

Ex Convict 3751

Chapter 3751

"Veronica, we called you here today to ask about this. What's going on?" The homeroom teacher handed her the printed copies of the photos posted on the school forum.

"Many students in the school are saying that you did something bad outside of school. Can you explain your relationship with the man who picked you up from school?" the homeroom teacher asked.

"This is my friend's driver. My friend asked him to come pick me up," Veronica answered truthfully.

"Your friend's driver? What kind of person is your friend?" the teacher asked.

"Teacher, my friendships are my private matter," Veronica said, not wanting to reveal Mason's situation.

"But now, your private matter has affected the school, so I hope you can explain clearly. Otherwise, the school will have to handle it according to the school rules," the teacher said displeased.

"He's a friend I grew up with. His family is quite wealthy, so he has this car and a driver," Veronica said.

"Oh? Is your friend a boy or a girl? How old is he? Why did he send a car to pick you up?" The teacher fired one question after

Veronica had to say, "He's a boy, 18 years old. As for why he sent

a car to pick me up, it's because I'm going to meet him, and he thinks it's better to control the time by sending a car to pick me up."

After all, Mason is a person who values time very much.

"Can you ask your friend to come to the school and explain it?" the teacher said. "After all, these rumors are not good for the school's reputation."

"Teachers, I don't think I've done anything immoral. I've explained the photos clearly. It's strange that people assume I've done something immoral just because an expensive car came to pick me up. Those people need to provide evidence to prove that I've really done something immoral, instead of asking me to prove that I haven't!" Veronica spoke frankly.

The teacher frowned. "Veronica, how can you speak like that?!"

"I'm just stating the facts! Even if you want someone to confess, you need a complete chain of evidence, not just a few photos to determine everything," Veronica said. "Moreover, I will collect evidence to sue those who spread these rumors!"

"You..." The teacher's face looked unpleasant. "The school just hopes that you can bring your friend to the school and explain it clearly. If you refuse, then the school will handle it according to the school rules. For students who damage the school's reputation, the most serious punishment is expulsion!"

Expulsion?! Veronica was stunned. She didn't expect it to be true, just like what Vanessa said.

Could it be that when she was called to meet with the school leaders today, Vanessa also intervened?

Even the posts on the school forum could have been made by Vanessa! After all, the post was anonymously sent to the school forum on the same night that she and Vanessa had a conflict in the cafeteria.

"If the school really wants to punish me, I will use legal means to defend my rights!" Veronica said without hesitation.

"Are you saying that if the school punishes you, you will sue the school?" the homeroom teacher asked angrily.

"Shouldn't I defend my own reputation?" Veronica replied.

"You..."

Just then, the department head's phone suddenly rang. Immediately, the department head's face changed and he hurriedly said, "That's enough, Veronica, you can leave now."

"Leave?" The homeroom teacher looked at the department head in disbelief.

"Yes, she can leave. This matter doesn't need to be discussed anymore. Like Veronica said, she didn't do anything that violated morals or school rules," the department head said.

The homeroom teacher wanted to say something else, but under the department head's cold gaze, he immediately shut his mouth.

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"There's nothing to worry about. The driver who came to pick up Veronica's friend is Mason from the Reed family, and he and Veronica have been childhood sweethearts," the department head said. This was also what the principal had told him on the phone just now.

"What?" The homeroom teacher's face turned pale. "The Reed family's Mason?" Was it the same Mason he was thinking of?

"Yes, it's the Reed Group's the Reed family Mason," the department head said.

There was a gasp in the office.

Who would have thought that an ordinary student who needed to work part-time would have a relationship with Mason, the richest family in Emerald City, and even a childhood sweetheart relationship at that.

“Anyway, let’s stop here. As for the rumors in the school, we should clear them out and delete all the related posts and comments on the school forum!” said the head of the department.

This time, no one spoke up to refute, and the homeroom teacher’s face had become extremely ugly.

He was the one who had been the most difficult for Veronica just

now, and he offended Veronica not just for the school’s reputation, but also because he received a favor from Vanessa.

Vanessa’s family had said that if he could help Vanessa get rid of this trouble, they would cooperate with him on a project.

To say that he would participate in the project was almost the same as receiving money.

But now, he didn’t even know if he could continue to stay in this school, let alone money!

Vanessa felt relieved when she heard that Veronica had been called into the office, and she was looking forward to seeing Veronica’s face when she was expelled.

How dare Veronica treat her like that! She would make Veronica know how powerful she was!

Shirley was nervously waiting downstairs, watching for her friend to come out, afraid that her friend would really be expelled!

“Shirley, what are you doing here? Are you worried that Veronica will be expelled?” Vanessa walked over and said, followed by her group of girlfriends.

“Vanessa, what are you doing here?” Shirley frowned.

“Of course, I’m here to see what expression Veronica will have

on her face when she’s expelled.” Vanessa said, eager to see Veronica’s grieving face.

“We’re all classmates, why do you have to be like this?” Shirley said.

“She’s a person who ruins the school’s atmosphere. What qualifications does she have to be our classmate? She’s definitely getting expelled today!” Vanessa said firmly.

Vanessa’s group of friends began to criticize Veronica one after another.

Shirley only had one voice, how could she compete with so many others?

Just as Shirley was about to roll up her sleeves in anger, she suddenly saw Veronica walking down.

“Veronica!” Shirley hurriedly greeted her, “What happened? Did the school leaders talk to you about the rumors?”

"They asked me about the rumors and then the department head said that the matter ends here, and then let me leave,"

Veronica said.

"Just like that?" Shirley was surprised, "They didn't make you drop out of school?"

"No," Veronica said.

Shirley breathed a sigh of relief. It was good that Veronica didn't

drop out of school. Since the department head said it ends here, they probably won't pursue the matter any further.

"Let's have a good meal later to celebrate!" Shirley said.

"Okay," Veronica smiled and agreed.

Vanessa, who had been prepared to see Veronica crying, was now surprised and said, "Impossible! How could you not have been expelled?! You must be pretending! The school leaders clearly wanted you to drop out!"

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Veronica looked coldly at her, "Why would I pretend? If the school really wanted me to drop out, even if I lied today, everyone would know the truth in a few days. It would only be more embarrassing. There's no need for such lies!"

"Maybe you just love to lie!" Vanessa said angrily, "Veronica, don't think that you can avoid dropping out just by lying. Let me tell you, the homeroom teacher said that you will definitely be expelled!"

"Homeroom teacher?" Veronica was taken aback. The

homeroom teacher was the toughest on her in the office just now.

And now Vanessa says this, does that mean...

"When did the homeroom teacher tell you to make me drop out?" Veronica looked at Vanessa. There were rumors in the class before that the homeroom teacher had a good relationship with Vanessa and had even visited Vanessa's family.

So was the homeroom teacher's hostility towards her just now related to Vanessa?

Vanessa's face changed, realizing that she had misspoken. She hurriedly tried to make up for it, "Don't change the subject. Anyway, you won't be able to stay in this school anymore..."

But before she could finish her words, there was a commotion

not far away. It seemed that many people were coming over, and some girls' voices could be heard.

"Wow, he's so handsome!"

"Do we have such a handsome boy in our school?"

"Is he looking for someone?"

"He seems like a celebrity. Is he from the entertainment industry?"

These voices kept ringing in their ears.

Vanessa looked up and saw a tall figure walking towards them not far away, and the person's appearance was...

It was the pretty boy who had dined with Veronica in the restaurant that day!

Vanessa widened her eyes, and all kinds of speculations filled her mind. This pretty boy shouldn't be from their school, but he actually found his way here. Great! She was going to make Veronica and this pretty boy lose face in front of so many classmates!

Veronica looked at Mason walking towards her, and asked in a daze, "Why are you here?"

"Are you not planning to tell me what happened in your school?" Mason asked back.

"Are you referring to...?"

"Since I was the one who had the driver pick you up and caused such a big rumor, shouldn't it be my responsibility to resolve it?" Mason said.

Shirley, who was standing next to them, suddenly understood, "Veronica, this is the friend you were talking about, right?"

"Yes, it's him," Veronica said, before she could introduce the two, Vanessa's voice came from beside them.

"Oh, Veronica, are you afraid that the school will really expel you, so you deliberately found a little white face to stage a show for you? Are you planning to let the little white face pretend to be a rich second generation? Saying that the luxury car is his, he is your boyfriend, and he sent someone to pick you up?" Vanessa said loudly, hoping that everyone around could hear her!

Veronica frowned, "Vanessa, who is the one full of lies after all?!"

"What, are you angry now? Otherwise, let the person who picked you up before appear, and we can confront each other face to face!" Vanessa said arrogantly.

She wanted to make a big deal out of this, to the point where Veronica couldn't handle it.

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At this moment, Mason took out his phone directly, dialed a number, and said to the other end of the phone, "Driver Zack, come to the second teaching building of the school now."

Then, Mason put away his phone and looked at Vanessa with a cold and indifferent gaze, "You can see the confrontation you wanted to see soon, but after that, you will also have to pay the price for what you said."

An uneasy feeling enveloped Vanessa. What was going on? Why was this little white face so calm?

To find Veronica's financial backer for a confrontation, how could this be possible? This was a lie that would be exposed with just one poke. Wasn't this little white face afraid of being even more embarrassed later?

"Who do you think you are, saying these things..."

Before Vanessa could finish her sentence, the voice of the head of the department rang out urgently, "You must be Mason. I didn't expect you to come to our school. The school will deal with the rumors about Veronica as soon as possible!"

The department head walked quickly to Mason's side, speaking warmly.

Vanessa's eyes widened in surprise. Did the department head

know this "little white face"?

"Do you know him, sir?" Vanessa couldn't help but ask. "He's the kept man of Veronica's outside. Don't let them fool you!"

The department head was furious at this accusation. "Do you even know what you're talking about?!" he scolded.

The term "little white face" made the department head feel dizzy. If he angered Mason from the Reed family, who knows what kind of consequences the school would face!

Especially with so many people around to hear the term "little white face"!

"Enough!" the department head rebuked. "I don't know how you can speak so casually like this. Mason is from the Reed Group and has nothing to do with what you're saying."

This statement caused a commotion among the surrounding crowd.

After all, the Reed family was famous in Emerald City!

How could Mason from such a wealthy family be a “little white face”?

Vanessa was stunned, her eyes wide with disbelief.

“How is it possible that Veronica knows someone like him?” Vanessa blurted out her thoughts without thinking.

Mason looked at her coldly. “Why couldn’t she know someone like me? It seems you haven’t learned your lesson from last time.”

His icy tone and disgusted gaze made Vanessa shiver, remembering the scene of being dragged out of the restaurant that day.

That scene had once been a great shame to her, but now it seemed that even more unfortunate things were waiting for her.

If the person in front of her is really the Reed family Mason, Vanessa can hardly imagine what her fate will be.

“Mason, did you call me over for something?” a man walked up to Mason and asked.

As this man arrived, the murmurs of the onlookers grew louder. Vanessa stared at the man in disbelief.

This man was the one who was keeping Veronica, but now he was addressing Mason as Mr. Mason?!

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“Zack, can you explain to the people here that you only come to the school to pick up Veronica and bring her to me?” Mason said.

Although Zack found the situation strange, he truthfully replied, “Yes, every time I come to the school, I pick up Miss Barlow and bring her to you, Mr. Mason.”

Zack’s words put an end to all the rumors and innuendos, and everyone present understood that the rumors about Veronica being kept by an older man would disappear.

Vanessa couldn’t accept this. How could this be happening?!

Seeing the mocking, sympathetic, pitiful, and disdainful looks from the people around her, Vanessa couldn’t help but turn to Veronica and say, “Veronica, what kind of unspeakable methods did you use? What is your relationship with this the Reed family Mason? Could it be that he’s the one who’s keeping you?”

The head of the department was almost going crazy, and the homeroom teacher next to her hurriedly said to Vanessa, “Vanessa, stop talking and apologize to Veronica and Reed!”

Vanessa was startled by the urgent tone of the homeroom teacher and came back to her senses, wondering what she had just said.

"I...I was just curious about their relationship and why Mason needed to send a driver to pick up Veronica from school," Vanessa stuttered.

"We are...", Veronica was about to say "old acquaintances," but Mason interrupted her.

"We are boyfriend and girlfriend," Mason said.

As soon as these words were spoken, there was an uproar around them, and even Veronica herself was stunned.

Does he... does he know what he's saying?

"Veronica is my girlfriend," Mason said, and then he directly took Veronica's hand and walked towards the school gate. Zack quickly followed.

Vanessa collapsed to the ground with weak legs. She never expected such a "normal" answer.

Of course, they're boyfriend and girlfriend, so naturally a driver would come to pick them up!

The reason why this obvious answer wasn't thought of was because the gap between the Reed family and Mason and Veronica was too big. Who would have thought that they were boyfriend and girlfriend?

Vanessa's group of girlfriends were far away from Vanessa at the moment. Anyone could tell that after today's events, Vanessa was probably going to have a hard time in the future!

Veronica followed Mason to the school gate and got into Mason's car. Zack drove the car slowly away from the school.

"Why did you suddenly say we're boyfriend and girlfriend?" Veronica asked anxiously. "There were so many people just now, maybe someone even took a video with their phone. If it gets posted online..."

"It's not like it's something shameful. Even if it gets posted online, so what?" Mason said.

"But we're not really boyfriend and girlfriend!" Veronica said.

"I said before, if our trial relationship goes smoothly, then we can officially date," Mason said. "Or do you not want to officially date me?"

Veronica blinked her eyes. Officially date?!

Was he saying that they could officially date now?

"Or maybe you're just playing with me, and now you're tired of playing?" Mason said.

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Veronica had the urge to vomit blood. How could this person in front of her say such suggestive words with a straight face?

"No, of course not!" she quickly replied, but because she spoke too fast, she accidentally bit her tongue.

"Ah!" She couldn't help but cry out in pain, and tasted a bloody taste in her mouth.

"What's wrong? Did you bite your tongue?" he asked.

"Mm-hmm," she replied vaguely.

"Let me see," he said, naturally lifting his hand and holding her chin.

See what? Her tongue? Veronica felt embarrassed, but at this moment, Mason looked serious, as if he wouldn't allow her to object.

She opened her mouth shyly, timidly sticking out her tongue, telling herself in her heart that it was like a doctor examining a patient!

"Okay...that's enough," she said in a muffled voice.

"Don't talk for now," he said, lightly brushing his fingertip over her tongue.

She shuddered and suddenly closed her mouth, blushing as she looked at him.

"It's a bit cut, but it's not a big deal. But don't eat anything hot later when we have dinner. Oh, and Zack, stop the car here," he said as the car came to a stop.

Mason got out of the car and said to Veronica, "Wait for me."

Veronica looked puzzled. After a moment, Mason came back quickly, holding a bag in his hand.

Once he got into the car, he opened the bag and Veronica realized that he had gone to buy ice cream.

"Eating some ice cream can help stop bleeding and relieve pain," he said.

So he had gotten off the car earlier to buy ice cream for her? Looking at the ice cream in front of her, Veronica suddenly felt an indescribable emotion.

Was it gratitude? Happiness? Or perhaps a long-buried feeling?

The car arrived at Veronica's apartment building and Mason followed her into her small apartment.

"Are you having dinner here?" Veronica asked, checking the time. It was about time to start preparing dinner.

"Sure," Mason replied.

"What would you like to eat?" she asked, opening the fridge and checking the ingredients that could be cooked.

"Anything is fine," Mason said.

So Veronica picked a few dishes and cooked two dishes and a soup.

"By the way, how did you happen to come to the school at that time today?" she couldn't help but ask, especially since the timing was so perfect.

"It was the principal of your school. He knew that you had some relationship with our family, so he wanted to talk to you about dropping out. The principal called my mom, and then my mom told me," Mason explained.

Veronica was shocked. Even Auntie Grace knew about this?!

"Actually, if you had told me from the beginning, things wouldn't have escalated to this point. Even if you didn't want to pay attention to rumors, it doesn't mean that every rumor should be ignored," Mason said.

"Sorry to trouble you," Veronica apologized.

"It was originally my mess to clean up, so it's only right that I take care of it," Mason replied. "But even though you don't like using money to pressure people, I won't let the person who intentionally blew this up get away with it."

Chapter 3757

"Are you referring to...Vanessa?" Veronica asked.

"The one who called me a gigolo and spread all sorts of rumors about you?" Mason asked, admitting that he hadn't bothered to remember the woman's name before.

Or rather, he usually didn't bother to remember women's names.

"Yes, that's her," Veronica confirmed.

"You're aware that someone is intentionally making a big deal out of this," Mason stated.

"Otherwise, how could the school demand that I drop out over these rumors? After all, I only rode in the car a few times, and there's no other substantial evidence," Veronica reasoned.

She wasn't stupid. In the office, the homeroom teacher had targeted her, and once she left the office, Veronica was subjected to cold ridicule and sarcasm from Vanessa, as if she had known the outcome all along. Of course, she could guess what was going

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As they spoke, Veronica picked up a spoon and scooped up some soup to drink.

Mason suddenly grabbed her wrist, stopping her from putting the soup in her mouth.

“What’s wrong?” She looked at him in confusion, but saw him lean in slightly, blowing a few breaths onto the spoon in her hand before letting go and saying, “Don’t drink it while it’s too hot.”

“Oh.” Veronica responded shyly.

Before, she had always taken care of him more, but it seemed that after they got back together, he had taken on more of the responsibility of taking care of her.

It’s like he suddenly matured over the course of a few years, going from a naive teenager to someone more like a man.

But in reality, he’s only 18 years old, two years younger than her!

After finishing their meal, Veronica washed the dishes while Mason cleaned up the trash on the table.

There was no need to explain who did what, as if the two had already reached an understanding.

After everything was cleaned up, Mason washed his hands and said to Veronica, “Let me see your tongue.”

“You still want to see it?” She was surprised.

“I want to see if it’s better than before.” He explained.

She then slightly lifted her chin, parted her lips, and stuck out her tongue.

As if to examine it more closely, he once again held her chin with his fingers, lifted it up, and leaned down to take a closer look.

The distance between them became close once again.

It wasn’t the first time he had seen her tongue, but this time it felt even closer than when they were in the car before.

She could feel his breath and count his eyelashes.

His skin...still as good as ever. She remembered when they used to live together, she would always marvel at how smooth and poreless his skin was, even without any skincare products.

His facial features were already somewhat androgynous, but now he seemed to have more masculinity than before, with broader shoulders and a taller stature.

Before, if he leaned in like this, he only needed to bend down slightly, but now the degree of bending was clearly greater.

His eyelids were half-closed, and his long black eyelashes trembled like a fan. Was he looking at her lips?

So what kind of person is she in his eyes now?

Are they really going to start dating? From now on, are they officially boyfriend and girlfriend?

Can familial love really turn into romantic love? And does his willingness to date her mean he can let go of the past?

"What are you looking at?" His voice suddenly rang out.

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"It's just...I feel like you look different now, like you've really grown up," she stuttered.

"Do you think I'll always be a child?" he asked.

"No, that's not what I meant. I just think you have more masculine beauty now." But after saying this, her face suddenly turned red.

What was she even saying!

"Masculine beauty?" He stared at her. "So you think I didn't look like a man before?"

"No, no!" She denied it repeatedly. "You looked good before too, just...um, more androgynous. Now you're more masculine..."

"That's true. You used to always want to see me in women's clothing," he said.

"That's because you were cute and pretty like a doll before. I thought you would look good in women's clothing..."

Her voice grew smaller and smaller. Oh my god, what was she even saying? Veronica lamented in her heart, feeling like she was making things worse.

"No boyfriend would want his girlfriend to say that he looks

good in women's clothing," he said. "Also, do you really think I look like a doll?"

She hesitated for a moment, then nodded.

In the next moment, his lips met hers. She was stunned and completely frozen, as the kiss was too sudden and unexpected.

After a moment, the kiss ended and his cold whisper sounded in her ear, "Do you think a doll would kiss you like this?"

She was sweating profusely. Did he kiss her just because she said he looked like a doll?

"Mason, you..."

“And also...” His fingertips lightly touched her rosy lips. “Do you still think of me as your ‘little brother’? Did you let me kiss you because you wanted a family member like a little brother? Or is it because you really have feelings for me as a man and a woman?”

Veronica stared at the person in front of her in a daze. Little brother?!

Come to think of it, how long had it been since she last thought of the word “little brother” in her mind?!

Back when they were young, when he first kissed her, the shame in her heart almost overwhelmed her.

At that time, she was only thinking over and over again, how could her little brother kiss his sister?!

At that time, she just wanted to escape, to hide, and didn’t want to break the facade of brother and sister. Looking back now, she had become accustomed to that kind of life and didn’t want to change it.

Was it possible that she was also moved at that time?

When she found out the truth about her breakup with Daniel, she was more angry with him than with Daniel, because his place in her heart was much more important than Daniel’s.

Even after breaking up with Daniel, her sadness only lasted for a short time, and she rarely thought of him afterwards.

But she would always think of him, even in her dreams, she would constantly dream of him.

At that time, if his kiss was shameful, then besides shame, what else did this “shame” represent?

“Now, I don’t see you as a little brother!” She stared at him firmly, and their “attempt at a relationship” was a bold step they took together. So now, let her take the second step boldly.

“Mason, I think I really like you, and this liking is not for a little brother.” She said, this was the first time she didn’t use the title she had been calling him since childhood.

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Because to her, he was no longer a little brother!

A hint of surprise flashed in his eyes, as if he didn’t expect her to say that.

“And also...” She paused, reached out and held his face, “You said you wanted to truly be in a relationship with me, I’m actually very happy, really.”

As she finished speaking, she took the initiative to tiptoe and kissed his lips.

She thought that her greatest hope was to become a family with him, not as siblings, but in a more intimate relationship, to become a family and then...be together forever!

His eyelashes trembled slightly, his half-closed eyes looking at the face so close to him.

Is he happy? Is he really happy to be in a relationship with her?

Then what is this wave of emotions in his heart? Is he also happy like her when he heard her say this and kissed him like this?

Her kiss seemed to be slowly smoothing out the pain he had forgotten from the past.

Even, he couldn't help but wonder, if he hadn't chosen to have

his memories hypnotized back then, would the time they spent apart have been much shorter?

So, could they have been like this a few years earlier?

He used to have feelings for her... If he hasn't forgotten, how would he feel hearing her say this now?

At this moment, he suddenly had this curiosity.

Shirley never expected to have dinner with the rumored Mason from the Reed family.

Although Shirley had already seen Mason at school that day, sitting face to face with him made her see him more clearly.

"Mason, this is my good friend from college, Shirley." Veronica made a simple introduction. "Shirley, he is..."

"I know, Mason Reed, your boyfriend!" Shirley smiled and said. She only said this because she wanted to have dinner with Mason. She and Veronica had agreed that if they both had boyfriends, they would bring them along for a meal to "evaluate" them.

She didn't really expect to actually have dinner with Mason, but it became a reality.

"Hello, I'm Shirley." Shirley said to Mason.

"Hello." Mason replied.

"Are you really dating Veronica? I heard you've been together since childhood, but then you didn't contact each other for several years?" Shirley asked. After all, she had known Veronica for three years, but before that, Veronica had never mentioned Mason's name.

Mason stared at Shirley with a slightly darkened face and didn't seem to have any intention of answering.

The scene was awkward and suffocating for a moment.

Veronica was about to intervene, but Shirley had already spoken first, "Are you and Veronica serious about your relationship?"

Mason squinted his eyes, and Shirley suddenly felt a chill run through her body. However, she still widened her eyes, waiting for his answer.

She was afraid that her friend would get hurt. Although Veronica seemed very strong, Shirley had seen her friend secretly cry before. Sometimes, the stronger a person appears, the more fragile they are when they encounter something.

Veronica lightly nudged Mason's elbow, afraid that he would scare her friend. She said, "Shirley, let's change the topic. What do you want to eat..."

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"I'm serious," Mason's voice suddenly sounded.

Shirley breathed a sigh of relief at his words and smiled, "That's good. I rarely come to such a good restaurant. There are so many things I want to eat! I won't be polite and order a lot!"

Veronica looked at Mason in surprise. She didn't expect him to actually answer. Because of his response, she felt a sweet feeling in her heart.

After finishing their meal, Shirley took the initiative to leave first, saying that her job as a third wheel was over.

"What about you? Are you going home now or doing something else?" Mason asked.

"Go home? It seems a bit early now." Veronica looked at the time and said, "How about we take a walk and digest a bit?"

"Okay." He agreed without any objection.

The two walked along the road, and the gentle night breeze brushed their cheeks, making her feel very comfortable.

Walking with him like this, it felt like a kind of comfort.

"By the way, your school's campus festival is in two days, right? What time should I come to find you?" She asked. She had

previously said that she would go to Stanford University to see their campus festival.

"Anytime after 9am. I'll come to pick you up and we'll go together." He said.

"Oh, okay." She smiled, realizing it had been years since she had attended a campus festival with him. She felt a bit nostalgic.

As they walked, they unconsciously strolled to the pedestrian street in the city center.

The pedestrian street was crowded at night. Veronica saw a stall selling cotton candy and said, "Wait here, I'll buy some cotton candy. Do you want some?"

"No, it's too sweet," he replied.

She couldn't help but laugh. "But you used to like it when we were kids. Every time I bought cotton candy, you always wanted to share it with me."

However, at that time, she had very little pocket money, so they only bought one stick of cotton candy and shared it.

Suddenly, she remembered something and said, "Oh, but you were hypnotized. The feeling of liking cotton candy when we were kids should also..."

"I was hypnotized only for my feelings towards you, and it only faded, not forgotten. I remember everything from before," Mason said. "But liking something as a child doesn't necessarily

mean you'll like it when you grow up."

"Yeah," she murmured.

He liked her when they were kids, and he continued to like her until he was 14. But now, he's grown up, he's 18, and he may not necessarily like her anymore.

Even though they are officially dating now, why does she still feel uneasy?

After buying the cotton candy, Veronica took a bite. The soft cotton candy tasted delicious when she was a child, but now that she's grown up, it doesn't seem as tasty.

"What's wrong? Are you lost in thought looking at the cotton candy?" he asked, his voice ringing in her ear.

"I just feel that things I liked as a child may not necessarily be liked when I grow up," she said softly, with a hint of worry between her eyebrows.

He frowned, not liking to see her expression like this, as if she was thinking about something but keeping him out of it.