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Professor Wood, however, did not go along with Renee's wish this time. Instead, he said, "This is a secret between us two, so it's not that convenient. But we've finished talking now. I'm going to go cook something delicious for you. Why don't you two take Jane out for a walk?"

"Huh? But..."

Renee was about to say that its "not that convenient".

But Stefan was faster than her. He said expressionlessly, "I heard that there's a famous place called the

Sophora Road in BC University. I don't mind going out for a walk."

"That's right. The Sophora Road is a famous landmark of BC University. The sophora flowers happen to be

blossoming now too. When the wind blows, the white petals fall like snow. I remember there's a legend

about the Sophora Road ... "

Professor Wood looked at Stefan, then at Renee. "It's said that when a man and a woman walk along the Sophora Road holding

hands, they'll grow old together. Sophia and I, as well as many of the lecturers living in the specialist residential area, are loving couples. Maybe it's because we walked along the Sophora Road every day."

Renee said, "Wow, that's amazing. But that means you have to be careful who you walk down that road

with. What if you have to grow old with a man you hate? That would be terrible ... "

"How scary. I think I'll take Jane out to play!"

She deliberately glared at Stefan with a disgusted face on the

way out. Stefan: " ... "

He pursed his thin lips, his eyes murderous!

That woman was clearly insinuating something about him just now. How dare she?

Professor Wood could not help but laugh. He told Stefan, "See? I told you. Renee is a mischievous girl. All those years she was married to you, she had been suppressing her own nature a little..."

Stefan kept quiet.

He thought "a little" was an understatement. She had become a completely different person

after the divorce! So much so that he sometimes wondered if she had multiple personality

disorder.

"Jane, let's go out to play!"

The two girls went out happily like sisters.

BC University was still the same as Renee remembered it. It was both artistic and scholarly.

When Renee was studying here, she was a legend due to her outstanding appearance and genius–like learning ability.

But to everyone's surprise, the legendary figure chose to marry into a rich family when she was shining the brightest. And thus. a rising star in the physics world fell. It was such a pity...

The sophora petals fell on Renee's face and hair. It was beautiful and romantic.

Renee grabbed one and lowered her head to smell it as sunlight caressed her fair porcelain face. She looked so beautiful, like there was a filter on her.

She looked like the lead actress in a Korean drama. With a sweet smile on her face, she gently

blew petal away. "It's snowing! It's snowing!"

Jane danced and spun with her arms spread wide amidst the falling flower petals. She caught sight of

Stefan walking towards them.

"Uncle Stefan, Uncle Stefan! Over here! Let's play together!" Jane dashed over to Stefan, took the man's hand and pulled him towards Renee. "Why are you following us?" Renee suddenly felt a bit embarrassed. Had he been quietly walking behind them the whole time? Then he would have seen her acting like a Korean drama's lead actress just now. How embarrassing! Stefan's handsome face was emotionless. He coldly said, "Does this road belong to you? Why can't I come here?" Stefan's words rendered Renee speechless. This guy was so annoying! Renee crossed her arms and raised her chin somewhat proudly. "Actually, this road... was made for me!" "?" Stefan's eyes were full of doubt. "Don't believe me?" Renee casually grabbed a passing student and asked, "Hi! Do you know the history behind the Sophora Road?" "Of course I do!" That student was very enthusiastic and started to talk endlessly. "Years ago, this road ... "

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"Years ago, this road was built by the Scholarship Foundation to honor the legendary figure of BC University and the goddess in the heart of countless BC University students, Renee Everheart. Apparently, the road was supposed to be called the Renee Everheart Road at first, but Renee felt that it was too high–profile, so it was named the

Sophora Road instead..." The college students got more and more excited as he spoke.

In his narrative, Renee was like a mythical goddess.

"You probably don't know how amazing Renee Everheart was. The experimental group she led won numerous international physics competitions. Some of the academic papers she published in international journals even made it into the textbooks of foreign universities..."

"Ahem!"

To Renee's surprise, she still had quite the reputation in BC University after all these years. The boy's praise of her was making her feel a bit embarrassed. She quickly stopped his gushing and said, "Alright, alright, we get it, she's incredible!"

"She really was. Unfortunately, she has bad judgment!"

The student sighed with a face full of regret. "During her peak years, rather than focusing on her career, she actually quit to get married. What's worse, the person she married was Stefan Hunt, a guy who anyone could tell was a scum with one look. My friends and I never believed that the marriage would last."

"As expected... he cheated on her. I heard that they're now divorced. I sincerely hope that Renee Everheart can leave the suffering behind her and reach another peak in her life!"

The handsome face of the CEO was looking really

terrible by now. Renee quickly sent the student on

his way.

It would be bad if the petty Stefan Hunt decided to put him on a blacklist!

"See? I wasn't lying. This road really was made for me. If I forbid you from using this

road, then you can't use it!" Renee looked smugly at Stefan with raised chin.

Stefan was surprised. Renee Everheart, who always looked like an idiot, was actually a physics genius?

After hearing about her history, even he felt that it was a pity for her to marry him at the time...

"Sure, the Sophora Road was built for you by the Scholarship Foundation, but do you know who sponsors the Scholarship Foundation of BC University?"

Stefan suddenly asked Renee

with a weird smile. "That, I

actually don't know."

Renee frowned and recalled, "I remember I had a few chances to meet with the Scholarship Foundation's sponsor because I won awards for my academic research, but that sponsor was very mysterious and never showed himself in public. Don't tell... you're the sponsor?"

Stefan's lips curled up even higher. He elegantly raised his eyebrows and asked, "Surprised?"

The Hunt family, being one of the eight major families of Beach City, had immense power and wealth. Meanwhile, BC University was the number one university in Beach City. Therefore, it would not be surprising at all for Stefan Hunt to be the sponsor of BC University's Scholarship Foundation.

Having had the tables turned against her, Renee did not want to continue the conversation any longer. She said "boring" and walked away with Jane.

Jane was not only cute and lively, she also had a kind heart.

When she saw that Stefan was being left behind, she grabbed Renee with one hand Stefan with the other and said innocently." Daddy said that people who walked on Sophora Road together will grow old together. That means the three of us will grow old

together!

Renee was initially going to refuse, but seeing Jane being so happy, she could not bear to spoil the child's fun.

Stefan had also seemed to accept it. He held Jane's tiny hand in his big palm and did not seem

like he had any intention of letting go.

So, with one of them holding Jane's left hand while the other holding her right, they walked down the beautiful Sophora Road. From afar, they looked just like a happy family of three. The man was handsome, the woman was pretty, and the child was

cute. It was a warm and

harmonious sight. "Excuse

me!"

Suddenly, a person called out to them.

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A man with a large SLR camera hanging around his neck walked towards them and said politely. "Hi, my name is Chad. I'm a popular online photographer. I've been taking pictures focusing around the theme of family recently. The sight of your family. walking hand in hand just now was so heartwarming that I couldn't help snapping a few photos. I just want to ask if I can publish these photos online?"

"No, you can't!"

Stefan coldly refused, his icy gaze as sharp as a knife.

The photographer could not help but swallow hard. He quickly said, "I'm sorry, I'll delete them now."

He turned on the camera, preparing to delete all the photos he had just taken with a pained look on his face.

Sigh. The photos were so heartwarming and aesthetically pleasing. The people in them all look so incredibly good too. He snapped a dozen or so photos in a row, and each one was perfect. If he could post them on his TikTok, they would surely go viral.

But now, he had to delete these masterpieces. It was even more painful than cutting his own flesh!

Stefan glanced at the man's camera and said coldly. "Before you delete them, send them

to my phone first." "Wh-what?"

The photographer had an awkward look on his face.

Because in that case, it would be like they were getting his photography skills for free.

Stefan's sharp eyes immediately saw through the photographer's thoughts. As usual, he generously said, "I'll pay you whatever you want."

Hearing that, the photographer's eyes lit up. He quickly said, "Okay, okay. Could you please turn on Bluetooth on your phone? I'll transfer them to you right away."

The two started to transfer photos in the middle of the road as if no one else was there.

As one of the models in the photos, the more Renee thought about it, the more annoyed she felt.

Between the two men, one of them took pictures of her without her permission, while the other was going to keep her pictures without her permission. They had even reached a deal without even asking her. She was right there!

"I object!"

Renee grabbed Stefan's phone, taking him by surprise. She was so angry that her cheeks swelled. "I don't want to take any more pictures with someone like you. Delete all of them!"

"Give me back my phone!"

Stefan tried to snatch his phone back with an unhappy face.

Like a child fighting over a toy, Renee and Stefan fought over the phone in full view of everyone there. The situation could only be described as "intense and exciting"!

When the photographer saw that they were about to fight, he quickly left with his camera, not

even caring about the money anymore.

Renée opened the photo gallery of Stefan's phone. Originally, she only wanted to delete the photos taken by the photographer earlier, but besides those photos, she accidentally saw that there was another photo of her!

It was a photo of her blowing the petal of a Sophora flower like a Korean drama's lead actress earlier.

To be honest, it was pretty well taken, on par with the ones taken by the photographer. Renee

did not know she could look so good!

But knowing that Stefan had a photo of her in his phone, it felt... a bit weird!

"Why did you secretly take a picture of me? Since when did you get a habit like that? Let's see how

many people you've secretly. taken pictures of!"

Renee started looking around in his photo gallery.

What she discovered was that Stefan was a really strange person. She was the only human in the gallery. All the other photos were pictures of succulents, taken from various angles!

They were succulents that Renee gave him.

After a while, she came across a photo that surprised her. "That's impossible! How could you have this..."

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It was a photo of a full moon, hanging in the dark night sky as bright as a piece of jade. It was the exact

same one that the stranger sent to her that night!

So Stefan really was "Mr.

Moon"?! Renee was stunned.

She could not understand why Stefan Hunt, the heir of a prestigious family and the CEO of a multinational

company, would use a burner account to send a picture of a moon to his ex-wife in the middle of the

night?

While she was still stunned, Stefan took the opportunity to seize his phone back. He immediately locked it. His cold eyes. glared at her with an intense pressure as he said, "Don't look at things that you shouldn't be looking at!"

Renee's mind was in a mess.

She already found it bizarre that Stefan would secretly take her picture. Now she found out that he had used a burner account to add her as a friend on WeChat. That was not just bizarre, it was scary!

"You... are you really Mr. Moon?"

Renee asked him again because she could not believe it.

She could not figure out why he would want to chat with her using a

burner account. "I don't know what you're talking about."

His voice was cold, as if Renee was talking nonsense.

"There's no way you don't know what I'm talking about. The picture in your gallery is exactly the same as the one Mr. Moon sent me..."

"The moon is the moon. It looks the same

everywhere!" Stefan retorted, unperturbed.

"You...!"

Stefan's reply rendered Renee

speechless. "Fine. You won't admit it?

I'll make you admit it."

Renee took out her phone, opened up WeChat, found Mr. Moon's profile picture, and clicked on the

video call button. Stefan's phone immediately rang.

"So?"

Renee raised her phone and smiled triumphantly.

Stefan remained as calm as a mountain. He said coldly. "So what if it was me? Xavier taught me the techniques of courting women, so I experimented with you. I didn't expect you to be so chatty. You confided everything to a stranger. It wasn't even challenging."

Renee was about to lose it.

She recalled the way she had told everything to "Mr. Moon" night after night. She recalled the dependence she formed on him. and the sense of security she found in him... She felt so humiliated that she wanted to slap herself in the face!

"You're crazy, Stefan Hunt!"

She was extremely furious, and a large part of that was due to her being ashamed of herself. She quickly walked away with Jane.

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Stefan stared at Renee's disappearing back. He stayed where he was and did not

chase after her. Hah. That's right, Stefan Hunt, you might actually be crazy.

Renee was not the only one who could not understand why he did that. He himself could not understand

why he did that. He must be crazy!

Renee took Jane back to Professor Wood's house.

Professor Wood had prepared a table of food. When he saw that only the two of them had come back, he asked curiously. "Only you two? Where's Mr. Hunt? I thought he went out for a walk with you? Why didn't you come back together?"

"He died!"

Renee was still mad.

She turned on her phone to delete Mr. Moon from her friend list, but in the end, she simply could not do it.

Looking through the chat history between them, his words seemed indifferent at first, but he was actually

showing concern for her... She did not know how to feel about that!

Professor Wood could guess that they must have had an argument. He sighed and said, "Both of you are outstanding individuals and are strong in your own right. That's why your relationship is bound to be bumpy."

"There's no relationship. We've already divorced!"

Professor Wood laughed and said meaningfully. "Emotions aren't stagnant. It has nothing to do with marriage. Didn't you want to know why Mr. Hunt was here looking for me? I can tell you now...

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Renee's interest was piqued. She looked at Professor Wood expectantly, holding her chin like a student.

Professor Wood pushed his glasses up and told her the truth, "Mr. Hunt came today to discuss with me his intention to acquire half of the management rights of BC University..."

"What? He wants to acquire BC University?"

Renee was still emotional and felt that it was ridiculous. "BC University is one of the top public universities in the country. especially its engineering majors. It's a well–known university even on a global scale. Stefan actually dares to mess with a

public university?!"

Professor Wood shook his head and said, "No, no, how can you call it messing with us? He's doing it so that BC University would have a brighter future. You know how it's like for public universities these days. With limited funding for scientific

research, many experimental projects have not made any progress for years..."

"If the H Group really acquires half the management rights of BC University, it would make BC University a semi public and semi private university. BC University will not have to worry about scientific research funding anymore and still maintain its

authority. Isn't that the best of both worlds?"

What Professor Wood said sounded reasonable. It must be a very persuasive proposal for the staff and

students of BC University.

But Renee knew Stefan very well.

He was a businessman through and through.

Since he was a businessman, he would never do a losing trade. There must be a deeper conspiracy behind the massive funding!

"Professor Wood, I don't think things will be that simple. Stefan is a shrewd person. I don't believe he'll

selflessly fund BC University without expecting any returns. He must have some harsh conditions, right?"

Professor Wood nodded and said, "Mr. Hunt did state some conditions, but I don't think they're that harsh.

I find them acceptable."

Renee quickly asked, "What are the conditions?"

"After Mr. Hunt acquires BC University, he'll provide unlimited funding to BC University, including construction funds, experimental funds, incentive funds, etc. However, his condition is that all future research achievements of BC University will immediately be shared with the H Group, and the scientific research achievements in the fields of physics and electronics will

be owned by the H

Group ... " "In his

dreams!"

Renee immediately became furious upon hearing those conditions. "He's way too greedy. The physics and electronics disciplines of BC University are world–renowned. Any of their scientific research achievements could change the industry. He wants to own their rights with only a bit of investment? That's daylight robbery! Why not let me do it?!"

Professor Wood said, "You can also purchase the management rights of BC University if you want, provided that you have the financial power."

"[…"

Renee fell silent.

She was now only in the early stages of starting her own business. She was already thankful enough that she had no debt. There was no way she would have the financial power to be a capitalist.

However, things would be different after a few years.

She might even become more powerful than Stefan in less than five years!

"Renee, I know what you're dissatisfied about. All of us who engage in scientific research think very highly of ourselves. None of us want to bow down to the capitalists. But you don't know how much human and financial resources need to be invested to research something now. Without major backing, the researches will not bear fruit!"

Professor Wood sighed with a heavy expression and said, "In recent years, BC University has been under great pressure. Many universities have overtaken us now. Without seeking breakthroughs, our future is bleak!"

Renee did not know what to say.

This was the harsh reality faced by today's universities, especially domestic ones.

Without high research funding, many researches simply could not produce results. There were a lot of research breakthroughs

made by foreign universities that their country's domestic universities could have made first, but they were unable to do so due to insufficient funding. Sometimes, it was less a lack of competence than it was a lack of investment.

Putting aside her prejudice against Stefan, she could actually understand Professor Wood's

reasoning. "Alright, alright, let's not talk business at the dinner table. Let's have dinner first!"

Sophia came out with more dishes, interrupting their

argument. At that moment. Stefan opened the door

and walked in. "Come, Mr. Hunt, we're waiting for

you!"

Renee's face darkened. Why was he still here?