

## **Virginity 1051**

Chapter 1051: He ran away as fast as he could.

Anna felt as if her breathing and heartbeat had stopped. Her brain had directly frozen, going haywire, sitting with a stony expression.

She looked at Matthew, who was led by the waiter into the room.

She had not seen him for a long time, but he looked no different from before. His figure was still erect, his face, fresh and handsome, the shirt and tie he wore, meticulously groomed, and the buttons of his suit, neatly fastened. One could see at a glance the man's rigidity.

Manuel laughed furtively beside him.

Matteo had a cold face and entered without expression. After noticing something out of the corner of his eye, his steps suddenly stopped.

But it was only a pause. He returned to normal and sat down as if he had not seen her.

-Mr. Matteo, that's it.

-Uncle Matteo.

Manuel called out to the man who arrived, mimicking as he looked at Anna out of the corner of his eye.

He lowered his eyes at that moment. The falling bangs covered all the emotion in his eyes. The look

could suggest she was embarrassed, so she lowered her head.

Only she must have known that she was not at peace at that moment.

Her hand trembled uncontrollably under the table. Anna resisted the urge to get up and leave, sitting

there suppressing her emotions the whole time.

Why...

She had spent so much time trying to forget that man. She had become a very busy person for a time.

The time and frequency to think about him had become less and less, until she believed she could

forget him completely one day.

Nevertheless, he had appeared.

And Anna's heart was touched again.

She had never thought that Manuel had such a plan. It was no wonder that one moment he was

pressing his cell phone, and suddenly he had said he would like to eat steamed fish at the restaurant.

A moment earlier he had called her and told her clearly that he wanted to eat the food she had

prepared.

He had changed his mind in an instant. Something must have happened in the process.

She had also been very stupid, and without a second thought, had followed the boy without warning.

Now-what could he have been thinking about?

What would he have thought about her?

It would have been possible for him to think he was bothered by her, wouldn't it? She had already let

him know, but in the end he had still appeared there.

At that thought, Anna felt dizzy. Fortunately, she was sitting down. She was sure that if she had been

standing, her legs would have weakly given out.

Anna had no idea why she was so disappointed, but ... in fact, she felt so useless.

She thought she had forgotten him with the time she had spent trying to do so, but she had not

expected to see him and feel as useless as before.

-Uncle Matthew, I ordered food for you, so you don't need to order.

Manuel's voice came from his side, and Anna's sanity slowly returned. She took a deep breath and

tried to calm herself.

-Yes,|| Matteo replied in a cold tone, but he faced Manuel with some gentleness. When did you come

back? Why didn't you tell me to pick you up?

-You didn't have to, Uncle. Mother told me you were too busy at work, so I didn't inform you because I was worried about you. You should take care of yourself!

-Okay. -Of course.

Speaking, Manuel noticed that Anna was unusually quiet. When he looked at her again, he found that Anna still had her head down. He blinked and could not help but ask, -What is it, Anna, why don't you speak?

Anna, who had been called by name, took a deep breath. She slowly looked up and cast a pleasant smile at Matthew.

-Hello, sir, Mr. Matteo....

Matteo looked at her over the smile on her face that was uglier than tears. Then he nodded slightly, -

Hello.

Alienated like a stranger.

Anna pinched her hand under the table and bit her lower lip slightly.

According to the way they got along, the two of them should not have greeted each other as strangers.

But then-they had both gotten worse.

This had all been caused by her self-love, making herself as the favorite person.

If -- if she had not attached herself to him with affection in the first place, the situation would not have been like this.

At least, the relationship with him would not have been so rigid.

Wait.

Anna trembled violently in her heart.

"Anna, why do you still think that now? You had decided to forget the man in front of you. So why are you sitting here, do you want to keep entangling yourself?" she thought.

"Do you want to continue with this kind of constant, chaotic relationship? Or do you want to go back to that tired and lost Anna?" he thought.

No!

He couldn't continue like that. She had to get out of there.

After waking up, Anna decided to get out, so she pretended to remember something and suddenly told

them, -I... I... I just remembered that I had an appointment today to talk about something. I will be late soon. Since Mr. Matteo is here, it won't be a problem to take Manuel home later so his mother won't worry. Me, I'll go now.

Finished, Anna immediately stood up. Perhaps her movements were a little clumsy. When she stood up, she overturned the chair.

Anna's expression changed, and she pulled it up quickly, haphazardly and carelessly.

Manuel finally found something wrong, and his little nose crinkled.

What had happened?

Was it him-was he doing bad things with good intentions?

-I'm sorry... Have a good time. I'm leaving now...

Leaning back in her chair, she grabbed her bag and quickly headed for the door with hurried steps and ran away as fast as she could.

Manuel called her, -Anna.....

However, Anna, who had been called by him, did not seem to hear his voice at all and disappeared

after leaving the room.

After the series of incidents, Manuel became depressed. As Anna left, he could only focus on Uncle

Matteo.

-Uncle Matthew...

Matteo smiled slightly, -Since you have something to do, let's enjoy our meal. Then, I'll take you back.

Then Matteo raised his hand and poured him a cup of tea.

Manuel did not know what to say.

He did not know if it was his illusion-he always had the impression that his uncle looked so gloomy!

Since he had promised Anna that he would help her, he had made an appointment with his uncle this

time because he wanted to create opportunities for both Anna and his uncle.

But the reaction of the two had been really abnormal.

Could it be that something had happened that she was unaware of during her time with her great-

grandfather?

She had a thousand questions in her heart, but she dared not ask Matthew.

On the other hand, Anna, after leaving the room, had sped up a lot before stopping. She soon found

that her legs were so soft that she could go no further. Just as she ran into a waiter coming the other way, she grabbed him and asked.

-Excuse me, where is the bathroom?

Chapter 1052: It's just a man, isn't it?

Entering the restroom, he casually stepped into a cubicle, closed the toilet lid and sat down to calm himself.

His heart was pounding and he was about to burst into tears.

But he desperately resisted the urge, tilting his head back to keep the tears from falling.

-He's just a man, right? I don't need him," the more she thought about it, the sadder she felt, her reaching out to wipe away her tears.

But the more she dried them, the more abundant the tears became. Finally, Anna could not control herself and burst into tears.

She covered her face with her hands and wept bitterly.

Of course... She had already tried so hard to forget him.

"Why are you still so disappointed when you see him now? If so, you are really an annoying person,"



she thought.

She could no longer go on like this. She should have made an effort and forgotten Matthew.

She could not suffer her whole life for a man like him.

Yes, she had had to open the store and keep busy. Until she was back to the full days as before and

not, she could see him again, she would not think of him again.

Anna took a handkerchief from her bag, vigorously wiped her tears and nose, and left the bathroom.

As she left, a woman had just come out of the other next to her.

She had heard the cry as she cried.

Seeing Anna's red eyes, she looked at her with some concern.

-Hey, are you okay?

Anna nodded, -Good, just fine. Thank you.

The woman was speechless.

Anna then washed her face in front of the sink and reapplied her makeup in front of the mirror. Making

sure she did not look unusual like that, she left.

After leaving the restaurant, Anna took a cab home.

Sitting in front of the mirror, she looked at her slightly swollen eyes. She went to the refrigerator, wrapped ice cubes and put them on herself. She lived at her parents' house, but she could not let them see the difference.

Besides, what he had decided had to be carried out with perseverance.

Matthew.

He would let his feelings be locked up forever.

If they met again, they would be strangers.

Manuel was not happy about lunch.

He would not have wanted to eat that steamed fish for real. It was true that he liked the food Anna cooked. But for his happiness, he had given up that idea and thought of her and his uncle, creating a special space for the two of them.

Unexpectedly, that was how things had developed in the end.

Manuel was very depressed, so he was not interested in eating.

Not to mention Matthew, he himself was not interested in eating, and he had come because Manuel

had asked him to come.

He did not know what the grandson's intention was.

Moreover, the girl had fled in panic in front of him, taking him for a complete beast, which he seemed never to want to see again.

She had left... Matteo felt nervous.

He did not even move his chopsticks while Manuel ate.

After a long time, Manuel put down his chopsticks and looked at him with wide eyes.

-Finished? - Matthew asked.

The boy took a napkin and wiped the corners of his mouth. Looking at the plates in front of him, he said tentatively, -Anna demanded that I not waste so much, but she left without eating a bite. She even asked for two or three dishes. Well, how can Anna be so wasteful?

Saying that, she observed Matthew's expression.

But it was unfortunate that he was disappointed. Matteo still had the same face. There had been no unnecessary changes. He could not notice what he wanted to see.

After a while, Matteo probably remembered something and said in a low voice, "If you don't want to

waste, then pack what he didn't eat."

Manuel asked, "For whom?"

Matteo looked at him muttering, -Send them to the company.

The dishes there were excellent, and if they were sent to the company as profit, they would still be appreciated.

-Are you not hungry?

Manuel suddenly asked, cupping his cheeks in his hands: -Uncle, is it because Anna left, that you don't feel like eating anymore?

Matthew had already asked the waiter to come and pack them. Hearing this, he looked slightly at

Manuel and his voice became a little cold.

-Don't do these useless things in the future.

-No? Do you blame me? I won't call you for lunch anymore!

Hearing this, Matteo got a headache. He put pressure on Manuel's shoulder and softened his voice.

-I don't blame you, but if you do, you will embarrass Anna. It was visible on his face.

Finally they got to the point. Manuel took his uncle's hand and asked him clearly.

-You have offended her! That's why she ran away when she saw you.

"Did I offend her?" he hesitated.

When she wanted to come, Matthew would not let her. Besides, what he had done to her abroad had made her give up, hadn't it?

It surely had to be that way.

He didn't look good, but still she had done her best to give him a weak smile.

-He could be. I don't know much, but in the future don't do such things anymore. I don't comment anything if you like being with her. Don't call me anymore, okay?

Manuel did not understand: -Why? Do you not like her? I was hoping Anna would become your wife.

When he heard the word wife, Matteo unconsciously frowned and scolded him: -Don't talk nonsense in the future or I will get very angry.

Manuel kept silent.

He did not expect Matteo to be angry. Manuel was so frightened that he did not dare speak for a while.

Matteo realized that he had had a bad temper with him. On the other hand he was just a child, why get

angry with a child?

He didn't understand and didn't know anything.

-I'm sorry. I shouldn't have talked to you like that, are you fed up? If not, shall I take you to eat

something you like?

The boy, as if frustrated, deliberately said, -Take me to Anna's house. I want to eat the food she has

personally prepared.

Matthew was speechless.

-If you are not willing, forget it. Then I don't want to go home. I'm going to see Anna alone.

Finished, he turned and ran away.

Matteo was really frustrated with that little boy. He also knew that if he didn't take care of him, he would

really go to Anna alone.

He was so small to go alone, which made him worry.

Matthew had no choice but to stop him, -Wait. After packing them up, I will take you to find Anna.

Thus, Manuel stood waiting contentedly.

As soon as all the things were packed, Matteo went down the stairs and picked him up.

After reaching his destination, Manuel looked at the familiar building in front of him and said, "Matteo, how do you know Anna lives here? Other than when Anna brought me here, this is the second time I've been here.

Chapter 1053: Anna, don't laugh anymore

Matthew did not know what to say.

His gaze was a little dark and confused. He bent down and unbuckled Manuel's seat belt.

-Get out and look for your Aunt Anna.

Manuel remained seated. He raised his head, looking at Matteo with those big eyes.

-Uncle, you still haven't answered my question: how do you know Anna lives here?

It seemed he would not leave unless he got the answer.

Matteo half-closed his thin lips with an indifferent expression, -With my ability, is it difficult to acquire a person's address?

-You know very well that it is. I have to go to the company.

-But I don't know which room he lives in, will you take me there?

Matthew glanced at him. The little guy took a step after taking his thumb.

-You are so skilled with magic that you must know which room he lives in, right? Come with me. I'm

afraid to go alone.

After speaking, Manuel directly hugged Matthew's arm without letting go, playing a rogue role on

purpose.

If I didn't take him, I would probably let him go. If I kept him...

Matteo did not know which room he actually lived in.

After thinking for a while, Matteo opened the door and got out with Manuel. The boy eagerly followed

the man. He thought his uncle would take him directly to the door of Anna's house.

Unexpectedly, Matteo led him to ask the security guard after getting out of the car.

Manuel was speechless.

What had happened, did he really not know?

Getting the answer, Matteo immediately took him inside.

He rang the doorbell.

Anna had been sitting in front of the dresser since she came home, and she was relieved after applying



ice to her eyes, making sure they were not swollen.

Although they were still a little red, they would improve after dark, which would not have allowed her parents to notice the strangeness at that hour.

It was still early, but Anna was in no mood to do anything else, so she just surfed the Internet to look for decorations for her store.

Marcello had been very kind. Although he had not agreed to move the decorations, it would have been nice to add a little embellishment.

Opening the website, Anna scanned it carefully.

Time passed like this, in silence.

A ringing sound.

The doorbell suddenly rang. Anna winced and looked up from the screen.

Was it her illusion, had the doorbell rung? She unconsciously looked at the time: who would come at that moment?

Was it neighbor Cristina?

Thinking about it, Anna left the mouse in her hand and got up to open the door.

After opening the door, she saw the person standing on the threshold and was stunned.

-Manuel?

"Why did he come here? He ate with Matteo at the restaurant, didn't he? Like .....,," she thought.

-Anna," when Manuel called her name, the corner of her eyes looked at the man on the stairs. Hearing

footsteps in the room, her uncle approached and asked her not to speak lest he be found.

Although Manuel said nothing, her eyes continued to look at him.

Matthew unconsciously frowned, knowing that it would be wrong to continue like this, so he entered the

elevator before Anna noticed, and then left.

In fact, when Anna realized that Manuel's expression was not normal, she remembered something. At

first, she subconsciously wanted to stick her head out to see.

But after thinking of a certain possibility, his movements froze again and he dared not take a step

forward at all.

-Anna," she pitifully called Manuel.

Anna came back to herself, smiling. She shifted her body to one side, -Since you're here, you go in first.

There was a look of disappointment in Manuel's eyes. He had not expected his uncle to leave so quickly. Anna also did not seem to want to come out to see him.

"What has happened lately?" the boy suspected.

After entering the house, Anna quickly closed the door. Not knowing if it was an illusion on Manuel's part, she heard it close with some force.

-Do you want something to drink? Can I offer you a glass of juice? No, it's too cold. It's not good for the stomach. I'll make you a cup of tea with warm milk.

So saying, whether Manuel agreed or not, he went straight to the kitchen.

Manuel stood there without understanding.

After a while, he headed toward the kitchen on his short legs.

He leaned against the kitchen door and watched Anna preparing her milk tea. She looked very unhappy.

-Anna, what's wrong with you?

Finally, Manuel could not resist asking her.

Anna paused for a moment as she hurried to prepare her milk tea, and then what answered her was a long silence, as if to calm the air.

A long time later, Anna poured the prepared liquid into the cup and turned to Manuel.

The milk tea smoked in the air, and Anna's face looked a little hazy and unreal in the smoke.

-Here.

She bent down a little and placed it in Manuel's hands.

-Drink it calmly. You will feel warmer after drinking it. You came here at this hour. You must have been

fed up, right? I'll make you something to eat, okay? Is spaghetti with a little meat okay?

-Anna. -Manuel could not laugh and did not accept it. He felt that Anna looked very sad even though she was smiling.

At the thought, Manuel reached out his hand and gently touched her cheek, -Anna, don't laugh.

Anna's smile froze on her face and her eyes were slightly red, but she soon realized that she had been too direct like that. Quickly, she turned her back on him before the tears could fall.

-Manuel, I am fine, but...I cannot be your uncle's wife in the future. You... don't blame me, do you?

Manuel did not know how to console her.

He held the cup of milk tea and answered her nothing.

-I had thought of being your Uncle Matteo's wife to spoil you more legitimately in the future, but now....

It seems that I can still spoil you if I don't. If you think of me, make a phone call and I'll pick you up right

away. But your uncle is very busy at work. What happened today must not happen again in the future,

okay?

She tried to speak as lightly as possible, as if she were saying something that had nothing to do with

her.

Manuel felt sad to hear this.

-Did you give up?

Anna's body stopped.

Had she given up?

She had been caught for so long, so she really had to give up.

If not, she would not have even the last part of herself left. In the future-how could she continue to live?

However, for Manuel, Anna did not want to convey her sadness to him, so she could only speak simply,

-It's not that I'm laughing. I just found out that there are many funny things in life. Next, I'm going to

open a store. I'll be very busy, so I won't have time to think about being your uncle's wife.

Chapter 1054: Anna wanted to make fun of him.

This time Anna had been able to leave Matteo.

She had been able to control herself not to be by his side, or not to see him, instead of not being able

to take a single step as she had done before.

If she had persisted, she would have forgotten Matteo forever.

-Aunt Anna.

Anna interrupted Manuel, -Well, never mind, honey, I'm going to cook, go drink your milk tea, I'll call

you later.

Without waiting for Manuel's response, Anna closed the kitchen door behind her.

She did not want Manuel to ask any more questions.

Looking at her sadly, Manuel did not dare to say anything else.

Even tea with milk, which he normally found very good, made him feel tired.

So he put down his cup and looked at the closed door.

He hesitated to tell Anna that Matteo had just brought him here.

And that Matteo knew where he lived.

But Manuel did not want Anna to be more upset.

The boy then thought to himself, "Uncle Matthew must have done something to hurt Aunt Anna, but surely Aunt Anna won't tell me."

Shortly after, Anna came out with a smile on her face, carrying some noodles.

Seeing that Manuel still had plenty of milk tea, she asked with some concern, "What's wrong, honey?"

Manuel was quick to answer, "Don't worry, Aunt Anna, I just want to eat the noodles first."

Anna stroked his cheek, "What a boy! The spaghetti is ready, let's go."

Manuel noticed how calm Anna seemed, but he was even more afraid to say anything for fear of reminding her of her sadness again.

-By the way, I just called your mother to tell her you're here, otherwise she wouldn't have known you were out.

Manuel said vaguely, -Good.

He had no intention of not telling Mom, he just didn't want to disturb her romantic hour.

-Not next time, you know.

-Sure, Aunt Anna.

-Aunt Anna, are you going to open your own restaurant? - Manuel suddenly asked.

-Yes," Anna nodded. Spaghetti, and what you're eating is the novelty I'm going to launch. What do you think of it?

Manuel immediately said, -Really? No wonder it's so good. Will I be able to eat at your restaurant every day?

-Yes, but you will have to work for me," Anna said with a smile.

-What? -Manuel did not understand.

-How to help me with the dishes, serve them, clear the table and so on.

-Like a waiter?

Anna wanted to tease him, but when he took it seriously, she began to imagine: -Yes, I'll make you a special uniform, and you can go out the door and ask for customers.



-Great! -Manuel's eyes were full of expectation.

-What about the color? Can I decide that?

-What?

Anna thought amused, -You don't really want to come and be a waiter, do you? That would make people think I'm exploiting a child.

Anna gently stroked Manuel's head and said, \_Good, then you can come and see me, you don't have to do anything.'

Manuel looked at Anna and suddenly became a little sad.

He knew that something must have caused the relationship between Auntie Anna and Uncle Matteo to deteriorate, and he began to wonder, "Did Uncle Matteo think that Auntie Anna had taken me abroad without permission and got angry?"

Manuel blamed himself, but at the same time he wanted Anna to be with Matthew.

Anna brought Manuel back to Villa Atlantic just before sunset.

Several bodyguards at the gate immediately came to greet Manuel.

-Aunt Anna, aren't you coming to see mom? Manuel took Anna's hand.

-I have to go to the hospital, I'll pick you up tomorrow, okay?

Manuel nodded and watched Anna's car drive away.

-Good night, Mr. Manuel.

-Good evening. Manuel also greeted the bodyguards.

What a well-behaved boy.

Then Manuel arrived.

Lately Serena had been getting more and more sleepy, but she had little appetite.

So she was very hungry, but she couldn't eat anything.

Then, suddenly, she had a craving for omelet, fried almonds and other snacks.

Cristian, of course, had not allowed it, for her health. To satisfy themselves, many disregard the

hygiene of the stalls.

Chapter 1055: I will go with you.

Of course, it was fine to have a snack now and then.

However, Cristian disagreed because of the hygienic conditions and preservatives.

In order to get Serena to eat something, the servants decided to make sandwiches at home, albeit with

much effort.

In the end, Cristian had agreed.

Just as Serena was about to call Manuel to ask him when he would be back, a boy came through the door.

-Manuel?

-Manuel hugged Serena.

-Where is Aunt Anna? -Serena looked at the door.

-Aunt Anna's father was in a car accident and she went to the hospital.

Serena froze at the words, -Really? When?

Manuel nodded.

Serena panicked in shock and tried to run away.

-Mom! -Manuel hurried to stop her. Aunt Anna has already left.

Serena took a deep breath, calmed down and asked, -How is her father? Tell me what you know.

When Manuel finished, Serena was relieved, but her heart went out to Anna.

At that point, Anna became angry but refused to meet with Serena. Serena, who was Matteo's sister,

could not be present in front of Anna.

Serena blamed herself for not being there for her best friend when Anna's father had had an accident.

How would she overcome that difficult moment?

Serena was so upset that she could not say a word.

-Mom? Manuel tried to comfort her. Aunt Anna didn't tell you because she didn't want you to worry, that

you are pregnant. And her father is fine now.

But Serena was still sad about leaving Anna alone.

Manuel knew then that it would not be wise to tell her that Anna and Matteo had met today.

Manuel helped Serena sit on the couch, "Don't worry, Mom, I will stay with Aunt Anna for you.

Serena agreed and decided to take Manuel to public school later.

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The next day, Anna was about to pick up Manuel when the doorbell rang.

She opened the door and saw Manuel.

-Good morning, Aunt Anna,|| Manuel gave a big smile.

Anna was a little surprised, -How did you get here?

-Mom knows you've been having a hard time lately, so she had the driver come with me.

Then she added, -And he will stay with us all day so we can go wherever we want.

Anna was moved by Serena's thoughtfulness.

-Thank your mother for me, okay?

-You can call her.

-Yes, I will call her later," Anna smiled with relief.

Then they went together to the hospital to visit Anna's father. Both Giancarlo and Amelia were very

fond of Manuel and kept talking to him.

Just then Anna's cell phone rang.

-Delivery? Yes, I will be there in a minute, please help me pick him up, thank you very much.

Then Anna got up and said, -It's the furniture, I have to go to the restaurant, take care of Manuel, mom.

-Aunt Anna, I will go with you.

-But I'll be back soon. You will be bored there.

-You can go with them, Amelia. I will be fine here. Manuel you can't keep him here in the hospital.

Anna was speechless, but she knew her father had said this out of the goodness of his heart.

In any case, the hospital was the only refuge for the sick.

-Dad! -Anna frowned, a little unhappy.

Giancarlo immediately waved his hand: -Go ahead, get busy.

-Your father is recovering well these days, the nurses will take good care of him," Amelia said.

Anna simply nodded.

The three walked together to the restaurant.

After arranging the furniture, Amelia went back to the hospital and Anna and Manuel returned.

Anna was about to ask the driver to take Manuel back, but he took a small bag from the trunk of the car

and winked at Anna.

Chapter 1056: Gossip.

-You're not going home?

Manuel blinked innocently, "Please, Aunt Anna.

Angelo had agreed to let Manuel spend time with Anna.

Lately he had been quite happy with his daughter Beatrice, although she still did not treat him very well.

-Well, you can stay here as long as you want.

Anna took Manuel's luggage bag and went upstairs.

Then she met a neighbor who lived next door.

-Anna, is he your friend's son?

Anna smiled, "Yes.

The older neighbor saw the small bag in Anna's hand.

-What is this?

Anna hid the bag behind her back, -Nothing, by the way, your friend is still waiting for you downstairs.

Agnes left muttering.

-Aunt Anna, did they say something bad about you? -said Manuel with some concern.

-No," Anna didn't care what people thought, otherwise she wouldn't have been friends with Serena

when she was the target of everyone in the company.

-Aunt Anna, I think I should go home," whispered Manuel.

Anna paused and said, "No, stay with me, you don't care what people say.

When she finished, Anna gave a change of clothes to Manuel.

-Go take a shower, and after dinner stay for TV, okay?

Manuel didn't want to watch TV or go to bed so early, but he couldn't argue with that.

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In a few days everyone in the old town knew that Anna had brought home a baby.

Anna's parents had lived here for a long time and knew many of the neighbors well, maintaining a polite back and forth.

Everyone here knew each other's family situation and made it a daily conversation.

This time, however, according to the words of those elders, Anna had been abandoned by a man after five years abroad and had returned home with an illegitimate child.

Anna was surprised by this gossip.

Cristian and Angelo were also very angry.

Because Manuel was slandered as an illegitimate son.

-Our neighbor wanted to introduce you to a man, but now....



Amelia did not know how Anna felt and added fuel to the fire.

-Manuel is not an illegitimate son, you know that!

-But not the others. Even I would think he's your son if he wasn't so cute.

Anna could not speak out of irritation.

-Daughter, they don't care about the truth and they won't believe it. To console themselves,

understand?

Anna was silent.

She had not expected it to be so ridiculous.

-Will you let him continue to live here?

-Manuel is just a child and I can't let him get upset.

-Exactly, that's life," Amelia agreed.

-And you don't mind?

-Of course not, you don't want to get married anyway, and I can't help it.

In fact, gossip could have saved Anna a lot of trouble.

If everyone had thought Manuel was her son, they would have stopped introducing men to her.

-Well," Anna shrugged her shoulders.

-It looks like you're not really getting married," Amelia said helplessly.

-But I can support myself, and marriage is not my only option.

Chapter 1057: You're not abusing him, are you?

-That doesn't make sense! I know you haven't met your love yet, but sooner or later you will have to get married.

Anna did not want to contradict her.

Moreover, she wanted to get married to the man she liked.

But Anna did not like him.

She did not want to get married because she thought she would not like another man in her life.

-You are still young and will understand that there is no difficulty that cannot be overcome. Life is a difficult challenge.

Amelia knew Anna well and could see that she had changed a lot lately.

-I'm going to see if Manuel has gotten up.

When Giancarlo found out that Manuel and Anna were living together, he wanted to be discharged

immediately.

But Anna and Amelia disagreed, because he had not yet fully recovered.

Giancarlo sulked for a long time, and Anna was amused by her father's childishness.

Amelia chose a lucky day for the opening of Anna's restaurant the following month.

Anna could not wait, wanting to get busy and forget all the sadness.

-How about the day Dad is discharged from the hospital? - she suggested.

-Well, then I will take him to the restaurant,|| said Amelia.

Anna nodded.

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A week later

Anna had prepared balloons and flowers for the opening of the restaurant.

And she had hired two people to help her with the promotions, which she took care of for several days.

She also had dark circles under her eyes and had lost a lot of weight in the last few days.

However, her features were also a little more defined, her eyes were sunken in, and she looked much

more beautiful than before, though a little dejected.

Amelia hurried to the restaurant after picking up Giancarlo from the hospital, -Be careful, I don't want to go back to the hospital.

Giancarlo stumbled, Amelia helped him and then began to scold him.

- Why don't you listen to me? Oh my God.

Giancarlo said nothing more, so as not to argue with her.

When the two arrived, the restaurant was already full of customers.

Giancarlo looked around and said, "Nice decoration. Anna is very lucky to have rented such a popular store at such a low price.

Amelia disagreed, -Bah, that Marcello is a rich man, he doesn't care about money, okay? Anna guessed exactly how much he misses his wife.

-How? Does she know how much he misses her?

The couple looked at each other, without speaking.

-Here you are.

Anna saw the two and reached out to take her father's arm, -How are you, dad? Did the doctor say

anything?

-No, but I won't be able to practice for a while, so I'll have to stay home.

Anna breathed a sigh of relief, "Good.

-Where is Manuel?

Anna's eyes widened, so Giancarlo was here for Manuel and not for the opening.

Anna helped her father sit down and poured him a glass of water.

As he continued to look around, Anna said, "Manuel is helping in the kitchen.

Immediately Giancarlo's eyes widened, "What? You're not exploiting him, are you?

-What are you talking about?

How could this be possible? Given Manuel's wit. But it was true that he had been behaving much better lately and had stopped being mean.

Chapter 1058: Congratulations

Anna thought this had something to do with Matteo.

Then she said, suddenly a little lost, "I'm going to the kitchen.

Giancarlo tried to follow her, but was stopped by Amelia.

- Stay here, you are still recovering.

Giancarlo dared not disagree with his wife's words.

At that moment several people entered, so Amelia said, "Leave it to me, don't move.

Giancarlo looked in the direction of the kitchen, wondering if Manuel would be there, even though he was just a child.

He was very happy that his daughter was getting along so well with Serena and Manuel.

-How can I help you? -Amelia greeted the people.

After seeing that the original driver had been replaced by Luca, Serena felt a little annoyed and decided to ask Cristian for clarification.

After all, Cristian had kept her out of Matteo and Anna's business, while he himself had let Luca get involved.

When they entered, Luca and Cristian were bringing gifts. Cristian did not look happy at all, but very serious, as did Luca.

Only after seeing the smiling woman standing next to him did Amelia greet them.

-Congratulations to Anna on the opening of the restaurant, and these are gifts for her.

Cristian then handed her the gifts.

Amelia looked up, looked at Cristian and froze.

She thought incredulously, "My God, are there really two people who look so much alike?"

This tall, handsome man is almost identical to Manuel. Manuel and Amelia had become closer and closer in recent days.

And she immediately reacted.

-You are Serena, aren't you?

Serena guessed that this woman was Anna's mother, based on her appearance and age, even though they had never met.

But Serena did not expect Amelia to know her.

-Yes, I am Serena, but ...

-You want to know how I recognize you?

Serena smiled and nodded.

-I've never met you, actually, but Anna talks a lot about you, and Manuel lives in our house now, and

more importantly....

Amelia looked at Cristian: -He looks a lot like this gentleman.

-That's right," Serena smiled.

She tugged on Cristian's sleeve, "This is Manuel's father, Cristian.

Cristian forced a smile.

-Hello, I'm Cristian, Serena's husband.

Amelia knew Cristian was a determined and capable man, but he always did what his wife told him.

-Here's the gift.

-Thank you so much for taking care of Anna all these years.

Serena seemed kind enough, so Amelia took her hand and went inside.

Serena then let go of Cristian's sleeve, which inevitably got a little lost.

Then he hurried after her.

Giancarlo turned his head at the sound of footsteps.

-Mr. Cristian?

He rubbed his eyes and thought, -Because of the aftermath of the accident? Mr. Cristian? No, he must



be here for something, Manuel, maybe?"

Giancarlo stood up excitedly and greeted him: -Mr. Cristian.

-Hello,|| Cristian handed him the gift. I'm sorry I didn't visit you at the hospital.

Giancarlo's hand trembled and he did not take the gift.

-Well...

-We didn't know you were in the hospital, otherwise we would have come to see you, I'm sorry.

Serena knew Giancarlo, the director of the finance department.

Giancarlo was happy that Mr. Cristian, who had always been distant, came to the restaurant with his

wife and gave her a gift.

-Serena?

Anna peeped out from the kitchen and looked at her with some surprise, -Why didn't you call me to

come get you?

-Be quiet, you need to take care of business.

Serena looked at Anna, who had lost a lot of weight, but did not dare to express her sadness.

Chapter 1059: Splendid decoration

-All right, I have help.

The restaurant had a Japanese style, and the dark retro lanterns were very enveloping.

Even the taste of the food seemed less important.

-The decor is beautiful... -Serena said to Anna.

-Mom, Dad.

Serena looked up to discover the source of the voice.

Manuel watched them with a tray and in his work clothes. Of course, Serena was unfamiliar with the

fact that her son looked like that.

But she looked at the incredibly handsome boy and immediately wanted to hug him.

She eventually resisted the impulse because of the crowd in the restaurant.

-What do you think of the clothes for Manuel? -As Serena's friend for many years, Anna knew how

excited Serena was, and she herself had taken many pictures of Manuel when she first saw him

dressed like this.

She did not stop until Manuel could take no more.

-Great! -Serena nodded her head repeatedly.

Manuel walked away with his tray and said, -Mom, wait here, I'll go serve the food.

-Ok, son,|| Serena waved her hand behind her back. Pay attention.

When Manuel finished serving the food, the three girls at the table could not control themselves for a moment.

-How nice, do you work here?

-Can I take a picture with you? Please.

Manuel politely declined, "No, sorry, my mother is there.

-What a shame! He told me no, that it would be worth it to have my picture taken with him," cried the girl.

They were students, very energetic and always joking around.

Serena thought back to the days when she and Alice were in school.

They had been best friends.

Now everything had changed.

Just as Serena was getting sentimental, she heard a cold voice behind her.

-Manuel is going to work here?

Everyone immediately turned toward the man.

It was Cristian, whose tone was so indifferent that there was barely a trace of emotion.

No one but Serena knew what the president of the Ferrari Group was thinking.

Cristian's tenderness was only for Serena.

At that moment everyone present suddenly looked pale, except Serena and Luca.

Anna was frightened, -No, he's just having fun, how will Manuel work here? This doesn't suit him.

Serena looked at Cristian with a frown of disgust.

Cristian's improvised words made everyone jerk unconsciously, especially Anna, who was so nervous

and scared, which Serena was not amused by.

Cristian had to sigh, "It's okay.

Anna's father and mother looked at each other without saying anything.

Serena smiled and took Anna's arm, "Manuel can help you here to train.

-No, he has to go back to school in a few days and it's illegal to make a child work," Anna said

uncomfortably.

Everyone agreed on this.

-Well, let him stay with you for a few more days and don't worry," Serena stroked Anna's hand.

Anna was relieved to see Cristian so submissive to Serena.

-Thank you, Serena," Anna said softly in her ear.

Serena was about to respond when she caught a glimpse of Luca, who had not said a word to Anna,

but was still staring at her.

Serena decided to do something, because Luca had helped her and Cristian a lot over the years.

-Please, by the way, I'd like to come up.

Serena tugged on Cristian's sleeve, -Let's go.

And he agreed without hesitation.

-Luca?

Actually, Anna had seen him before and, of course, remembered their last meeting. She still

remembered the words she had said then, not knowing how much she had hurt Luca.

Chapter 1060: She liked a man who would not stay with her.

Serena had already left and Anna could no longer pretend not to see Luca with her gift in his hand, so

she had to say goodbye to him.

Luca came to his senses only when he heard Anna calling him.

He had come with Mr. Cristian to congratulate Anna on the opening of his restaurant, but found that

Anna had lost a lot of weight. Although she was prettier, Luca was worried that she was having a bad time.

He preferred Anna with her round face.

-Congratulations on the opening and I hope you like the gift.

Serena, who was coming up the stairs, heard Luca's words and thought, -My God, why is he acting like a stranger?

Then she looked at Luca again, and Cristian immediately grabbed her by the waist, -Be careful.

Serena widened her eyes at Cristian and whispered, "You wouldn't let me interfere before, and now you're helping Luca, really?"

Upstairs, Cristian loosened his grip and seemed less worried.

He looked at her: -Luca asked me to bring him in.

-What?

-Could I have refused?

Serena was speechless.

Anna took the gift and smiled at Luca: -Thank you very much.

Knowing that Luca was Cristian's assistant, Giancarlo did not question their relationship.

After sitting down, Luca became nervous in front of Anna's parents.

-Mr. Cristian is not upset because Manuel works here, is he? -Giancarlo asked cautiously.

-Don't worry, Manuel and Anna get along very well, Mr. Cristian won't be angry," Luca explained  
patiently.

With Serena here, Cristian did not dare to get angry at all and had to explain himself to her.

Giancarlo smiled and said, -It's okay, I don't want to offend Mr. Cristian.

-It doesn't matter, I'll go and help.

Anna then got up to go to the kitchen.

-Let me do it," Amelia said.

Luca looked at Anna without moving.

He should not have come to join her after what Anna had said. But Luca had not controlled himself at the end.

He didn't know what he was doing or if it was the right thing to do....

But he knew he had to do something, otherwise he and Anna would not even be friends anymore.

Giancarlo saw Luca staring in Anna's direction and winked deliberately.

After greeting the clerk, Anna began to get busy and Amelia whispered, "You have a very happy friend.

-What do you mean?

-Serena.

-She has a good husband, your father says Cristian has a bad temper, but he is handsome, rich and he loves Serena very much, I envy her a lot.

Serena was really very happy, but she and Cristian had gone through many frustrations before.

Anna didn't want to tell her mother, so she nodded.

-Marriage is vital to a woman's life, my daughter, so I hope you marry a man like Cristian.

Anna did not take it seriously, because not everyone was as lucky as Serena.

Anna liked a man who would never be with her.



-Are you listening to me?

-Yes.

-And what are you going to do?

-Mother, I cannot do anything, I am neither beautiful nor rich.

Anna was on the verge of tears when she remembered something sad.

Then she smiled when Amelia froze, -Okay, don't worry, I will take care of myself.

I would try to be with another man if I could forget Matthew forever.