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"H-How is Tommy?" For a moment, Abellyn couldn't be bothered to get back at Ryder. Tommy might not be Ryder's flesh and blood, but he was her flesh and blood. Even tigers wouldn't eat their cubs, let alone her!

"You wicked woman! If anything happens to Tommy today, I will kill you! Get out of here!" Ryder forcefully pushed Abellyn away.

Abellyn fell to the ground, looking panicked and trembling all over. After a while, she hurriedly ran into the house to see what had happened to her son.

Just as they entered the house, a Maserati quickly arrived at the entrance.

Emmanuel hurriedly got out of the car and rushed in. "Ryder, how is Tommy?" he asked anxiously. He treated Tommy like his own son, and their bond was profound.

After barging into the house, he noticed that Abellyn was also there.

"Emmanuel, you're here at last! Hurry and take a look at Tommy. He seems to

have eaten something wrong or been poisoned. He's been vomiting and sweating profusely!" Ryder explained the situation to Emmanuel while glaring fiercely at Abellyn, clearly suspecting she was involved.

Abellyn trembled all over, not daring to argue with him for a moment.

Emmanuel glanced at her but didn't say anything. He rushed to Tommy's side. "Tommy, how are you? Can you speak?" he asked. When he failed to get a response, he quickly took Tommy's pulse and lifted his eyelids to examine his symptoms. After a thorough examination, he looked at the vomit on the ground and couldn't help but frown.

It was obvious that Tommy had a worm planted on him. Although Emmanuel had some knowledge in this area, he couldn't be considered an expert. For a moment didn't know what kind of worm it was.

"Emmanuel, what's wrong with Tommy? Is his life in danger?" implored Ryder while coming over immediately.

"Don't worry, Ryder. Tommy will be fine!" Emmanuel quickly reassured him, hoping to ease his cousin's mind. It was clear that the other party didn't want to kill Tommy. They must have some other purpose for planting the worm on him, so they wouldn't let him die. Because of this, he was confident of saving Tommy.

"Alright, then. Do you need silver needles, Emmanuel? Save Tommy just like you saved me back then!" Ryder-quickly pleaded.

Emmanuel nodded, but his gaze suddenly darted outside the window.

There was no one outside the window, but it seemed like a gust of wind stirred up the dust from the ground.

"Emmanuel, what's wrong?" Ryder asked again nervously.

"It's nothing, Ryder. Help me open the window and let some fresh air in!" $\,$

"Oh, okay!" Ryder went to open the window.

After Emmanuel glanced outside again, he picked up the silver needles and

performed acupuncture on Tommy.

Outside the window was Blake, who thought, Could Emmanuel have

discovered me despite my ability to move stealthily? No wonder Magnus

hasn't been able to kill him despite several attempts. He's really something!

Not wanting to keep Emmanuel from saving his own son, he decided to slip

away first.

After nearly an hour of acupuncture, Tommy's complexion gradually returned

to normal, and the symptoms of fever and sweating disappeared.

After finishing the treatment, Emmanuel was drenched in sweat from

exhaustion.

"Emmanuel, is Tommy alright now?"

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Ryder had been standing aside nervously. He dared not speak just now for

fear of disturbing Emmanuel while he was performing acupuncture.

Behind him, Abellyn also looked at Emmanuel in awe. If Ryder had half the

looks and one-tenth of the capabilities of his cousin, I wouldn't have cheated on him with another man back then! Humph! It's all because this old man is useless! It's not my fault that I cheated on him! What kind of woman would want to spend her life with a useless man?

Emmanuel didn't know the thoughts of the two behind him. "Well, he should be fine now! Ryder, go make some chicken soup for Tommy!" he instructed. "Alright, I'll do it!" Only then did Ryder let go of the worries in his heart and breathed a sigh of relief. As he turned around and saw Abellyn, anger surged in his heart again. "Say it, Abellyn! Did you do something to make Tommy suddenly fall ill?"

Seeing his angry face, Abellyn instinctively stepped back. It wasn't until her big butt hit the door handle hard and got stuck between her buttocks that Find The Best Freight Forwarder For.

she had to stop. She replied in a panic, "Ryder, d-don't you dare accuse me without evidence! Tommy is my own son! Why would I harm him?"

"Humph! You'd better not!" Ryder gritted his teeth. He warned, "If I find proof that it was you, I won't let you off!"

"Y-you're crazy!" Abellyn trembled all over. She retorted, "If I have any grudges, they're against you, you stud! Why would I have grudges against my own son?"

Becoming furious at once, Ryder pointed at her nose and swore, "What did you say? Who did you call a stud?"

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Abellyn subconsciously wanted to step back. However, the room door wasn't opened yet, and the door handle was completely stuck between her buttocks, leaving no room for her to step back.

"Humph! Stop spouting nonsense! Tommy is my own son! He's not your son anymore. Get out of here!" Ryder angrily drove her away.

Abellyn bit her lower lip hard. She yelled in agitation, "Ryder, don't even think

about bullying me anymore! I'm not afraid of you now! I don't have to live according to your whims anymore! I brought Tommy's biological father here today!"

What?! Ryder was thunderstruck. He had chosen not to believe Abellyn's words all along, but who would have thought that she would actually bring the man here today?

Emmanuel also stared at Abellyn. Judging from her expression, she didn't seem to be lying. If she had proof that Tommy wasn't Ryder's biological son, he was worried that Ryder would have difficulty accepting it.

"Blake, where are you? Come here and meet your biological son, and tell this useless old man that he's raising someone else's son!"

Luckily, no matter how Abellyn shouted, no one showed up.

"Alright, you crazy woman, stop causing trouble in my house! Get out!" Ryder grabbed Abellyn's clothes, opened the door, and forcefully dragged her out.

Abellyn kept calling for Blake, but that ugly man was nowhere to be found. He

never showed up, even after Ryder threw her out!

"How strange! Where the hell is that *sshole?" She sat down on the ground with a puzzled expression. That ugly man specifically asked me to bring him to see our son, but why did he never show up in front of them? What a lunatic! Not only that, she also noticed that the black Corolla had disappeared from the entrance-the man had abandoned her again.

Emmanuel didn't care about Abellyn either. Ryder went to make chicken soup while he continued to observe Tommy's condition with many questions in his mind. Who on earth secretly planted a worm on Tommy? Who was it that was peeking from outside the window just now? I didn't realize it, but everyone around me has been targeted.

The trouble was getting bigger, and the enemies were getting stronger and stronger. It seemed that he had to find help. Otherwise, he was afraid he might be unable to protect so many family members with his own strength. Chapter 773



Emmanuel was surprised. How did that woman end up at his house?

At this moment, Ryder just so happened to walk into the room with a bowl of

congée and overheard the conversation between Emmanuel and his mother.

"Yes, they came specifically to apologize in person. Ruby even said... She

said..."

Alessandra suddenly felt a little reluctant to repeat the words that Ruby had

said.

Emmanuel had a bad feeling and quickly asked, "What did she say?"

She must have said something so cheesy and shameless that his mother felt

embarrassed just repeating it.

"She said... she really likes Ryder. She said since he has strong muscles, he

must be very hardworking and physically fit. S-She really wants to... Well, in

short, she really wants to talk to him!"

Pfft!

Ryder was testing the temperature of the congee when he faintly heard what	
Alessandra said. He ended up almost spraying congee all over Emmanuel's	
face.	
What did Ruby mean by "very hardworking and physically fit?"	
How did she know that?	
What did she mean by liking "physically fit men?"	
Emmanuel also felt goosebumps all over his body.	
To him, hearing such cheesy words relayed by his mother felt both horrifying	
and creepy!	
'Well, Mom, let me discuss it with him."	
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'There's no need to discuss it. Since you have a car, just bring them over with	
/ou!"	

Alessandra's attitude was firm. She was worried that Ryder would not be able to get together with Tia Franks, and she believed that Ruby was genuinely interested in Ryder. In any case, she wanted to help Ryder resolve this issue about his marriage status as soon as possible. Even if Ryder did not like Ruby, he should come over to make it clear to her instead of leaving her hanging. "Emmanuel... can you still give me a ride to your house?" Ryder was an honest person who respected his elders. Since Alessandra was so determined, he could not refuse the instruction. "What about Tommy?" "I'll ask the neighbor to help take care of him. He should be fine, right?" "He should be okay' After Emmanuel said that, he thought momentarily and said, "Since you want

to meet Ruby, I'll go with you. Be prepared. She's not a good person!"

Ryder nodded.
He also wanted to cut this relationship off because he liked Tia.
Compared to Tia, Ruby was just a meddlesome woman, no better than
Abellyn. He did not want her.
Soon, Emmanuel drove his Maserati and brought Ryder back to the family's
house.
Before he even parked the car, Emmanuel was shocked to find a woman
standing by the door.
What was going on?
The temperature for that day was around 50 degrees Fahrenheit, yet Ruby
was wearing a sweet and short plaid skirt paired with black stockings while
her hair was tied up in twin tails. She even put on a style of makeup that
made her look so young that she was almost unrecognizable to Emmanuel!
She was in her thirties, yet she still insisted on dressing like she was eighteen.

Was she a demon?

Ryder did not have Emmanuel's alertness and observation skills, and he was also sitting in the passenger seat. Hence, he had yet to see Ruby.

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Ruby had been waiting by the door and could not help but sigh when she saw the Maserati worth a few hundred thousand.

She believed that as long as she could capture Ryder's heart, she could demand 50 thousand for her bride price, along with a new car and a house.

Emmanuel had married a super-rich woman, so he would definitely have to

help Ryder out, right?

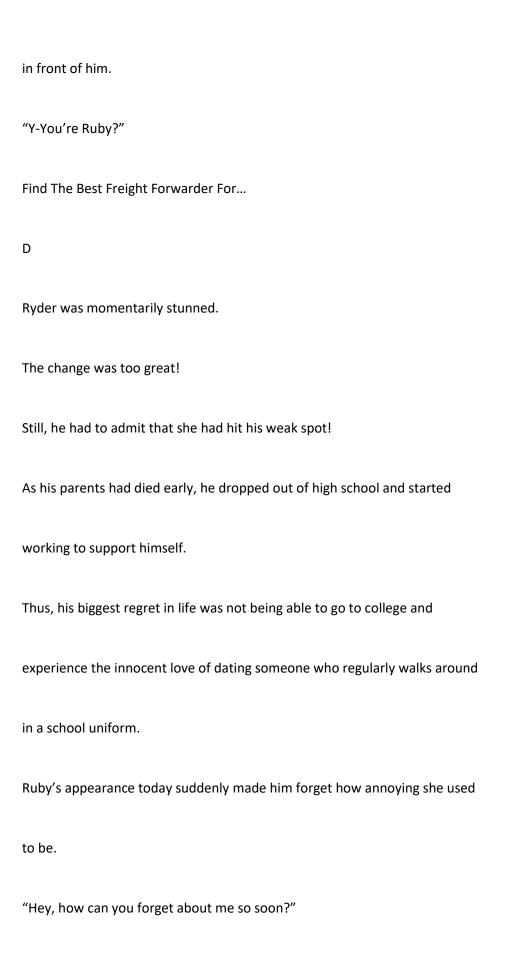
Hence, she had to perform well today and turn the tide.

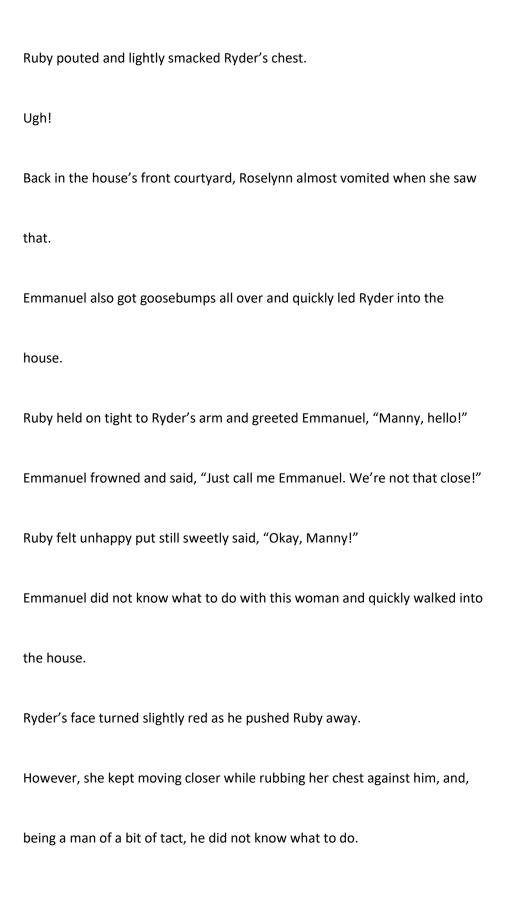
"Ryder, you're finally back!"

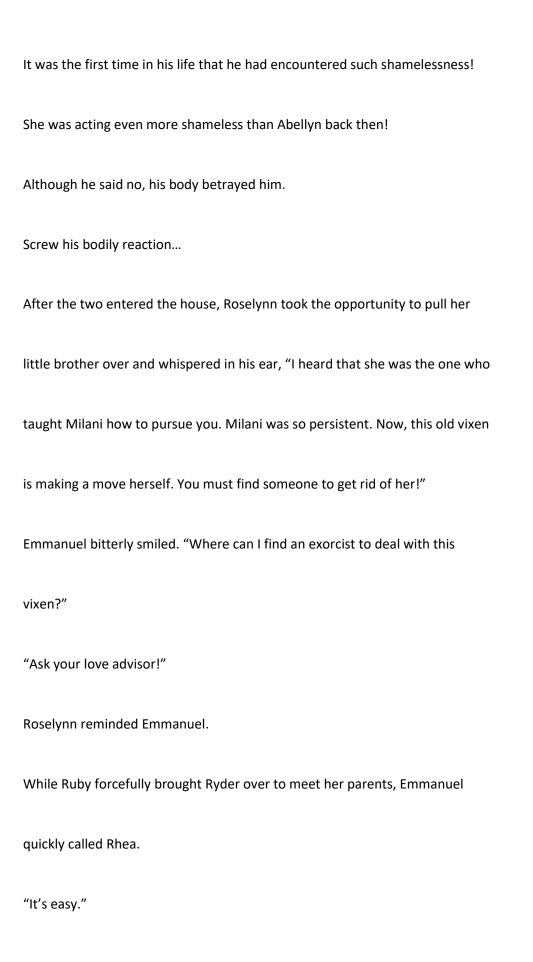
As soon as Ryder opened the car door, he heard a sweet and coquettish

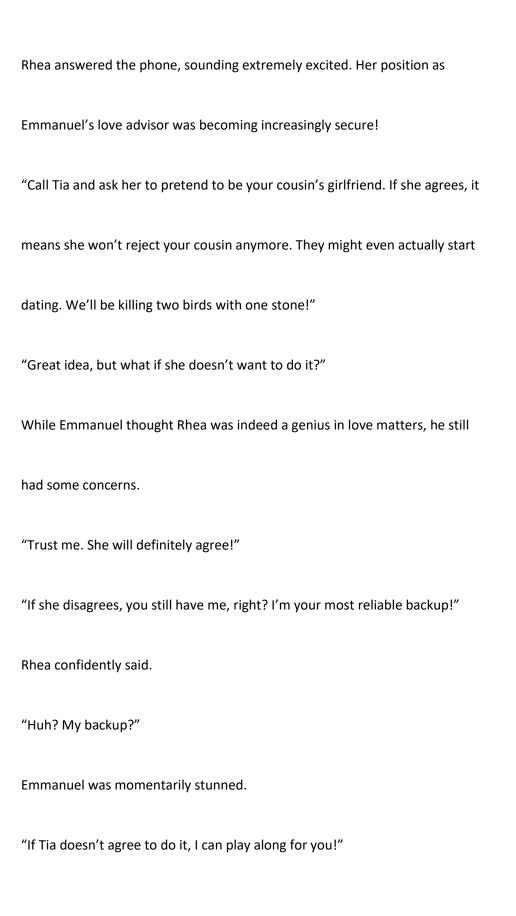
voice call out to him.

When he looked up, he saw a woman dressed like a college student standing









"Oh, I see. Okay. Thank you!" Emmanuel could only treat it as a slip of the tongue from Rhea. He was already a married man. Why would anyone want to be his backup? It was better not to overthink. He didn't know that after Rhea hung up on the phone, her cheeks were burning hot! "Darn it! Why did I say something like that? I can't let Emmanuel know that I like him. Otherwise, it might be awkward when we meet in the future..." Chapter 775 "Stop clinging to me. It looks rude!" Ryder entered the room and pushed Ruby away again. This woman was as sticky as sugar! She might have no shame, but he still wanted to maintain his dignity! "Ryder, you finally came!" Just as he managed to push Ruby away, Belinda approached.

Alessandra, being the kind-hearted person she was, had already forgiven the
other party after they apologized. Hence, she was walking next to Belinda as
well.
"Well"
Ryder was not used to this. Last time, both Belinda and Ruby teamed up to
scold him like he was something found at the bottom of their shoes. Why
were they suddenly so nice to him?
He just did not understand it!
He did not get it one bit.
"Ryder, what happened last time was our family's fault. When your mother
asked the matchmaker to approach us, we shouldn't have been so
judgmental!"
Belinda played along with her daughter's act as she insincerely apologized to
Ryder.

As for Roderick, he smiled and went along with it. He did not care who Ruby

married as long as the man could afford the bridal price.

After all, their goal was to sell their daughter for a high price. It was fine as

long as they would not be suffering a loss.

"You were not wrong, though!"

Ryder straightened his back and said, "I am indeed ugly and not worthy of

your daughter, so...

"I don't mind!"

Ruby did not give him a chance to refuse the offer. She walked over and

hugged his arm.

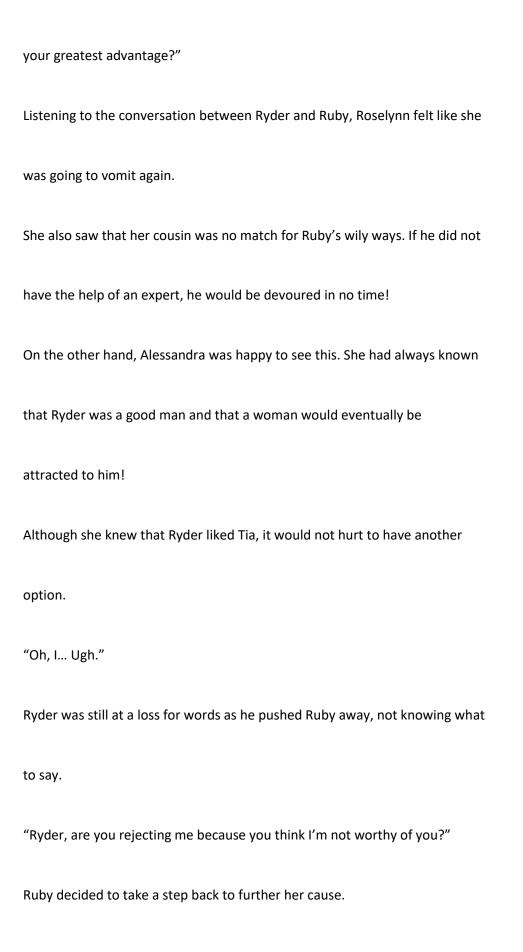
Based on her experience dating middle-aged men, she had already figured

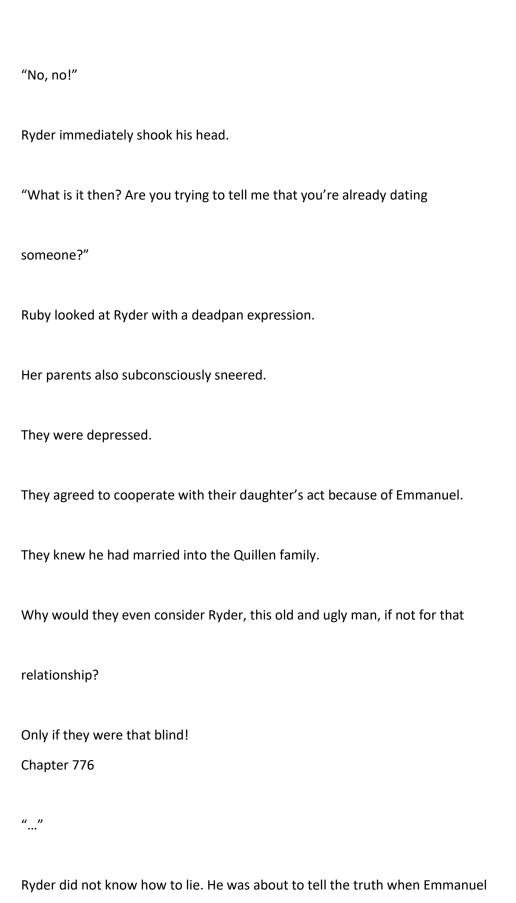
out that although Ryder was a typical doormat, his self-control was far

inferior to Emmanuel's!

She knew full well that Milani Zimmerman could not make Emmanuel fall

head over heels for her because she did not use her body effectively. After all, a woman's greatest weapon was her body, right? She firmly believed that as long as she slept with Ryder, the older man would definitely be infatuated with her. Then, as long as she made good use of his relationship with Emmanuel and 3/6 his mother, she could easily get a bride price of 50 thousand, maybe even 500 thousand! "Ah, I really don't deserve you, Miss Zimmerman!" "You should work harder then. I believe you will be worthy of me in the future!" "I just can't do it. No matter how hard I work, it's useless!" "In that case, I'll accompany you and be your catalyst for change, okay?" "Well... what exactly about me caught your attention?" "See? You have self-awareness. You are down-to-earth and honest. Isn't that



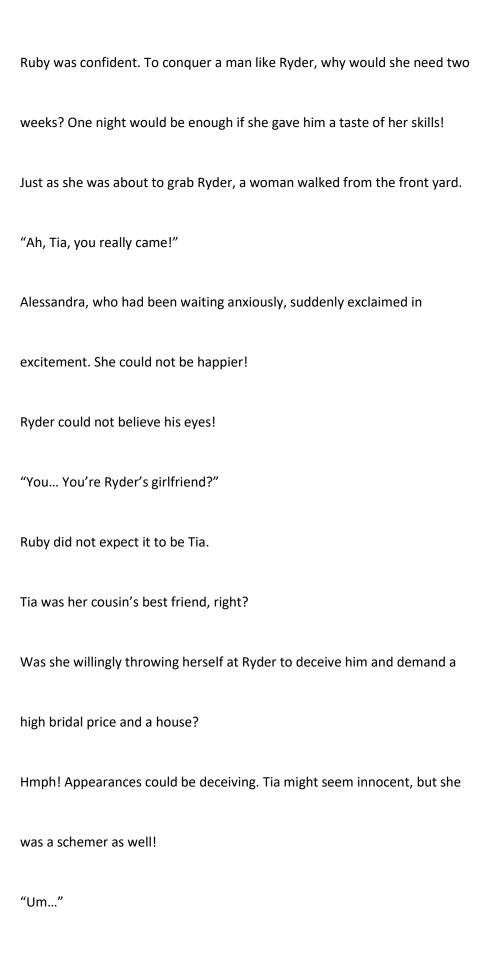






Roselynn, on the other hand, remained calm and prepared some peanuts and melon seeds so that she could watch the show. Women named Zimmerman were quite extraordinary! Even though Ruby knew the other person did not like her, she still shamelessly pursued him. How could someone so shameless exist in this world? 2 However, after waiting for thirty minutes, no one came to visit. Ruby laughed and said to Emmanuel, "Emmanuel, were you deliberately testing me? You're so annoying! I really like your cousin. Just let us get married!" Emmanuel rolled his eyes. If his cousin really married her, he would no longer visit his cousin's place! "Alright, Ryder, no woman will come. Don't be silly and date me instead. If you

don't fall in love with me within two weeks, we can break up, okay?"



Tia did not verbally answer. She just nodded. Even so, it was enough to make Alessandra bloom with joy like a flower and exclaim, "That's amazing!" Ryder was petrified on the spot! 2 With his intelligence, how could he never have guessed that Emmanuel brought Tia here to put on an act? He thought it was real! 3 mind nearly went blank. rt man like him could experience Chapter 777 "You... You're lying!" Ruby, who had dated over a dozen boyfriends, immediately exposed Tia. "How could you be interested in this ugly man? Don't think I don't know Emmanuel called you to pretend to be Ryder's girlfriend, did he not?!" Tia was secretly surprised. Milani's cousin is indeed not easy to deceive!

Still, she pursed her lips and insisted, "No, I really am Ryder's girlfriend unless
he doesn't like me!"
"H-How could I not like you?!" Ryder, who had become blissful beyond words,
exclaimed instinctively.
Tia's face immediately turned red, and she lowered her head, her emotions
unclear.
Even Ruby, thick-skinned as she was, felt awkward right then. She was
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desperately pursuing this ugly guy, yet he openly declared his affection for
another woman in front of her!
Naturally, she couldn't accept such an outcome.
"What did I tell you, Ryder? Divorcing Abellyn was definitely the best decision
you've ever made!" Roselynn, who had been watching the drama, thought

she had her time's worth when she looked at Ruby's shocked and angry

expression.

Good thing I didn't go shopping today. The drama at home is even more entertaining than the melodramas in the movie theater!

"Um... I, well..." Ryder scratched his head happily, still unsure how to respond.

If he hadn't been driven to the edge of madness by Abellyn, he wouldn't have

divorced her in a fit of anger.

When he divorced her, he had already accepted that he would never be

attractive to women again and prepared to be single for the rest of his life,

but who'd have thought that two women would fight to be his girlfriend this

day?! He didn't even dare to dream of such a thing!

"Can you finally give up now, Zimmerman? Aren't you leaving? Stop

pretending. We all know what you're thinking!" Roselynn tore down Ruby's

facade.

Lo and behold, Ruby burst into tears. "W-Why would I pretend? You guys

came to me, asking me to come for a blind date and a potential marriage.

How can you humiliate me now that I've come voluntarily?! Sob... You're all

The tactic was indeed effective. Alessandra immediately scolded Roselynn,

"Watch your mouth!"

bullying me!"

Then, she quickly apologized to Ruby, "I'm sorry, Ruby! Indeed, we have arranged for you to meet Ryder for à blind date, but it didn't work out, did it? Since it's over, and Ryder is interested in Tia... We can't force feelings too..."

Roselynn reluctantly accepted her mother's explanation. Sure, Alessandra

was a bit of a pushover, but she still knew her rights from wrongs.

"I know, but I just want to be friends with Ryder! Is that also not allowed?!" $\,$

Ruby continued using the door-in-the-face technique. Being a master of

love affairs, how could she not make out Tia's expressions?!

Regardless of this woman's motives, she's definitely not Ryder's girlfriend! I'm

going to stay here and expose them one by one! Hmph!

"Of course you can! The more friends, the better!" Alessandra, being her usual kind self, said unsurprisingly.

Rendered speechless, Roselynn returned to her room. She worried she would puke if she continued looking at the woman.

"Well then, I'll go cook. You lovebirds have a good chat!" Ruby pretended to be nonchalant, even deliberately creating an opportunity for Tia and Ryder to be alone.

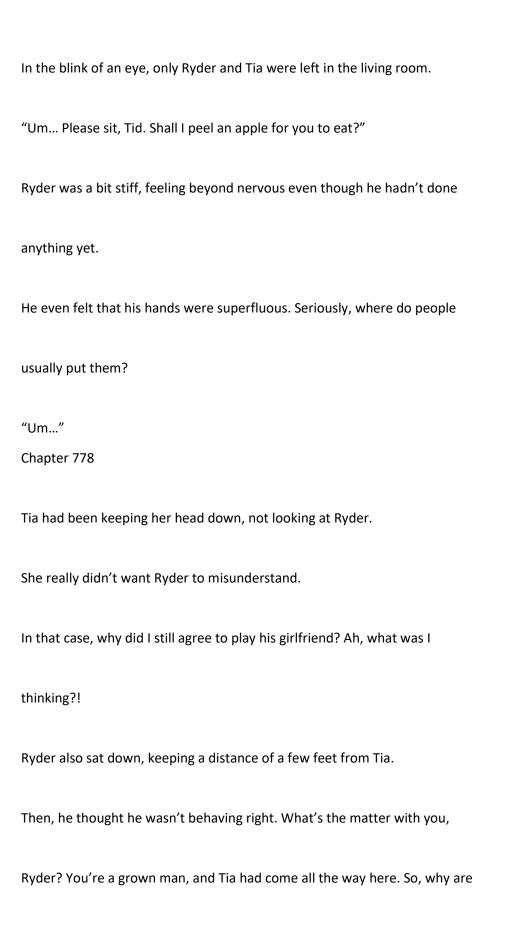
Hmph, fake couple, the more space you have, the easier you'll be exposed!

Emmanuel didn't quite get what Ruby was up to, but he did support giving his cousin and Tia a chance to be alone. It was a hard-won opportunity, and he hoped Ryder would make the most of it.

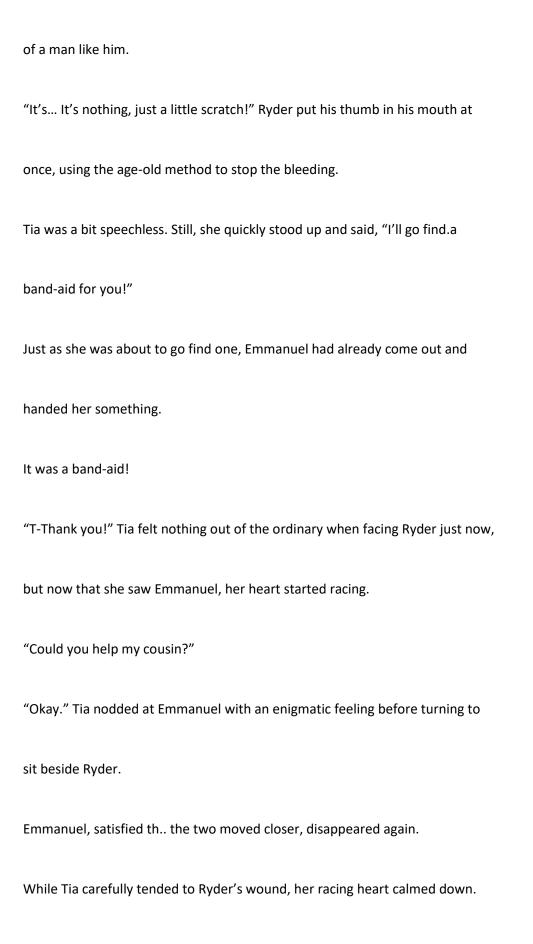
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With that in mind, he led his mother, who still looked a little clueless, away.

When Alessandra saw her son's expression, she immediately realized. "Oh, oh, there are so many guests today. I'll buy some groceries. You two talk!



you behaving like a wuss?! He thought about quietly scooting closer, but then he withdrew again. Would Tia think I'm trying to make a move? Alas, back when he was with Abellyn, he never felt this way. They got married 2 in a whirlwind and became husband and wife-what couldn't they do together? However, with Tia, he felt a desire to get closer mixed with a fear of it. Is this possibly love? He felt somewhat bashful. He was already a 36-year-old man with an independent child, yet he was only now experiencing his first love. What a joke! "Ah!" Ryder suddenly let out a cry of pain. His attention was so scattered that he accidentally cut his thumb while peeling an apple. "Ryder, are you okay?" Tia quickly sat down next to him, without the hesitation



"Ryder, on the other hand, was nervous and stiff. He caught the fragrance of orchids in Tia and found it rather pleasant. "Ryder, can you help me with something?" Just as the atmosphere was becoming incredibly romantic, a call from the kitchen broke the spell. "Oh, okay!" Ryder, being the sincere person he was, jumped up as if compelled by his helpful nature. But very quickly, he thought it wasn't right, and he said to Tia while scratching his head, "I... I'll go help out in the kitchen." "Okay..." Tia just nodded without any hint of jealousy. Ryder didn't think much about it and walked straight to the kitchen. The moment he entered, his body, which had just relaxed, immediately tensed up again, harder than pure steel!

Ruby opened the gas cabinet and bent down to inspect the gas tank. Her

posterior was facing Ryder, swaying it sideways accidentally on purpose. She was wearing black stockings and a short skirt, and the angle was just right. The breathtaking view inside was unexpectedly revealed to Ryder. "It seems like we're out of gas. Can you help me change the tank?" Ruby acted as if she had no idea that her secret was being scrutinized by a man. She continued to twist the gas bottle from side to side. She wanted to escalate the scene. Chapter 779 Ruby suddenly turned around, and Ryder was so startled that he quickly turned away, flustered. The image earlier was etched in his mind. D*mn it! What if she realizes I have reacted? It would be absolutely mortifying! "Ryder, are you okay?" Ruby feigned oblivion and sashayed over. "Oh, n-nothing!" Ryder quickly adjusted his angle.

"Why do you have your back faced to me then? Are you afraid of me?" Ruby

smirked playfully, her confidence growing even stronger.

Men, they all liked passionate women who took the initiative. Especially she

knew her advantages well. She might not be stunningly beautiful or tall, but

she was ample in the right places.

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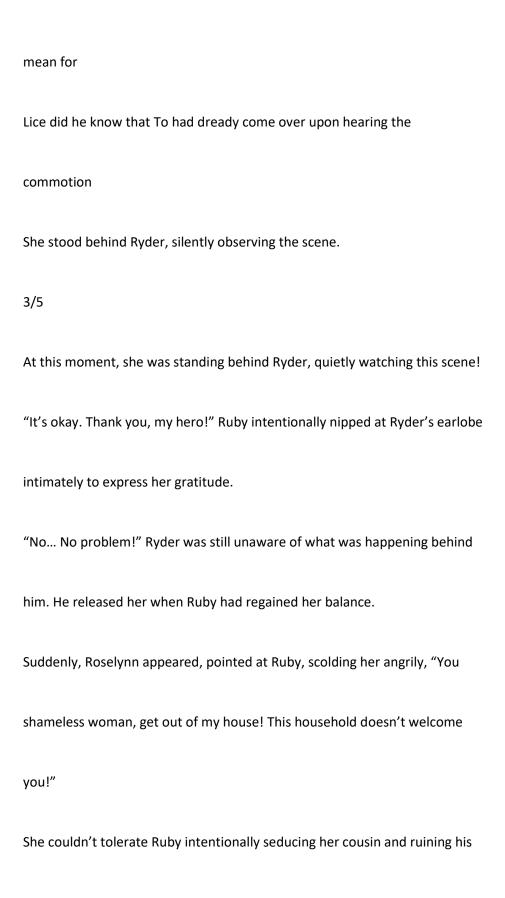
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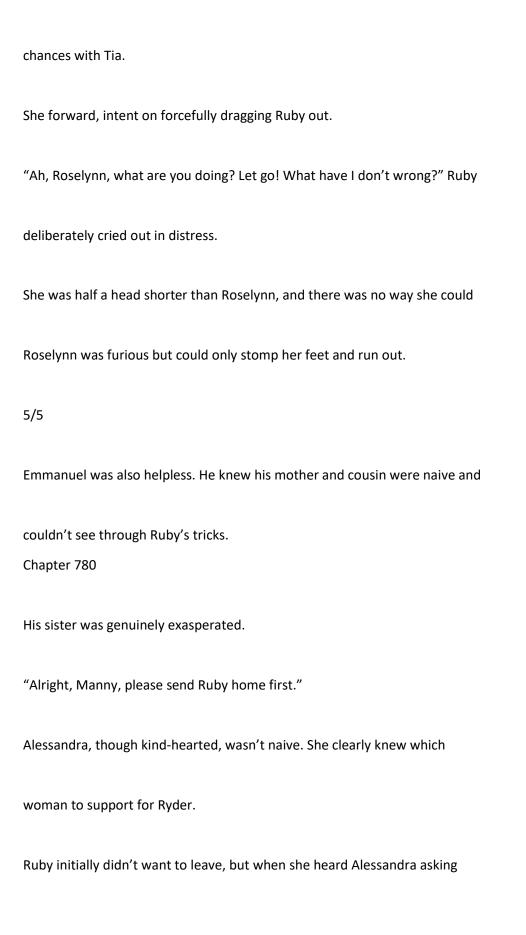
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Emmanuel to send her home, he knew that her chance of riding in the million-dollar Maserati had come.

It was Mackenzie's car, after all.

"Sure!" Emmanuel and Ruby responded almost simultaneously.

Then, Ruby smiled at Emmanuel and said, "We're so in sync!"

However, Emmanuel just snorted and walked away.

The situation would've undoubtedly left any woman embarrassed, mortified even. Unfortunately, Ruby had already abandoned all pretense of dignity long ago, so she wouldn't feel embarrassed at all. In fact, she excitedly chased after Emmanuel.

While she was busy taking various selfies in front of the Maserati and even getting ready to open the door to sit inside for a photo, Emmanuel coldly asked, "What are you doing?"

"What am I doing? Getting in the car, of course!" Ruby was stumped for a moment, then immediately approached Emmanuel and drew circles on his

chest with her finger. With a seductive look on her face, she said, "Or maybe you'd like to do something else with me, and I'm willing. Just drive the car to a more secluded place. I promise you won't be disappointed."

Hmph! Emmanuel swatted her hand away and pointed to the taxi slowly approaching from the other side. "You've got the wrong idea, Ms.

Zimmerman. I promised to send you home, but I didn't promise to personally drive you back. I've already paid for that car, so you don't need to pay again!" "You-"

smirked triumphantly.

Even though she didn't get to ride in the Maserati or establish a good relationship with Emmanuel this day, she had already confirmed that he and Ryder were entirely different types of men!

Ryder might be honest, but he certainly wasn't as controlled and disciplined, especially when it came to desires of the flesh.

"Emmanuel, watch how I use him to squeeze out your money!"

Meanwhile, Emmanuel was hesitating about whether he should go home or

not. He was worried that he might unintentionally become a third wheel

between Ryder and Tia. Moreover, he was well aware that Tia had a favorable

impression of him, and his presence would not be conducive to their

developing relationship."

Bah, I should just go and pick up wifey early!

Since everyone assumed he was taking Ruby home, Emmanuel decided not

to go inside.

On the other side, Mackenzie had just finished a meeting and returned to her

office. She rubbed her temples, feeling a little mentally exhausted.

At the door, Lexi gently knocked it while holding an exquisite bag in her hand.

"Come in!" said Mackenzie softly without lifting her head.

"Ms. Quillen, you've been in meetings all afternoon. You must be thirsty.

Luckily, a supplier sent over a bag of peaches. Shall I clean them for you to

soothe your throat?" Lexi raised the bag in her hand.

Mackenzie glanced at it expressionlessly, then sighed under her breath and said, "I can't eat right now. Put them in my car and ask Wally to drive me home early. I'm a bit tired."

"Alright, Ms. Quillen!" Lexi quickly nodded and went to make arrangements.

She knew why Mackenzie was so exhausted. Terence Group had been

-dealing with too many things lately.

Suppliers were terminating their contracts one after another.

Ignacio suddenly transferred his shares to the second-largest shareholder of

Terence Group. Now, the latter was using his majority ownership to

constantly oppose Mackenzie within the company.

Mysterious enemies hiding in the shadows keep making moves, and Terence

Group is facing internal and external challenges. Even though Ms. Quillen has

been handling things very well and hasn't made any mistakes, she must be

mentally exhausted dealing with all this!