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Chapter 3451

"Mason is actually more mature than I imagined. He should be able to handle this matter well," said Jason.

"Deal with it? How does he plan to deal with it?" Grace asked, sounding puzzled.

"Nature has slowly cooled it down, don't worry, he shouldn't use any drastic measures," said Jason. Mason now seems to have learned patience and restraint.

Grace breathed a small sigh of relief upon hearing this, "Actually, it would be good if Mason could slowly accept that Veronica has feelings for someone else. After all, human emotions are unpredictable. When people are together for a long time, they may only have a sense of familial love and not be able to develop romantic love no matter what."

Jason smiled lightly, knowing that his wife might have misunderstood something.

"Yeah, he'll gradually accept it, but accepting doesn't mean agreeing. If he wants to get what he wants, then he should fight for it in his own way," said Jason.

Grace furrowed her brows slightly and asked, "What do you mean by that?"

He needs to figure out how to get along with Veronica," Jason said. "Do you think someone who is as important to Mason as his own life would just give up like that?"

Grace realized, "But when it comes to matters of the heart, you simply can't force it."

"It's not something that can be forced. Besides, they're still young and going through a period of emotional instability. Who knows what the future holds?" Jason paused for a moment before continuing, "Perhaps Mason will eventually get what he wants? Or maybe, after experiencing setbacks, he will change his mind?"

Grace hesitated for a moment and said, "Jason, I think it's best to let things take their natural course. I'm worried that Mason's emotions will be hurt, but Veronica is also someone I've watched grow up. If she really likes that boy named Daniel, I don't want the Reed family to interfere and ruin this relationship."

After all, if the Reed family were to use their power to interfere and put pressure on the Cross family, it's highly likely that the young couple would break up in no time.

"Okay," Jason readily agreed. "I won't use the Reed family's

power to interfere with Veronica and Daniel's relationship. However, I am also Mason's father, so it shouldn't be a

problem for us to have a heart-to-heart talk."

not a problem. If Mason is willing to open up to you, I would only be happy!"

Over the next few days, Mason continued to attend his

classes as usual, but he stayed with the Reed family instead of returning to the Barlow family's home.

On the Barlow family's side, they are naturally very worried about this unusual situation. The Barlow family members

are constantly asking Veronica, "Veronica, why did Mason suddenly move in with the Reed family? Is he not going to come back to the Barlow family anymore?"

"I hope you didn't do anything to upset him again!"

"I'm warning you, you need to understand who Mason is! If you make him unhappy, the Barlow family will be in trouble!"

Veronica didn't bother to pay attention to these scoldings.

Every time there was any movement on Mason's side, her family would react like this!

Chapter 3452

However, Mason hasn't been staying at home these days, which makes Veronica feel uneasy. They used to go to school

and come home together.

But these days, she's been alone, and it's making her uncomfortable.

Although at school, Mason seems to be the same as usual, sitting quietly in his seat, and going to the school cafeteria

with her for lunch.

The only difference is that these days, there's another person eating with them, Daniel.

Veronica remembers the first day when Daniel smiled and said to Mason, "Mason, I'm dating Veronica now, so I'm your sister's boyfriend!"

When Daniel said this, Veronica felt stiff all over, afraid that Mason would be upset, especially since she hadn't even told him yet!

Previously, Mason was quite opposed to her liking Daniel. She had intended to tell him at an appropriate time, but unfortunately he went to live with the Reed family.

The result is that she still hasn't spoken up now.

disgusted way. He simply said, "Oh, I see. So Mr. Cross is Veronica's boyfriend now, huh?"

Mason... doesn't reject Daniel anymore?

Veronica secretly looked at Mason, but couldn't tell anything from his expressionless face.

After lunch ended, Veronica and Mason returned to the classroom. She couldn't help but ask, "Mason, are you willing to accept Daniel?"

Mason raised his beautiful eyes and asked, "Why should I accept Mr. Cross?"

"But just now you..."

"He is Veronica's boyfriend, and although I don't like him, it doesn't mean I have to oppose him," said Mason. "Since he is the person Veronica likes, I will try to get along with him."

Upon hearing this, Veronica finally breathed a sigh of relief and a smile of relief appeared on her face. "That's great!

Mason, thank you!"

Her smile suddenly became unbearable to him.

He used to love seeing her smile, but now it's because of someone else.

"Veronica, if one day I stand against Daniel, who would you

Veronica froze, the question was like asking who to save first if two important people fell into the water at the same time.

It's not appropriate to help either of them.

"That day will never come!" Veronica thought for a moment and replied.

"But what if it does?" he insisted.

"If it really does, then I will try to resolve the conflict between you and not let that happen," Veronica said. "I believe that where there's a will, there's a way!"

Mason suddenly smiled and said, "Yes, I also believe that where there's a will, there's a way!"

He believed that one day she would realize that the person

she should be with in this life is not Daniel, but him!

“By the way, Mason, when are you coming back to live here?” Veronica asked again.

Mason said, “I want to stay with the Reed family for a few more days.”

“Is that so?” Veronica murmured.

“Isn’t it what Veronica would most like to see? My family and I strengthening our relationship a bit more?” he said.

She felt a sudden suffocation. Yes, wasn’t she hoping that he could spend more time with his family? But now that it had actually happened, she felt a sense of disappointment.

What’s wrong with her?!

Veronica forcefully shook her head and forced a smile, “Well, you can spend more time with your family, that’s a good thing!”

She should be happy and offer her blessings, that’s the right thing to do!

Chapter 3453

In the following days, Mason did not return to the Barlow family, but instead stayed with the Reed family. Every time after school, Veronica watched as Mason parted ways with her and got into another car, which brought back a feeling of loneliness once again.

Daniel, on the other hand, knowing that Veronica was going home alone, took the initiative to say to her, “I’ll walk you home from now on.”

“Are you giving me a ride?” Veronica asked in surprise.

“Right, I’m your boyfriend now, aren’t I? Taking you home, no big deal,” he said.

“But my dad and them don’t know yet!” said Veronica. After all, she hasn’t told her family about her relationship with Daniel

yet!

“Then I’ll just drop you off near your home before leaving,”

said Daniel.

After all, they are still students, and most people wouldn’t tell their parents about dating at this stage.

Mick walked in by pushing the door.

Mick asked, "I noticed you've been staying at home every day recently. Are you not planning to go back to the Barlow family?"

"I don't plan to for now," Mason said.

"Did you have a fight with Veronica?" Mick asked, showing concern for his younger brother's relationship despite not being a gossip person.

"No," Mason replied.

"If you didn't fight, then why do you keep going home all the time?" Mick asked, puzzled.

"If I keep living with the Barlow family, then I can only be her little brother in her eyes," Mason explained. He was too familiar with her, and she had a deep-rooted impression of him as a little brother that she saw almost all the time.

Mick remained silent for a moment before asking, "You don't want to just be her little brother?"

"No, I don't," Mason said, looking straight at Mick. "Bro, have you ever wanted someone so much that you just want that person to be with you all the time, never wanting to be apart, and that person is irreplaceable?"

Mick was shocked by Mason's words. Although he vaguely understood how important Veronica was to his younger brother, hearing it from Mason's mouth was a different feeling altogether.

"No," Mick replied. For him, family was the most important thing, and he didn't have anyone else he wanted that badly.

The longer Mason stayed with the Reed family, the more tense the atmosphere became with the Barlow family. Archer and Rosalind were always wearing a frown, and Lionel was constantly advising his sister, "Sis, if you have a fight with Mason, just give in to him. As long as you give in, he won't stay away from home, will he?"

"Here is not his home, his true home is with the Reed family," said Veronica.

Lionel said unhappily, "Sis, why do you keep saying that the

Reed family is his home? What are you really thinking? Do you not want Mason to come back?"

Veronica pursed her lips and didn't respond to her brother's words.

Chapter 3454

A few days later in the evening, when she returned home, she found her father, stepmother, and younger brother sitting in the living room with serious expressions.

As soon as he saw her return, her father fixed her with a cold, unwavering stare.

"Dad? What's wrong?" asked Veronica.

"Are you dating any of the boys from school?" Archer asked sharply.

Veronica was surprised, "Dad, how come...?"

"How do I know? Your younger brother saw that guy walk you home, and I even went out of my way to check the surveillance footage from nearby stores. Turns out that guy has been walking you home almost every day! So, what's the deal between you two? Have you slept together?"

Veronica's face turned red, she never expected her father to suddenly say such a thing.

"Of course... there isn't any!" she said indignantly, feeling embarrassed.

Archer and Rosalind breathed a sigh of relief. Archer pointed

immediately and stop seeing him! I knew something was up when Mason didn't come back to stay with us recently. It's all because of this!"

Veronica said, "Dad, Mason is staying with the Reed family. It has nothing to do with me dating Daniel. Daniel and I haven't done anything wrong. Why do we have to break up?"

"What do you mean you haven't done anything wrong? You're still a student, and dating is a mistake! Anyway, you better break up right away, or I won't forgive you!" Archer said fiercely.

Veronica said, "I won't break up. I don't think I did anything wrong!"

“You...you...” Archer was so angry that his fingers were trembling.

Rosalind quickly placed her hand on her husband’s chest and said to Veronica, “Veronica, just listen to your father. Do you really want to make him sick with anger?”

Veronica clenched her teeth tightly, but she didn’t admit her mistake.

However, what happened next completely exceeded Veronica’s expectations. She thought her father would at most pressure her, but she didn’t expect him to go directly to the Cross family.

“Sis, Mom and Dad went to the Cross family. It seems like they want you to break up with your boyfriend! I’ve given you a heads up, so remember to say some good things about me in front of Mason in the future!” Lionel said on the phone.

After the phone call ended, Veronica looked at Daniel with a confused expression.

“What’s wrong?” asked Daniel.

Veronica said, “It seems like my dad and stepmother went to your house!”

Daniel’s face slightly changed, “Do they know we’re dating?”

“Well, before, they didn’t approve of us dating and wanted me to break up with you. I didn’t agree, but I didn’t expect them to go to your house,” said Veronica.

After all, it was the first time she had encountered such a situation, so for a moment, she was a bit confused.

“I’ll go back to my house first and take a look,” said Daniel.

“I’ll go too!” Veronica quickly added. After all, this matter was related to her and she couldn’t let Daniel face it alone.

Daniel heard the words, thought for a moment, nodded and said, “Okay!”

The two of them hurriedly made their way to the Cross family.

On the way to the Cross family, Daniel received a call from his father asking him to come back as soon as possible.

Chapter 3455

When Daniel and Veronica arrived at the Cross family's house, they saw Archer and Rosalind shouting and cursing at the people of the Cross family in the living room. The words they used were all very offensive.

They are saying that the Cross family intentionally flirted with the daughter of the Barlow family. They are also accusing the Cross family of using unethical methods and are threatening to take them to court.

In short, the Cross family must make their son break up, otherwise this matter will not be resolved.

Daniel's parents were extremely angry. As soon as they saw their son come back, they immediately said to him, "Look at you, what kind of girlfriend did you date? Since she asked you to break up, then break up. Don't cause trouble for the family!"

Daniel looked at Veronica's parents and tried to control himself as he said, "Hello, Uncle and Aunt. My name is Daniel, and Veronica and I are currently dating. However, we will not do anything inappropriate and will focus on our studies. Our relationship will not affect our academic performance."

However, these words had no effect on Archer and Rosalind.

"Dad, enough! Why are you forcing me to break up? Ask yourselves honestly, are you really doing this for my own good or for your own selfish reasons?" Veronica said.

"What are you talking about?" Archer said irritably. "Just because of this guy, you and Mason have a rift, and now Mason won't return to the Barlow family. Are you happy?"

"I am dating Daniel, it has nothing to do with Mason. Please don't confuse the two," said Veronica.

"What do you mean it's not a big deal? Mason has been staying with our family for so many years. If you want to become the Reed family's Mason grandma in the future, it will be an easy thing to do!" Archer blurted out his wishful thinking that he had been planning for so many years in a moment of urgency.

Veronica looked embarrassed and said, "Mason is my younger brother!"

“You’re not even related by blood!” said Archer, then he turned to Daniel and warned him, “Don’t even think about aiming too high, you’re punching above your weight. Look at yourself, you’re not even close to being good enough for my daughter!”

Even though Daniel initially wanted to show respect towards Archer, his expression turned extremely unpleasant at this moment. If Archer wasn’t Veronica’s father, he might have impulsively thrown a punch already.

Mrs. Cross pulled herself over and looked coldly at the Barlow family. “Swan, what kind of swan is your daughter? If you

continue to insult people like this, I will call the police!”

“Go ahead, call the police if you dare!” Archer said angrily, even shaking his fist at the old Mrs. Cross.

Daniel was afraid that Archer might actually hit his own mother, so he quickly stepped forward and grabbed Archer.

As a result, when Rosalind saw what was happening, she thought her husband was going to be hit, so she reached out and hit Archer. Then, the elderly Mrs. Cross also joined the fight. After that, the elderly Mr. Cross and Archer also started fighting.

On site, everything suddenly became chaotic, and soon after, a group of people were taken to the police station.

Veronica never imagined that her relationship would lead to

both sides being taken to the police station. All she did was fall in love with someone, so why did things end up like this?!

And, with all the trouble in their family today, can she and Daniel really continue their relationship?

At the police station, the two families have been temporarily separated and are undergoing separate mediation sessions.

Chapter 3456

Veronica felt a bit suffocated in the mediation room, so she made an excuse to go to the restroom and temporarily left the mediation room.

After she walked out, she unexpectedly saw that the door of another mediation room was half open. Inside the room, the old Mr. Cross was saying to Daniel, “You must break up, and break up immediately! Even if this girl is really a good girl as you say, who can bear such a family? Moreover, her family looks down on you!”

These words, falling into Veronica’s ears, were so harsh.

But she knew that all of this was caused by her own family!

She walked over to the chairs in the hallway and sat down,

feeling extremely exhausted. Will she really break up with

Daniel? They both felt good about each other, but they were breaking up because of their families.

She had only seen this kind of plot in TV dramas before, but

she never thought that one day it would happen to her!

Veronica lowered her head, her eyes filled with bitterness, as if

tears were about to burst out.

Just then, a shadow fell over her followed by a pair of

These were... Mason's sneakers!

Veronica looked up in surprise and saw Mason standing in

"Little... Mason..." Her nose felt sour and tears streamed down

her face.

Mason crouched down and gently wiped away the tears on Veronica's face. "It's okay, Veronica. I'm here. No matter what happens, I'll be by your side.!"

No matter what happens?

Veronica was stunned. Just a moment ago, her heart was lost and confused, but upon seeing Mason, she inexplicably felt at

ease.

He wiped away her tears little by little and asked suddenly, "What are Veronica's plans?"

"What's the plan?" Veronica asked anxiously.

"Are you planning to break up with Mr. Cross?" asked Mason.

Veronica murmured, "I...I don't want to break up, but I don't

know what to do!"

What will happen between her and Daniel now that the two families have already had such a big fight?

Mason's eyelashes trembled slightly, and he lowered his gaze, hiding the fleeting sadness in his eyes. "Is that so? Then let's

not break up," he said in a soft voice.

"What?" Veronica stared at the person in front of her, feeling a bit confused and unable to react for a moment.

"I said, let's just not break up," Mason said. "If Veronica doesn't want to break up, then let's not break up."

"But.."

"I'll take care of it for Veronica," Mason said, standing up and walking towards the mediation room on the Barlow family's side.

Veronica quickly followed along.

As soon as Archer and Rosalind saw Mason come in, their expressions changed. Archer seemed to be showing loyalty and said, "Mason, I will break up with Veronica and that guy.

Please don't mind."

"Yeah, Mason, when are you moving back in? Veronica really misses you, and our whole family wants you back," Rosalind added.

Mason gave a cold glance at the Barlow couple, causing them to immediately shut their mouths.

As Mason grew older, the Barlow couple felt more and more

pressure every time they were coldly stared at by him. It was as if they were being seen through.

He is clearly in front of them, but he is still just a young boy!

"Since Veronica wants to date Daniel, let them date without forcing them to break up," Mason spoke up.

The Barlow couple were stunned when they heard the news.

Archer was even more surprised and said, "Mason... Are you saying that you want them to continue dating?"

Chapter 3457

"Right," Mason said, "everything should be based on

Veronica's wishes. If Veronica doesn't want to break up, then no one can make her break up!"

Veronica stared at Mason in a daze. Her little brother, who had always been protected by her, had now started to protect her and shield her from all the storms.

Fifteen minutes later, in another mediation room, the Barlow family apologized to the Cross family and warmly expressed that they would never interfere with the relationship between the two children in the future.

When the Cross family learned that the handsome young man who had just appeared was the second son of the famous Reed family in Emerald City, their faces were filled with uncontrollable surprise.

The Reed family, a wealthy and influential family that they could only look up to, now had their second son appearing in front of them, almost unreal.

"So, let's end this matter here," Mason said, the youngest person present, but he seemed to be in charge of the situation.

"Okay, then...let's just leave it at that" the old Mr. Cross said

agreed.

And so, the mediation ended just like that.

After leaving the police station, Mason was about to get into his car when Archer urgently said, "Hey, Mason, why don't you

come back with us? It's not the same if you don't go home."

"Not go home?" Mason's eyes flickered. "The Reed family is my home. I live there every day."

Archer's face suddenly became awkward.

Veronica stepped forward and said, "Mason, thank you so much for today."

Mason raised his hand and gently touched Veronica's swollen eyes. "I don't like seeing Veronica cry, so please don't cry anymore in the future."

"Okay," Veronica replied.

Mason got into his car and drove away.

The Barlow family then got into another car, and Veronica could only wave goodbye to Daniel.

At this moment, the Cross couple looked serious. When they were in the car, the old Mr. Cross asked his son, "What's the relationship between the Barlow family and the Reed family?"

Why did Mason

from the Reed family call your girlfriend?"

Daniel then told his parents what he knew about Mason and the Barlow family.

After listening, the old Mr. Cross appeared to be deep in thought. "Anyway, you should continue to date your girlfriend and not offend her. After all, the Barlow family and the Reed family have a relationship."

"Dad!" Daniel frowned and said, "I like Veronica, and it has nothing to do with her family or the Reed family. When you say that, it seems like I'm only dating Veronica because of the Reed family."

In short, since Mr. Mason from the Reed family has a good

relationship with your girlfriend, you should also try to interact with him more often and build a good relationship. If you can

establish a connection with the Reed family, do you know how many years of struggle you can save in the future? This is what old Mr. Cross continued to say.

"Dad!" Daniel said discontentedly.

"Okay, okay, just listen to your dad. Your dad wants what's best for your future," said Mrs. Cross, the elderly woman

standing nearby.

Daniel saw his parents united and didn't say anything anymore. At this point, there was no point in saying anything

more.

didn't expect Mason to agree with him and Veronica not

breaking up.

Chapter 3458

However, it was only today that he truly felt the power of Mason's aristocratic identity.

The two families, who were already on edge, surprisingly reconciled because of a few words from Mason! Is this the power of the wealthy? It's truly hard to know what to say

In the following days, everything was calm and peaceful.

MasonGrace still lives with the Reed family, and Veronica and

Daniel's relationship is still ongoing.

Veronica asked Mason if he planned to live with the Reed family forever, but Mason never gave her a direct answer. He only said, "When Veronica needs me in the future, I will naturally go back to live with the Barlow family."

Veronica felt that Mason's tone was strange when he said these words.

When does he need it?

One year has passed quickly. During this year, rumors about Veronica and Mason have stopped because of Veronica's relationship with Daniel. At most, there are only rumors about with the Deed family

every day like they did at school. Veronica didn't want to

bother Mason by going to the Reed House too often, so they only greeted each other online and chatted for a while every day.

As for Daniel, during winter break, he often invited her to hang out.

"By the way, how did your family celebrate the New Year these past few days?" asked Daniel.

"On New Year's Eve, we just stay at home. But on the first day of the Lunar New Year, we have to go to the Reed family's house to pay our respects. And for the following days..."

Veronica paused for a moment.

In the following days, she went with the Reed family to visit other families for the New Year. Mason always liked to stick with her, so if she didn't go, Mason wouldn't go either.

So unconsciously, this pattern became established.

And this year... it probably won't happen, Veronica thought to herself.

No one can't live without someone else!

Just like how Mason used to cling to her before, but as they grew up, he eventually stopped clinging to her. He has even been living with the Reed family for a year now.

“What’s happening in the next few days?” Daniel asked.

“Not much,” said Veronica. But when she said this, she felt a hollow feeling in her heart.

“Then in the following days, let’s schedule a time to go mountain climbing and also visit some temples. On the fifth day of the Lunar New Year, we can even worship the God of Wealth!” said Daniel.

Veronica couldn’t help but laugh, “Do you want to worship the God of Wealth? When did you become so superstitious?”

“Anyway, saying goodbye is not a big deal. Besides, if I become rich in the future, I can make your life better!”

The future? Veronica blushed, thinking that’s too far away to consider...

On the day of New Year, the Barlow family of three celebrated at home. The Archer couple were discussing how to properly flatter the Reed family and Mason when they visit them on the first day of the new year.

Veronica felt a sense of excitement at the thought of seeing Mason tomorrow at the Reed family’s place.

When I can’t see Mason, I miss him a lot.

The next day, Veronica finally met Mason.

Mason, dressed in a black suit, looks different from his usual self. In the past year, he has grown taller, reaching almost 180cm. His cold and distant demeanor also attracts many girls.

Veronica knows that Mason is already the most admired boy among the girls in school, and there are also many girls from other schools who come to their school just to catch a glimpse of him.

Today, I went to visit the Reed family for the New Year. There were also many relatives of the Reed family present. However, those relatives who had previously met people from the Barlow family would come over and try to flatter them.

However, today the attitude towards the Barlow family is very cold.

Veronica naturally understands the reason behind it. After all, Mason has been living with the Reed family for a year now. Unless there are any special circumstances in the future, he will probably continue to live with them.

The Barlow family was just a passing scenery in his life.

Chapter 3459

"What's wrong with Veronica, is she uncomfortable?" Mason walked up to Veronica and asked.

"Um...I feel like there are a lot of people here," Veronica awkwardly chuckled. But what really made her uncomfortable were the looks she was getting from the Reed family's relatives in the living room.

Sympathy, pity, mockery... It's like watching a clown.

"Then I'll accompany Veronica for a walk outside," said Mason.

Although it is said to be outside, it is still within the boundaries

of the Reed House. After all, the Reed House is quite large, with pavilions, towers, corridors, and waterside pavilions,

covering a wide area.

"It's been a while since I've seen Veronica. Veronica, have you missed me?" Mason suddenly asked.

"Of course I have," replied Veronica.

"But you thought of me, yet you didn't come to find me at the Reed family," Mason said.

Veronica was stunned, his words hit her face like a piston.

you know what? Many people say that I look more like my

grandfather. The older I get, the more I resemble him. Even my father sometimes stares at me in amazement."

"Really?" said Veronica. She wasn't a member of the Reed family, so she had never been inside their ancestral hall or

seen a photo of their grandfather.

However, if Mason is really like his grandfather, then his grandfather must have been a very handsome man.

“However, my grandfather didn’t have a good ending,” Mason’s voice continued, “He died because my grandmother

left him, and he couldn’t survive. He froze to death in the icy and snowy wilderness.”

Veronica was startled, and her heart suddenly contracted strongly.

This is the first time he has heard from his own mouth about the reason for his grandfather’s passing.

I never imagined that it would end up like this, with such a tragic death!

“So, I wonder if I’ll also have an unfortunate ending in the future,” Mason said softly.

“I don’t believe that!” Veronica quickly denied, “You will definitely have a good outcome in the future, there won’t be

happening to you, it will be a very good outcome!”

As she spoke, she pulled him aside and said, “Quickly ‘spit, spit, spit’ and pretend you never said that.” After all, it’s not auspicious to say such things during the New Year.

Her anxious appearance seemed to amuse him a little.

After he spat out a “pui pui pui” as she instructed, he gazed at her steadily and asked, “So, Veronica also believes that my future will be good, right?”

His beautiful eyes, with a burning intensity, suddenly made her heart beat faster.

“Yes...yes,” she said, then changed the subject and said, “Let’s continue walking around.”

As they walked towards the back garden, they happened to see the Barlow couple and the Reed family’s relatives having

an argument.

“What...what did you say?” Archer’s face turned red and he pointed at the other person with one hand, clearly furious.

"I'm telling you guys, stop dreaming big and thinking you can still get our goods at such a low price. We used to give you business and sell to you at a much lower wholesale price than others. But let's be real, it's not because you're good at doing business. It's because we were basically giving money to the Barlow family. Don't you have any shame? Now, you still want to buy our goods at such a low price. Do you really think we're fools?"

Archer was so angry that he was shaking all over. "We'll see what happens in the future. Don't come begging to me on your knees!"

"How is that possible!" the other person sneered, "Mason has already returned to the Reed family for a year. It won't be long before he completely cuts ties with your Barlow family. Then, you won't have a chance to use Mason again."

"What use is there? There is no blood relationship between Mason and us!" said Archer.

The other person laughed even harder, "This kind of talk can only fool children. Archer, what kind of person are you? We've known each other for so many years, don't I know you? You've been doing business for so many years, haven't you used Mason and the Reed family's name to your advantage? I future!"

Veronica pulled Mason to sneak around from the other side. and did not get involved in the argument.

When there was no one around, she finally stopped walking, let go of Mason's hand, and said, "I'm sorry."

"Why apologize?" asked Mason.

"I... our family towards you..." Veronica struggled to continue, as she understood the unpleasant truth but couldn't prevent

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The Barlow family has always been using Mason and the Reed family to seek the greatest benefits.

Otherwise, with his father's business acumen, he simply didn't have the ability to bring the business to where it is today.

"I know," said Mason, his voice ringing out and causing Veronica to suddenly startle.

"Do you know?"

“Yes, I know the Barlow family has been using me. I know that over the years, your parents have been using the name of the Reed family to gain various benefits,” said Mason calmly.

Veronica felt embarrassed for a moment. She had thought that Mason might not be fully aware of these things because

of his young age.

But he already knew everything.

“But even if I know, what difference does it make?” said

Mason.

Veronica was taken aback, and only heard him continue speaking, “As long as I can stay by Veronica’s side, even if I am being used, what does it matter?”

In this world, everything requires a cost to be paid.

And he, simply stayed by her side, so he paid a price that he didn’t care about.

Upon hearing this, Veronica was suddenly overwhelmed with complex emotions.

“Do I need to say hello to those relatives? It could have given business to the Barlow family, and they would naturally return the favor,” said Mason.

Veronica shook her head and said, “No need, this is good enough. The Barlow family has already used you enough!”

“I don’t care,” he said.

“But I care!” said Veronica. “I don’t want the Barlow family to become parasites of the Reed family, and I don’t want to become your parasite in the future.”

Parasites can only survive by attaching themselves to a host.

Once they detach from the host, they are unable to survive independently.

“I used to think that you were relying on me, but gradually I realized that it was actually me who was relying on you.

The entire Barlow family is relying on you!” Veronica took a deep breath and continued, “But Mason, things shouldn’t be

this way. No one can rely on anyone forever. Everyone is an

independent individual, so you shouldn’t be used anymore.”

Mason's eyelashes trembled slightly, but being used means, having value. However, does this mean that he no longer holds any value in her heart?

In other words, does she no longer need him to be by her side?

A gentle breeze blew over the two of them as they looked at each other, but their thoughts were different.