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For a while, rumors about William in school became increasingly rampant, and Jasper couldn't shake the feeling that an invisible hand was manipulating everything behind

the scenes.

Some aspiring internet celebrities also took advantage of the situation to sneak into the school and engage in various forms of paparazzi behavior, hoping to gain more online traffic. Even though the school had reported to the police and caught several of these individuals, the behavior could not be completely eradicated.

Jasper suggested to William, "Why don't you take a few days off to avoid this situation?"

William replied, "No need. If I really avoid it, some people will feel even more justified in what they're saying!"

"Have you and my older brother found the person who posted on the forum last time?" Jasper asked.

"We found him. We've identified a person, but he's overseas and he's probably just a middleman. There's someone else behind the scenes," said William.

"I don't know why, but I have a feeling that this incident and what happened to your grandparents are somehow related," Jasper said.

After all, the two incidents happened too close together, and both seemed to be aimed at destroying William's reputation.

"Regardless of whether they're connected or not, I will find the person behind this," William said firmly.

Later that night, Jasper was looking at sheet music in the dormitory when Meave rushed in and said, "Jasper, I just got back and saw a lot of people blocking William at the school

gate."

"What?" Jasper was taken aback and asked urgently, "What's going on?"

Meave gasped and said, "It seems that William's grandparents had an accident and were hospitalized. A bunch of small internet celebrities holding their phones and third-rate tabloid reporters blocked William's car from entering the school. When he got out of the car to enter the school, those people surrounded him and kept asking all sorts of nonsense questions."

Upon hearing this, Jasper quickly changed his shoes and was about to rush out of the dormitory.

"Hey, are you... are you planning to go to the school gate?" Meave quickly stopped him.

"Of course I am!" Jasper said.

"If you go out there in the midst of all this chaos, it's only going to get worse, especially with all those unscrupulous people doing live broadcasts. If you end up being broadcasted online, a lot of people might start blaming you foo," Meave warned.

After all, all kinds of people exist on the internet these days.

"That's okay, I don't mind," Jasper replied.

"Jasper, do you like William that much? You're still going to look for him at a time like this? If William treats you badly in the future, I might not help you beat him up!" Meave exclaimed.

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What exactly did she mean by liking William?

Jasper knew that going there might not make a difference and even make things worse, but she couldn't just leave

William alone!

How deep were her feelings for him?

As she was about to reach the school gate, a figure suddenly appeared from a dark corner and grabbed her. A familiar

voice whispered in her ear, "Where are you going?"

Jasper stopped in his tracks and caught sight of Roger's clear

and refined face!

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"Let go of me!" Jasper said.

"Are you planning to go to the school gate?" Roger asked. "Do you think it's useful for you to go now? Will it make people

criticize William less or help him completely resolve this

matter?"

"This is none of your business!" Jasper said, struggling hard to free his hand from the other's grip.

"Don't go over there!" Roger said. "Even if you go now, it won't be of any use. It might even bring blame upon the Reed family. When you're exposed in front of those cameras, you won't just be Jasper, you'll be representing the Reed family."

"So what?" Jasper replied.

"Even so, you still want to go?" Roger asked.

"Yes!" Jasper answered. "I represent the Reed family, and likewise, the Reed family is my support. I think my family would approve of my decision!"

The two stared at each other for a moment, and then Roger finally spoke up. "Well then... don't regret it!"

"I won't regret it!" she declared.

Once, when Lawrence needed protection, she didn't act quickly enough to protect him. This has been a source of regret for her ever since, so she won't let herself have any

more regrets!

Roger let go of her hand, and Jasper didn't even look back as she rushed towards the school gate.

When some people noticed her, they immediately pointed their phone cameras at her. Some even called out her name and said to the live camera, "Hey, everyone, guess who I just saw? It's Jasper, the princess of the Reed family! What is she doing here? Is it for William? We can't wait to find out what their relationship is like!"

The cameras, flashes, and all the nonsense made Jasper feel uncomfortable, but at this moment, what she cared about most was William standing in the crowd.

She walked up to William and asked, "Are you okay?"

William frowned and asked, "Why did you come here?" He

didn't want her to face this embarrassment.

"You were trapped here, so of course I had to come," Jasper replied.

On her way here, she had already contacted the school security office and knew that they were organizing security and would arrive soon.

"Please go back quickly!" William urged her.

"Do you think I can still go back now?" Jasper asked.

At this point, they were completely surrounded and the crowd around them was still growing.

Their only hope now was for the school security to arrive quickly.

Sure enough, after a moment, the school security rushed over and pushed their way through the crowd, creating some

space.

Jasper grabbed William's hand and they were about to leave.

At that moment, someone in the crowd suddenly asked Jasper, "Reed, there are rumors that you and her are not just childhood sweethearts, but also boyfriend and girlfriend. Is this true?"

Jasper paused in his tracks, while others held up their phones, many of which were live streaming.

Jasper pursed his lips, thinking about how to answer.

But her silence had already caused a chorus of voices around her, "They're probably not boyfriend and girlfriend."

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"Yeah, wasn't William's mother almost responsible for the

Reed family's downfall? How could Jasper really be in love with William?"

"After all, William is the son of a criminal. Even if he's now the

young master of the Barlow family, he'll carry that stigma for

life!"

These voices kept ringing in Jasper's ears, and she knew that

William was hearing them too.

Their hands were still clasped together, but as the voices grew louder, his grip began to loosen.

Jasper's heart suddenly tightened. She had a feeling that if she let go of his hand now, she might never be able to hold it

again.

Subconsciously, her fingers suddenly tightened around his hand, gripping his five fingers tightly.

Her action clearly caught William off guard, and he turned his head to look at Jasper with surprise.

But Jasper's face remained directed towards the cameras, and she spoke with a clear voice, "Yes, William and I are indeed in a relationship now!"

As soon as she said this, there was an uproar around them.

Even though security guards were trying to hold back the crowd, some people still managed to rush towards Jasper and

William.

"Miss Reed, is what you just said true? Are you really in a relationship? Do your parents know? Will they approve? Or is this a secret relationship between the two of you?"

"Do you not fear that William, as some online sources claim, is deliberately getting close to you to seek revenge for his

mother?"

"Is there any reason why you are in a relationship with him?"

All sorts of questions were thrown at Jasper.

However, Jasper simply held onto William's hand tightly and said, "I am in a relationship with William because I like him. My parents also approve of our relationship. I like William for who he is, regardless of whose child he is. I like him for him, not for anything else."

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believe in his sincerity towards me!"

William stared at the person in front of him, her voice so close yet somehow distant, unreal, and dreamlike.

Has what he has been desperately seeking really become

within reach?

After Jasper finished speaking, he turned to the cameras and said, "So, I also hope that everyone won't disturb our lives. My relationship with my boyfriend is our own business. What does it have to do with all of you?"

In other words, you are meddling in affairs that do not concern you!

Jasper pulled William and quickly rushed into the school gate while the security guards were blocking those people.

She pulled him and ran towards a secluded place, not wanting any more cameras to follow them.

They ran for who knows how long until they reached bamboo forest behind the school, where she finally stopped.

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"You said you were waiting for my answer, right? Well, here it

is," Jasper replied.

William's eyelashes trembled slightly. "Is it because you pity

me?"

She looked at him with some confusion, only to hear him say, "If you do pity me and are afraid that I will be even more embarrassed in this storm, then you don't have to do this. These things don't mean anything to me!"

Even when he was a child, he faced more embarrassment and humiliation, but he struggled through it and won't be defeated now.

Jasper was stunned, "Do you think I pity you?"

"Isn't that so?" He smiled slightly, hiding a hint of bitterness beneath his calm demeanor. "When facing the media, we can just find a reason to say that we never actually..."

"No need to find any reason!" She interrupted him, "Isn't it good for us to be together? Haven't you always wanted me to be your girlfriend?"

"Yes, I do want you to be my girlfriend, but not in this way

He said, holding her shoulders and looking at her seriously, "I don't want any external pressure, but rather it should come from my own true feelings."

Jasper blinked and let out a sigh. He lifted his hands and wrapped them around William's neck, then stood on his tiptoes and pressed his lips against his.

William's body stiffened and his eyes widened in shock. He could hardly believe what was happening.

Was she kissing him?

It felt like a dream, but the sensation of her lips on his was all

too real.

Her kiss was awkward, but sincere. She even tried to part his lips and deepen the kiss.

His body trembled slightly, and the hand that was originally resting on her shoulder gradually wrapped around her body, pulling her closer into his embrace.

And his lips, as she wished, slightly parted, allowing her to conquer him.

Only she could make him feel this way!

After what seemed like an eternity, Jasper finally ended the kiss, breathing heavily. She blushed and looked at William, "This is my true feeling."

His eyes flickered with desire, fear, and caution. "Have you really thought it through? Dating me at a time like this?"

If all these things hadn't happened, he would be overjoyed right now.

But now, he's facing too many complications. If they were to start a relationship now, she would only be dragged into all these complications.

"Do you really not want to be with me? You keep asking me to think about it!" She glared at him, grabbed his collar again, pulled him down, and made eye contact.

Then she kissed him again, with a loud "smack". "Is that answer enough? If not, I can give you a few more."

Well, to be honest, kissing him didn't feel too bad!

He chuckled and suddenly hugged her tightly, "I don't not want to date you, in fact, I really do. It's just that I'm afraid. I'm afraid that you don't like me as much as I like you, and I'm also afraid that my current problems will affect your life!"

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She leaned against his chest and could faintly hear the sound

of his heartbeat through their clothes. It was so rapid, as if he

was nervous.

Is he nervous?

Because of her words and actions?

In her eyes, he always appeared calm and composed, as if he could handle anything with ease.

But now, he admits that he is "afraid".

"William, I like you. And I think this kind of liking is no longer just a childhood crush, but something between a man and a woman. When I heard from Meave that you were stopped at the school gate, I knew that maybe my coming here would only make things more complicated, but I couldn't help it!"

Jasper spoke slowly and deliberately, "At that moment, I realized that I really like you, and care about you. Maybe this kind of liking is love."

Her voice was clear and distinct, like a warm current spreading through his body.

"William, I love you!" She said to him with unwavering

determination.

In an instant, he felt his eyes welling up with something.

Pitter-patter! Pitter-potter!

Jasper felt something drop onto her hair, and when she looked up, she saw two clear tears streaming down his face.

Her heart was filled with tenderness, and she quickly raised her hand to wipe away his tears. "Why are you crying?" She said she loved him to make him understand her feelings better and to make him happy.

A wave of tenderness washed over her heart, and she quickly lifted her hand to wipe away the tears on his face. "Why are you crying?" She said she loved him because she wanted him to understand her feelings better and to make him happy.

But unexpectedly, he started crying!

How long has it been since she last saw him cry?

When he was a child, even if he was bullied by others, he

wouldn't cry. Only when she was hurt because of him, he cried uncontrollably!

At that time, she felt that if he cried, it would make her feel really uncomfortable!

And now, he cried once again, feeling just as miserable as

before.

"It's just happiness," he murmured. "The person I love most in my life, is you – Jasper!"

As he finished speaking, he took the initiative to kiss her lips.

When he was young, he promised himself that he would be with her in the future.

Does this mean that his dream from the past is finally coming

true?

In the dimness of the bamboo forest, this scene fell into a pair of ink-black eyes.

The commotion at the school gate gradually dissipated, and Stanford University returned to its former calm.

A figure walked out of the gate of Stanford University and wandered aimlessly on the street.

Roger just walked like this, without a destination.

He didn't know where he wanted to go, all he knew was that

he wanted to escape from Stanford University. If he stayed there any longer, he would feel suffocated.

Jasper eventually fell in love with William, something he had thought about before.

After all, a relationship that has lasted for over a decade is not something to be taken lightly. In fact, William had feelings for Jasper from the beginning, so this outcome is quite normal.

But when he actually sees it, he will feel that the scene is so

dazzling!

He thought that she was only going to rush into the crowd to bring William into the campus, but he never expected that she would announce in front of so many people and on live camera that she and William were in a relationship.

Facing those people, those cameras, and those questions, she didn't back down. Her hand was just tightly holding William's hand, but his heart began to ache,

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He could only keep telling himself that maybe she was just

acting.

After all, as a princess from a wealthy family, she had faced various media since childhood. It was only natural for her to

act in front of the media, right?

But later, everything he saw in the bamboo forest completely shattered his thoughts.

She kissed William so passionately and said she loved him.

So, she really fell in love with William!

And him...what was all of this for?

Just to make Jasper fall into William's arms? To make them, childhood sweethearts, finally be together?

Suddenly, Roger felt a sense of regret. He shouldn't have taken this step!

If he hadn't, maybe she wouldn't have started dating William so quickly.

The night was dark and the streets were becoming increasingly empty.

Roger didn't know how long he had been walking when suddenly someone blocked his path.

"Hey there, young man. All alone?" A woman's voice sounded in his ear, and when he looked up, he saw a heavily made-up

face.

It was a young woman with heavy makeup and revealing clothing, clearly up to no good.

"Move aside," Roger said coldly.

However, the other person didn't leave. Instead, they took a step closer to Roger and said, "Why push me away like this, little guy? Since we've met, why don't I take you to a good place and have some fun? Then, you won't have any worries."

The woman spoke with a seductive smile and reached out to touch Roger's chin.

But Roger tilted his head back slightly, avoiding her hand.

"Get lost, don't bother me!" Roger said impatiently.

The woman's expression immediately changed. "What's wrong? You look down on me? Who do you think you are?

Walking alone on the street at night, are you heartbroken?

You must have been dumped by a woman. I can tell you're not capable, otherwise why would someone dump you?"

The other person was cursing and complaining, but their

words were like invisible needles constantly pricking at his

nerves.

Love troubles?!

Him? How could that be possible?!

How could he be troubled by love? He had long lost any feelings for Jasper!

"Shut up!" Roger shouted in anger. "Get out of here, or don't blame me for laying a hand on a woman!"

The woman was startled by the cold voice and the sinister expression, and a chill ran down her spine. "Who do you think you are? Let me tell you, I'm not someone to mess with..."

Although the woman was speaking these words, she kept backing away and quickly ran off.

Roger slowly lifted his feet and walked to the side, sitting down on the edge of the steps by the road. He then scratched his hair in a somewhat dejected manner.

What happened to him?

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In fact, all he wanted to see was Jasper abandoning William

when he was in trouble.

Just like back then, when the Abbott family was in chaos because of his mother's gambling, the Reed family also abandoned them, and Jasper broke off their friendship at that

time.

He wanted to see William end up like him.

He wanted to prove that Jasper was a person who only cared about himself.

Perhaps only by doing so can he strengthen his desire for revenge and make him feel that seeking revenge on her is not wrong!

But unfortunately, things didn't develop as he had hoped.

She didn't abandon William! She chose to stand by his side and fight with him.

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"Then why... did she abandon me back then?" Roger murmured, "Is it just because William is the heir of the Barlow family, and I am nothing? Jasper, tell me, why..."

At this moment, the quiet street remained silent, with no one to answer his question.

Roger hugged his knees with both hands and buried his face in them, like a discarded child sitting alone on the steps. It seemed as if he was the only one left in the world at this

moment.

After a while, footsteps suddenly approached, not just one set,

but several.

Finally, the footsteps stopped in front of Roger.

"Leston, it's him. He told me to get lost earlier!" said the woman who had talked to Roger before.

"Don't be afraid, in a moment, I'll make him kneel down for you!" The other person comforted the woman, then shouted at Roger, "I advise you not to play dead. If you can kneel down for my sister now and make her happy, I might spare you."

However, Roger still maintained his previous posture and

didn't move, as if he hadn't heard the other person's words at

all.

The man named Leston couldn't bear to lose face and shouted loudly, "Hey, did you hear me? If you keep playing dead, don't blame me for being impolite!"

Roger didn't look up, and lazily spat out a word, "Get lost!"

Leston and the people around him were obviously angry, and the woman said, "Leston, this guy is too annoying, you must teach him a lesson!"

"Okay, okay, I'll make sure this guy remembers his lesson!" Leston said, grabbing a stick and swinging it towards Roger.

But before the stick could touch Roger, he caught it with one hand and looked at Leston expressionlessly. "I told you to

leave."

The cold look in Roger's eyes and the hostility emanating from him made Leston suddenly feel uneasy.

"Who do you think you are?" Leston said, trying to retrieve his

stick, but Roger's grip was too strong.

Leston's face turned red and he turned to his men. "What are you waiting for? Beat this guy up!"

Upon hearing this, the henchmen rushed forward to attack Roger.

Roger quickly grabbed the stick from Leston's hand with force.

This was followed by a nearly one-sided brawl.

Wherever Roger's stick landed, someone fell down.

In the silent night, there were continuous cries of pain.

Leston was beaten so badly that blood was flowing from his head and his arm hanging by his side was broken. It's unclear how many of his ribs were also broken.

At this moment, Leston deeply regrets coming here and getting involved with the crazy character in front of him.

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Yes, this person is a lunatic!

Leston fled in a hurry with his few henchmen, without even caring about the woman who had called them for backup in the first place.

The woman initially wanted to run with Leston and the others, but her high heels made her lose her balance and she fell hard to the ground.

Panicked, the woman looked back at Roger who was closing in on her and pleaded with a pale face, "Don't... don't come any closer. I... I was wrong. Please spare me, spare me!"

Roger replied coldly, "You talk too much. If I spare you, then who will spare me?"

The woman stuttered, "I... I..." As she saw Roger raise the

stick in his hand, she instinctively covered her head with both hands and curled up.

But with a loud "thud," the stick hit the ground next to the woman instead.

Roger looked down at the woman curled up on the ground,

threw his stick on the floor, and turned to leave

Even if he took her life, nothing would change.

Jasper chose William, and to her, he was just a nobody. That's why she was able to abandon him so quickly.

"It's time to pay back..." Roger muttered.

He came to Stanford University for revenge, to get close to Jasper. He shouldn't hesitate anymore, he shouldn't have any softness because of Jasper.

Because she...is simply not worth it!

...The news of Jasper and William's relationship has become the most explosive gossip at Stanford University, especially with all the negative news surrounding William lately. It takes a lot of courage for Jasper to face so many cameras and admit to their relationship at this time.

Of course, many people think that Jasper is just a love-struck fool who doesn't care about the consequences of her words, and may have dragged down the entire Reed family.

This matter has also begun to ferment online. Although the Reed family and the Barlow family are suppressing the news, with the development of the internet, many related posts can still be found with a simple search.

However, Jasper doesn't care about other people's opinions at all. Since she has already made it clear how much William means to her and that she loves him, she will stick to her decision no matter what.

However, Jasper completely ignores other people's opinions. Since she is clear about William's importance in her heart and knows that she loves him, she will persist until the end.

"By the way, um... your grandfather is currently hospitalized. Are you planning to visit him?" Due to public opinion, William took a few days off and didn't go to school, instead staying at the Barlow family's villa in Emerald City. Jasper also took time off to stay with William at the villa.

Jasper saw some information online and learned that Harold had a heart attack and was hospitalized. Camelia stayed with him at the hospital all the time.

Just two elderly people with little money, now relying on donations from some netizens for their medical treatment.

"Would you think I'm heartless if I said I don't want to go see him?" William asked.

She blinked her eyes and said, "Why should I think you're heartless? They never did anything for you, never even raised you for a day. It's understandable if you don't go see them."

William smiled at her words, feeling relieved. "But many

people online are saying I'm heartless for not visiting them while they're in the hospital."

"Just because you're related by blood?" Jasper asked. "But sometimes blood ties can be the strongest bond in the world, and other times they can be fragile and easily broken. I think blood ties need to be nurtured with love to have any real

meaning. Otherwise, they're nothing."

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William stared at the person in front of him, realizing that she understood him.

She understood his feelings towards blood ties and family.

Just like when he returned to the Barlow family, he didn't feel any sense of familial connection. He only went back because he wanted to be worthy of her in the future.

But through the little things in the Barlow family, his father's care, his grandparents' love, he began to feel a sense of

family.

He finally slowly integrated into the Barlow family!

All of this was built up through daily interactions, not just relying on the concept of blood ties!

"William, no matter what decision you make, I'll stand by your side!" Jasper said to William. "This time, I'll face it with you!"

His eyes welled up with tears, and he hugged her tightly. "Okay, I'll handle this matter well! Trust me!" "I trust you!" She had always believed in him since childhood.

In the evening, William and Jasper went to the Reed family's place. At this time, Mick had been working with some computer experts to find the whereabouts of the person who posted on the school forum.

Although they found the poster, the person was overseas and William had never met them before. They had no connection to the Barlow family.

"The person on the other side of the foreign country has been found, but upon questioning, he only took money to do the job. The full text of the post was directly printed out by the other party and stuffed under his door, while the money was given through anonymous transfer, making it difficult to trace where the money came from," Jason called William into the study and told him the result.

William pondered, it seemed that the other party in the dark was very cautious, and even knew that they would investigate.

"However, there is something different that we found about your grandparents," Jason said.

William's heart skipped a beat, "What is it?"

"Your grandparents have always been in Deer Capital. The reason they appeared in Emerald City is because someone told them that you were studying at Stanford University and

also told them that you were in a difficult situation there because of your mother's past," Jason said. William was taken aback. "Who is that person?" he asked.

"You know him," Jason replied, handing William a few photos. The photos showed a man wearing a duckbill cap and a mask talking to the elderly couple in a surveillance screenshot.

There were only a few screenshots, and the man's appearance was not clear, only his general body shape.

"Your grandparents don't know him because he deliberately concealed his appearance, so they didn't get a good look at him. However, when your grandfather was about to fall, he helped him up, leaving his fingerprints on your grandfather's belt," Jason explained, taking out another photo and handing it to William.

William looked at the photo, but it was a picture of Roger, taken secretly, with Roger's gaze not facing the camera.

"That fingerprint matches his. He's a student at your school, and it seems like you and Jasper both know him. There was even some misunderstanding between him and Jasper before," said Jason.

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"Yes, Jasper investigated him before, thinking he was Lawrence. But in the end, we compared his blood sample with Lawrence's DNA and found out they were not the same person," said William.

"Is that so?" Jason said thoughtfully.

"Roger's blood sample was obtained by Jasper himself, and I sent it for DNA testing without anyone else handling it in

between," said William.

"So, you're saying that if we really want to change the outcome, all we have to do is change the sample?" Jason

asked.

"I haven't and I won't," William replied.

"You must also be afraid of Lawrence being found, right? Jasper feels so guilty about Lawrence, no one knows what would happen if she were to see him again. How would she make it up to him? And what would happen to her feelings for him?" Jason said.

These words were like pointing out directly what William feared the most.

William naturally knew that lying in front of someone like

Jason would be like lifting a rock and hitting himself in the foot.

"Yes, Uncle Reed, I'm afraid. But I also know that Lawrence is a knot in Jasper's heart. Even though I'm scared, I still hope that Lawrence is alive and can help untie this knot in Jasper's

heart," William said.

Jason looked at William, as if scrutinizing the truth of his words. After a moment, he said, "So why do you think this Roger went to your grandparents and even instigated them to come to Emerald City to find you?"

"I don't know," William said. "I only met Roger after I got into

Stanford University."

"I'll have someone investigate him. Since your grandparents' situation is related to him, maybe the person behind the school forum post is also related to him," Jason said.

William pondered for a moment.

If that post is really related to Roger, then what is Roger's purpose?

The DNA test results show that Roger is not Lawrence!

Or... is there some kind of relationship between Roger and

Lawrence? Are they relatives of the Abbott family?

So, is that why his appearance has shades of Lawrence?

But for him, all of this is still just speculation.

These are all just speculations to him.

"I hope we don't tell Jasper about Roger's situation before we find out the results. I'm afraid she'll overthink it," William said.

"Okay," Jason agreed.

Meanwhile, in the living room of the Reed family, Mick was asking Jasper, "Are you really dating William? Was it just for show in front of the media?"

"Why would I pretend in front of others? If it's true, it's true. If it's not, it's not," Jasper replied.

"It seems that for William, this incident could be a blessing in disguise, otherwise he might not have had his awakening so soon," Mick said.

Jasper wrinkled his nose and glanced at his older brother. "I already have a boyfriend. When are you going to get a girlfriend?"

"I find it to be a troublesome matter. I'm not really interested

in women," Mick said with a lack of enthusiasm,

Jasper furrowed his brow. "Don't tell me you're interested in men. Although, if that's the case... our parents should respect your choice. Mason, Jasmine, and I would also respect your partner. But same-sex marriage is not yet allowed here, so you would have to register your marriage abroad..."

"What are you thinking?" Mick raised his hand and gave his sister a slap. "If I ever truly like a man, you can say that then."

"What, do you like men?" A cold voice suddenly rang out in the Reed family's living room.