point. A netizen posted a link in the middle of the comments, directing readers to another post from more than a month ago. It was from a professional makeup artist who did Tyler's makeup on his first day. She posted a group shot with Tyler. The high-resolution picture proved his handsome appearance.

Soon, many netizens saw the wefie of Tyler and the makeup artist in high resolution and were attracted by his handsome looks. However, because there was no information about Tyler on the Internet, the netizens had to watch the drama to see more of him. Overnight, the audience ratings for the drama had increased by ten times, and Tyler's character had become a trending topic.

His followers also increased by a hundred thousand overnight when he only had three hundred followers the previous day. The dramatic change overnight aroused Ariana's suspicion.

She immediately called Theodore.

“Hello?” Theodore grunted a reply. He seemed to have just woken up, and his voice was hoarse and sexy.

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Ariana went straight to the point. “Did you ask someone to increase Tyler’s popularity?”

“No, I won't do a stupid thing like that.”

“Okay,” she replied, feeling relieved. She then happily related the situation to

Theodore, and they exchanged some sweet nothings. Later, he urged her to get out of bed, and they hung up.

New comments were coming in so quickly that she couldn't even stop looking at her phone while brushing her teeth. Sonia formed a group chat that included Ariana and Betsy, who contributed a lot of effort to the promotion yesterday. Sonia sent several materials and data and a long text praising Tyler for a job well done.

Given the heated discussion of the drama on the Internet, its popularity was boosted into the top five most popular dramas. Compared to the top four, which were all popular dramas or popularized by word-of-mouth, their achievement was amazing!

Who knew a handsome man was enough to make a trashy drama popular?

Nevertheless, Ariana was still a little worried. She wondered if most of the discussion was negative. It was hard to keep track as the amount of discussion had increased at such a quick pace.

She was prepared for a bad result, but she was not ready to accept that the drama became popular.

Sonia texted while smiling slyly, “The discussions are not exactly bad... You'll understand after taking a look.”



After washing her face and brushing her teeth, Ariana grabbed her phone and lay down on the couch.

She browsed the Internet and found the discussion of the drama was indeed heated.

The netizens' comments on The Sky with Romance varied oddly.

While some complained about the plot and the editing, others were getting addicted to the drama, and were looking forward to the upcoming episodes.

There were also people who argued over the plot in the comments section. The people who criticized the drama the most were generally more detail-oriented and watched the drama more carefully.

After reading the comments, Ariana had the feeling that this drama would become super popular.

It didn't matter if it was overwhelmingly positive or negative reviews. The first step to success was for people to talk a lot about a person or a product.

It was way better than being unknown. Over the next two days, the popularity of the drama caused the producers to release two more episodes.