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Grace thought she could not sleep with Jason lying beside her, but she fell asleep as soon as she closed her eyes.

It was as if his presence gave her peace of mind.

When she woke up the next day, Grace saw Jason in a white shirt. He was buttoning up the cuffs as he walked toward her. "Are you awake?"

"Yes," she said as she blushed a little. She had not washed her face or brushed her teeth. Plus, her hair was a mess too.

"Did you sleep well last night? I had a good night's sleep," he said and stooped down. His hands were propped on the edge of the bed, his dark eyes looking straight into hers.

With their gazes almost at eye level, Grace was suddenly at a loss.

She subconsciously leaned back, wanting to distance herself from him. However, his hand grabbed her back with a slight force. Suddenly, the distance between them became even closer.

"Were you unable to sleep well, Sis?" he asked as he raised his

"Great!" he said and kissed her cheek quite naturally. downstairs for breakfast when you're done washing up."

"Okay," she answered, blushing.

After going into the bathroom and washing herself up, Grace came downstairs and found Jason sitting at the table. He was apparently waiting for her.

For breakfast, they were served both Chinese and Western-style food.

"What do you want to eat?" asked Jason.

"I'll have a bowl of porridge," answered Grace. The servant then placed a bowl of porridge and some appetizers before Grace with some refreshments to go with the food.

Grace accidentally looked up as she ate and noticed Jason looking at her.

"What's the matter?" she muttered.

"Nothing, I just think you look cute when you eat," he said, raising his finger and brushing the corner of her mouth across the table.

Suddenly, a grain of rice that was at the corner of her mouth was stuck to his finger. Then, she watched him stick out the tip of his tongue and gently lick the grain of rice that was on his

He... was seducing her in broad daylight!

Grace's face went red immediately. She found herself blushing more and more these days. She never knew that a man would look so attractive doing that.

"It's sweet." He smiled at her.

She quickly buried herself in her porridge, not daring to look at him again for fear that her nose might actually bleed.

After finishing breakfast, Grace saw Jason get up to take a tie from a servant nearby. He then walked up to her and handed

her the tie.

"Tie it for me," he said.

She was stunned, but he had already shoved the tie into her hand.

Clutching the tie in her hand, Grace suddenly got a mixed feeling. She had helped Sean Stevens with his tie before. Back then, Sean Stevens even joked that he was now tied to her for the rest of his life.

However, how could people be tied together so easily?

In the end, it was all self-deception.

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Now, another man wanted her to tie his tie. How long would she be with him?

Grace did not know. Even though they liked each other now

and he did not care that she could not bear children, she did not dare to think about their future together.

The difference between them was so big. Even if they were dating now, could they have a future together?

"What's the matter?" His voice broke her trance.

"Nothing. Bend... Bend down," she said.

It was a bit difficult because of their height difference.

He bent down obediently, bringing their faces closer together.

She gently raised his collar, then slipped the tie around his neck and began to tie it for him.

“You know what? I’m putting my life in your hands right now.” Jason’s voice rang softly.

Grace’s fingers paused suddenly, her almond-shaped eyes fixed on the face close to hers.

was charming and elegant. “The only woman who can tie my tie is you. No one else.”

When Grace reached the small restaurant, she still had Jason’s smile in her mind, as well as his words... No one else... could

ever tie his tie...

It did not matter whether his words would come true in the future, but at least for now, he was serious about her. Unlike her, who dared not think of their future, he... had probably thought of it.

At half-past one in the afternoon, the restaurant received an order of 20 sets of fast food. It was a little far from the small restaurant. It would take about 40 minutes to get there and back.

When Grace went out for the delivery, she found out that there was a shooting there and it was the staff who ordered the 20 sets of fast food.

It was the film crew’s break right now. Many people were either standing or squatting or sitting on some small stools to eat their lunch.

Of course, most of these people were extras or some ordinary crew members. The main cast would get better treatment- they had a separate room to rest in.

Grace put down the order and was about to leave when one of them stopped her. “Hey, why is there a bug in this

Grace took a closer look and sure enough, an unknown bug was lying in the lunch box. She immediately frowned. It looked like he had not started eating it yet. He only just opened the lid.

She had entered the kitchen earlier and saw the chef packing each meal.

Each lunchbox was packed in a separate plastic bag. It would be impossible for a bug to fly into it on her way here.

In that case, it was highly likely that...

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Sure enough, what he said next covertly confirmed her speculations.

“How about this? We’re not looking for trouble. Give us back

the money for the 20 sets of fast food, plus 5,000 dollars in damages. After all, some of us have already started eating the food you delivered. Who knows if there are bugs in the rest of those lunchboxes?”

As the man finished speaking, several others got up and surrounded Grace. They were trying to give Grace some pressure.

Grace looked around. They were at a semi-open space that was being rented for the shoot. There was a surveillance camera on the front left from where they were at right now, but she had no idea if it was turned on.

Further ahead, a few fans were blocked off by a gate and squatting. Some were resting while the others were holding their phones up to see if they could catch a glimpse of their idols.

“Well, it’s not up to a delivery girl like me to decide. Let me talk to my boss about the situation,” said Grace as she fumbled for her phone. She called Kyla Corbyn to tell her about the

As Grace did not put the speaker on, those around her did not hear what Kyla Corbyn said.

“All right,” replied Grace as she ended the call and put her phone away.

However, when she put it away, she stealthily turned on her phone’s recording function.

“Well, when are you paying us?” asked one of them. He looked like the leader.

Grace chuckled and said, “Do you know that 5,000 dollars is a big amount in fraud? If there’s a sentence, you could be looking at up to three years in prison.”

The people around Grace immediately took on a ghastly expression. “What do you mean? Are you saying I’m committing fraud?”

“Whether you’re committing fraud can be proven with the evidence. Look, there are a lot of fans with their phones. up around here. Maybe someone accidentally took some pictures. Besides, this order can’t be free of charge. As for the lunchbox in question, we can leave it to the police to investigate. That’ll be fair to everyone.”

The crew looked at each other, and the leader glared at Grace as he said, “I’m warning you, you’d better get your boss to pay us. Otherwise, your restaurant can think about closing down.”

“Is that a threat?” Grace asked.

“I am threatening you, so what?” the man said bluntly.

By now, it was clear to Grace that these people had been trying to blackmail them from the start.

"I'm just an employee. There's no need for you to threaten me. As for this lunchbox, you can keep it for the police, and..." Grace paused and looked at them coldly. "If you're going to do something irrational with a small restaurant like ours, I can tell you that we'll sue you. By then, it won't be just 5,000 dollars."

She knew that Kyla Corbyn was not rich. Nelson's cochlear implant, in particular, needed a lot of money. Even if he had cochlear implants in the future, she would need to spend on some training courses to teach him how to speak.

When Grace opened her mouth to warn these people, she had already made up her mind to go to Jason for help if necessary.

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She did not want the small restaurant that Kyla worked so hard to run to be messed up by these people. Perhaps it was the so-called 'sense of justice' in her body

that had begun to rise again. After all, did she not become a lawyer in the hope that justice could be served?

When she was done talking, the men's faces took on a ghastly expression. Then, one of them looked around, looking apprehensive.

Just as Grace was about to leave, one of them suddenly grabbed Grace by the arm, trying to stop her from leaving.

The man pulled so hard that Grace dropped her phone, making it fall to the ground.

Someone saw her phone screen in the recording interface and cried with a ghastly expression, "She's recording, Boss!"

"F*ck. How dare you pull such a stunt?" One of them became so enraged that he raised his hand to hit Grace, forgetting that he was out in the open with the cast's fans around him.

Suddenly, there was a cry of surprise all around. Grace closed her eyes subconsciously and raised her hand in an attempt to block his falling hand.

However, the cries of surprise seemed to change a little. There were gasps and exclamations, but Grace did not feel pain. Instead, she felt a hand on her shoulder, drawing her toward a slightly cold embrace.

Grace opened her eyes and saw a handsome face with sharp edges. However, the man's usually indifferent face was now a little angry.

"What's going on?" Brian's voice was horribly cold as he grabbed the hand that was about to hit Grace.

The man's forehead broke out in a cold sweat. He was feeling as if his hand was about to break. However, what frightened him more than the pain in his hand was the man in front of him.

This was... the crown prince of the entertainment industry!

As for the scene before him, could it be that... the crown prince was trying to help the delivery girl?

The others who were with the man quickly stepped forward and said, "She's just a delivery girl, Master Hart. There was a bug in their food. We just got desperate and... Uh, it's no big deal, no big deal."

All these people wanted to do now was to get it over with.

However, Brian lowered his eyes to look at Grace and asked, "Are you all right?" There was a hint of rare tenderness and

his voice.

Grace shook her head. "I'm all right, thank you."

Had it not been for Brian, she would have really lost out.

Grace looked down at the phone that had fallen to the ground.

and was about to bend down to pick it up before Brian picked it up first.

"Is this yours?" he asked.

"Yes," she answered, taking her phone from his hand and checking it roughly. Luckily, it did not break, and the screen.

did not crack either.

The other crewmates' eyes were wide with shock when they watched Brian bend down to pick up Grace's phone.

Since when did... Master Hart help people pick up things on the ground?

Even if something had fallen to the ground, there should be someone else to pick it up, right?

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"What's going on here?" Brian did not ask anyone else, just Grace.

It was as if he would only believe what she said.

"One of the lunchboxes I delivered today had a bug in it. They asked me not to charge them for all the food today and asked the restaurant to pay them 5,000 dollars in compensation. I thought it would be better to leave this to the police, but they found out I was recording the conversation on my phone, so a conflict broke out," said Grace.

"A recording?" Brian raised his eyebrows slightly. "Do you mind if I listen to it?"

When they heard Brian offering to listen to the recording, their faces paled. Once Brian finished listening to the recording, his face darkened. He now understood that the dispute occurred because some of the crew members were trying to blackmail her, which led to the subsequent conflict.

The director, assistant director, and production assistant who were with Brian also understood what was going on. One by one, their faces took on a ghastly expression.

If this got out, the film crew would be embarrassed!

Miss. I would like to apologize on behalf of the crew. If you want any compensation, just tell us.”

“No thanks. It’s good enough that everyone understands. However, I don’t want them to bother our restaurant

anymore,” said Grace.

She knew it would be bad for Restaurant if this became a big deal.

It would be best if they could just put the matter to rest.

“Of course, of course!” repeated the director. Then, he looked at Brian to see if the crown prince was satisfied with how they

handled it.

Grace turned around to leave. After all, it had been a while since she came out and there were orders to deliver.

She had only taken two steps before someone pulled her arm.

She stopped in her tracks and looked back at Brian with a flash of doubt in her eyes. “Anything else, Mr. Hart?”

Brian seemed a little confused. He looked at his hands in amazement as if it was a knee-jerk move. It was as if he could not bear to see her leave.

He wanted to spend more time with her, even if it was as simple as standing together.

When he did not see her, he could still contain this feeling in the bottom of his heart, but once he saw her, he could not help wanting to look at her for a while longer.

Even at the sight of her almost being hit earlier, he had felt anger and fear. He feared that she might be hurt, and he experienced a desire to punish the person who tried to strike

her.

It was as if he could not bear to see her suffer the slightest injury.

“Nothing. It’s just... your shoelace is a little loose,” he said, going down on one knee. With both hands, he pulled the laces. of her left shoe and knotted them again.

Everyone around, not just the film crew but even the fans outside the fence, gasped in shock.

Although these fans idolized different celebrities, who would not recognize the entertainment industry’s crown prince?

He was even more famous than celebrities! Many people were secretly wondering what woman could tie the crown prince down.

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The crown prince’s former girlfriends were from all walks of life. Of course, these girlfriends ended up with both good and bad outcomes.

However, there were still many women who wanted to be Brian’s girlfriend.

Some people even said on the internet that even if Brian lost his crown prince status and was poor, they would follow him. wholeheartedly. He was just so good-looking!

As the people around witnessed Brian going down on one knee to tie a woman’s shoelace, there was nothing but the sound of gasping. Everyone was shocked.

It was only when Brian was done tying her shoelace that he reluctantly stood up.

“Thank... you,” said Grace, slightly embarrassed. She kept her

head down and hurriedly left. In the cafe where they were filming, Evelyn had been watching through the window. Her delicately manicured nails were sinking hard into her palms.

Why did... Grace appear in front of Brian again? Brian even took the initiative to go down on one knee in front of Grace.

It looked... just like submission!

A fit of deep jealousy welled up in her chest.

She must not let Brian know that Grace could be the girl he was looking for! She could not lose Brian, no matter what!

Outside, after Grace had left, Brian pursed his thin lips and glanced at the director and production assistant. “I don’t want this to happen again. You don’t have to keep these people on set anymore.”

As soon as he said this, the men who tried to blackmail Grace earlier immediately looked like they were going to jump up and argue.

However, they got a little intimidated when they saw Brian's cold eyes.

"Since she didn't want to make a fuss about it, you can thank her for that. If you ever bother her again, then I can. guarantee you'll be in jail for the rest of your lives!" A flash of ruthlessness passed over his eyes.

They never expected to hit a snag after choosing a small restaurant to blackmail.

Meanwhile, the fans outside were busy discussing. The topic of discussion was no more than who was the woman who was with the crown prince earlier. Was she his new girlfriend?

Some were even counting down the days until the crown prince broke up with his current girlfriend.

When Grace got back to the small restaurant, Kyla Corbyn hurried forward. "What took you so long? Did those people do anything to you?"

Grace shook her head. "I'm all right, nothing happened."

"Good." Kyla Corbyn breathed a sigh of relief. Then, as if she had made up her mind, she said, "If they want to make a scene, I'll just pay them so that no one in our restaurant gets hurt."

Kyla Corbyn was planning to spend money to avert a disaster.

"No, it's all taken care of. I think those people won't dare to come here and make a fuss. If they're smart, they won't try their luck again for a little money," said Grace.

"You called the police?" Kyla Corbyn speculated.

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"No, I just happened to meet... someone I know. He settled things out." Grace hesitated.

"Your friend? We must thank him, then! Why don't I buy some presents later so you can take them to your friend?" Kyla Corbyn said hurriedly.

"It's all right," said Grace as she quickly changed the subject by asking about Nelson's cochlear implant.

"In a couple of days when Nelson's medical examination report is out. He can install the cochlear implant if there's no problem." Kyla Corbyn could not hide her joy when she talked about this. "The hospital also said I was financially challenged and could apply for a discount."

"That's great," said Grace. She knew that Jason had communicated with the hospital. Grace was delighted at the thought that Nelson could hear soon.

The earlier incident was like a short episode, and it was now over.

What Grace did not expect was that by evening, Kyla Corbyn stopped her and asked, "Was it Brian who helped us solve the blackmail problem today?"

Kyla Corbyn saw her expression and immediately knew it was true. She said, "A customer was having dinner here just now. and saw the video of you arguing with those blackmailers when you delivered their food earlier this noon. Brian

appeared later on, didn't he? I saw him in the video too."

Kyla Corbyn said and looked at Grace with a little more doubt in her gaze.

She already had doubts about Grace's relationship with Brian. when he came to the store to wait for Grace previously.

However, in the video today, Brian sent a huge shock to her heart as he even went down on one knee to tie Grace's shoelace.

She remembered Brian to be an indifferent person. All those short-lived girlfriends only accentuated the ruthlessness of his nature.

Even though Brian doted on every girlfriend he had ever dated, the so-called 'doting' was only in terms of money and resources.

She had seen him with one of his girlfriends before, but he would look at her with little emotion. It was as if he was looking at a toy that interested him rather than a person.

However, in today's video, she clearly felt that Brian's eyes were full of Grace.

'When I asked Brian not to tell anyone about seeing me, Brian must have said yes because of Grace!' thought Kyla Corbyn.

"There's a video online?" Grace was shocked.

"Yes, let me show you," said Kyla Corbyn while she took out her phone. After typing into the search bar though, she found nothing. The web page even suggested that the content of her search did not exist.

"How can this be?" Kyla Corbyn said with a frown.

Grace also took out her phone and typed in some keywords to search for the video, but she could not find any videos of her and Brian.

Grace pursed her lips tightly. If Kyla had seen it, it would only mean that the sudden disappearance of these videos was because some force had intervened and removed the relevant content online.

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However, who could have done it? Grace's first thought was

Brian.

After all, Brian had the right to delete these videos, and

it would not be easy for just anyone to delete all relevant content so quickly.

Jason, on the other hand, was in front of his computer watching a video playing on the screen with a grim look in his

eyes.

Grace would have cried in surprise if she saw this video. It was the video Kyla Corbyn had mentioned but was already deleted

from the internet.

Jason watched the video quietly, his eyes darkening when he saw Brian going down on one knee to tie Grace's shoelace. His fingers on the table tightened almost subconsciously.

He and Brian had known each other for a long time. He came into contact with Brian after he returned to the Reed family.

The Reed family's relationship with the Hart family had always been pretty good, so his relationship with Brian was also pretty good.

After all, in their social circle, if there was no conflict of

friends on the surface.

Therefore, he was familiar with Brian and knew how proud Brian was. Other than the one in his heart, the other women.

were just decorations. They were probably substitutes for the

person in his heart.

The person in Brian's heart... Jason's thin lips tightened when he saw the way Brian looked at Grace in the video.

Brian probably did not know that Grace was the one he was looking for yet! If he knew, he might have done a lot more for Grace.

If he had not seen photos of Grace as a child, he would never have thought that Grace was the girl Brian was searching for.

However, he would not let Brian know that.

Grace would only be Jason's. She would only be with him for the rest of her life!

Terrence who was at the side was now glimpsing nervously at his superior. Young Master Reed was so silent and sullen that it was rather frightening.

Besides, Young Master Reed had seen this video countless times and he was still staring at it. Could Young Master Reed be... Terrence dared not think of it.

After all, if Young Master Reed got angry, the entire Emerald City would probably tremble.

"Don't let any of the people who embarrassed Grace today go unpunished," said Jason.

"Yes," Terrence replied immediately, relieved that Young Master Reed only wanted to punish the people who

embarrassed Miss Cummins.

He was afraid that Young Master Reed would act on impulse. and go straight to Master Hart.

If the Reed family and Hart family got into a conflict, it would not just affect the two families but also a lot of people.

However, Jason once again spoke and made Terrence's newly relieved heart panic all of a sudden.

"Tell me..." Although Jason was speaking to Terrence, his gaze remained fixed on the computer screen.

"Will Grace like men.

like Brian?"

Terrence almost choked as he hastily said, "Miss Cummins is now your girlfriend, Young Master Reed. She won't like Master

Hart."

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"What if she wasn't my girlfriend? Would she like Brian then?"

Jason seemed determined to get an answer.

How... would he know? However, since his boss was asking him, he had no choice but to answer. "I think Miss Cummins... is quite conservative about her feelings. She won't change her mind easily once she falls in love with someone."

"Is that so? She was Sean Stevens's girlfriend before," answered Jason with a cold voice.

Terrence felt like crying, but he had no tears. He felt he was miserable as a secretary. "Miss Cummins and Sean Stevens. are over now. Since Miss Cummins was betrayed by Sean. Stevens, she won't have any more feelings for him."

"Betrayed?" Jason raised his eyebrows slightly.

"Yes, isn't it a betrayal for Sean Stevens to break up with Miss Cummins when she was in great need of help? With Miss Cummins's character, it's only natural that she would never forgive people who betrayed her," said Terrence.

With that, Jason's face instantly darkened. His thin lips were almost drawn into a straight line. If what Sean Stevens did to Grace was betrayal, what about all the things he had done to Grace?

There seemed to be some pressure on his heart. It was so heavy that he could hardly breathe.

Jason raised his hand to grab a drink from a glass of water nearby, but when he picked it up, he noticed his hand shaking very badly.

No, it was not just his hands that were shaking. His whole body was shaking.

He was shaking so much that he could hardly hold the glass in his hand. In a blink of an eye, the glass slipped from his hand and fell onto the table, spilling its contents all over.

Terrence was startled. Suddenly, as if aware of something, his face looked a little worried.

Jason looked down at the water in front of him. After a moment, he suddenly said, "Get out, Terrence!"

"Yes," Terrence replied and hurried out of the room.

Jason took a deep breath and leaned back heavily in his chair. His trembling hands hid his face while the corners of his mouth began to smile.

It changed from a chuckle to a laugh, and finally, it turned into. something similar to a burst of choked laughter.

If... he had known that his decision would have caused her so much pain, he would never have done it. If Grace found out about what he had done before, would she consider his actions as a betrayal?

His body seemed to tremble more than ever at the thought of this possibility.

No, there were only a few people who knew what had happened back then. As long as they kept their silence, she would never know.

"Forgive me, Grace," he muttered. There was deep anguish, suppressed in his voice.

There was nothing he could do to make up for what she had suffered. If... he had known he would love her so much, he would not have let her suffer the slightest injustice!

When Grace returned to Reed Residence, it was dark inside the main house. She was about to turn on the lights when, suddenly someone hugged her from behind, and she was plunged into a familiar embrace.

The familiar scent let her know who was embracing her.

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"Why didn't you turn on the lights?" she asked curiously.

"I miss you," he said, giving an irrelevant answer,

Her face suddenly turned red, and her heart seemed to be beating fast. Just then, Grace was glad that it was still dark as it meant that he could not see her blush.

"How about you? Did you miss me today?" His voice continued, to ring in her ears while his breath sprinkled her neck with a tingling sensation.

She felt as if all her attention were on her neck, and after,

feeling his breath, she had a feeling that his lips were so close, to her ears that if he came a little closer, his lips would kiss her.

ears.

Just when she was a little lost in thought, a slight pain, suddenly came over her ears. She felt a shock before coming

to herself. Then... her face turned even redder.

He... was biting her ear, putting her earlobe in his mouth and making her whole body tremble slightly.

"Did you?" His low voice once again rang out.

"I did..." she replied, almost quivering. "Well... Let me go first. I

She said, breathing unsteadily. She only felt that the atmosphere was so ambiguous that she could hardly breathe.

However, instead of letting go, he went further and asked, "Do you love me?"

She was stunned. Love... was too deep. Did she 'love' him?

"I... like you," Grace said truthfully, taking a deep breath. Yes, she only liked him. Her feelings for him now were not yet 'love'

Love was sacred and unique to her. It could not be obtained easily.

She did not want to force herself to tell him she loved him.

Perhaps, though, this answer was not what he had in mind.

Grace expected Jason to be unhappy after hearing her answer. She thought he would insist that she change her.

mind.

Strangely enough, he just held her and muttered, "But... I love you, Sis. I love you so much that I won't know what to do if I ever lose you one day. I love you so much that there will be no meaning in this life if I don't spend it with you. I love you so much that... I can't control my emotions..."

His voice was like music in the night wind, seeping into her ears.

What was he talking about? He said... he loved her, and he already loved her that much?! How was that possible?!

Subconsciously, she wanted to deny it, thinking his words might just be some sweet nothings.

However, another voice in her heart argued with her.

People like him did not bother to sweet talk, and neither did he have to.

It was as if he was showing her all his feelings without the slightest concealment.

She used to think that even if he told her he 'loved' her, that

love was only affection. She did not expect his 'love' to be deep or strong, but now...

"I'm not asking you to fall in love with me at once, and I'm not asking you to open your heart to me immediately. I only want your affection for me to be as much as the tenth of my love for you. I only want you to like me a little more," he muttered.