

Ex-Convict 4391

Chapter 4391: Chasing Stars

Harley didn't expect the conversation to turn to him. He couldn't help but laugh and cry as he pinched the little one's cheeks, "Do you even know what you're talking about?"

This little rascal, he sold out his aunt so easily!

"Do you not like Uncle Elledge, Aunt Harley?" The little one blinked those innocent eyes at Harley, "But didn't you also say that Uncle Elledge looks good when he's acting in sad scenes?"

Harley felt a wave of embarrassment. This little guy, when it came to selling her out, he sure was straightforward!

"Cough, cough..." Harley looked up, his gaze landing on Calvert.

At this moment, Calvert was clearly more embarrassed than she was. His handsome and aloof face was almost embarrassingly red.

"But Uncle Elledge, you need to be careful. Aunt Harley is planning to tease you. She even said before that seeing you cry makes her want to make you cry even harder! She also mentioned that some people can't help but tease the ones they like." The little one continued to tattle.

"Quinn!" Harley immediately covered the little guy's mouth.

She had no idea before, turns out this kid has such a big mouth!

By the time Harley had dropped Quinn back off at the Hunter family's place, he felt completely drained.

Usually, this little guy who seems so innocent and cute is acting like a little devil on this journey. He keeps repeating everything she said when they were watching TV shows together, and dumps it all on Calvert.

Harley felt like he had lost all his dignity today.

The only thing that comforted her was that Calvert seemed even more embarrassed and awkward than she was.

When they arrived at the Hunter family's place, Quinn insisted on inviting Calvert into her home as a guest.

Calvert followed Quinn and Harley into the Hunter family home, where he met the master and mistress of the house, Chandler and Tina.

Calvert had indeed heard of these two. After all, the wedding of the Hunter family and the Stephenson family had caused quite a stir in Emerald City. Moreover, due to an unexpected incident at the wedding, Tina went missing. The city-wide search for Tina had been trending for quite some time.

Although Calvert didn't care about this news at the time, he had heard others discussing it.

Everyone's been talking about Chandler's deep affection for Tina. They even said that Chandler nearly went crazy during the time he was searching for Tina.

If Tina doesn't come back, Chandler might really go crazy.

Loving someone, loving them so madly, what does it feel like? He wasn't sure. But now, he understands what it feels like to love someone, to love them with such restraint and patience.

Chandler, as usual, was aloof towards strangers. On the other hand, Tina was very enthusiastic. She greeted Calvert warmly, even asking for his autograph. She even went so far as to pull Calvert in for a photo together.

Naturally, Quinn didn't want to be left out. He also pestered Calvert for a photo together, and for a hug.

And so, the scene turned into the mother and daughter both vying for Calvert's attention. Although Calvert was a bit flustered, he still cooperated with the two of them quite well.

Chandler wore a stern expression, turning to Harley beside him, he said, "Why did you bring him here?"

These mother and daughter are now fans of Calvert. Their aesthetic tastes are surprisingly in sync when it comes to Calvert. So much so, that Chandler is very familiar with some of Calvert's gossip!

Chandler was just relieved that Calvert wasn't a good singer and didn't hold any concerts. Otherwise, he feared he might have to buy glow sticks and follow the mother-daughter duo into the venue, waving those glow sticks around!

Chapter 4392: He Likes You

"Just happened to run into him today, and he found out I was going to pick up Quinn. Since Quinn is a fan of his, we went to pick her up together," Harley explained, then glanced at Chandler's perpetually icy face. "Chandler, you're not jealous, are you? Don't worry, even if Quinn and Tina are fans of Calvert, their favorite is definitely you. Besides... Tina's loyalty to her idols... well, it's limited."

Harley was telling the truth. Although Tina is a fan of celebrities, her loyalty to them doesn't last long. She often moves from one star to the next.

In other words, when it comes to being a fan, Tina is quite the fickle one.

Chandler glanced at Harley, "Did you break off your engagement with Lornell because of this man?"

"Cough, cough!" Harley almost choked on his own saliva. Since when did Chandler become such a gossip?

Moreover, Lornell had asked her about this issue before.

Back then, her answer was a firm no, and now, it remains the same - "No, he's just a friend."

"So, is that what he thinks too?" Chandler asked.

"What do you mean? Chandler, are you suggesting that he befriended me to take advantage of me and gain better resources?" Harley frowned, "Although at first, Calvert did approach me because I had some resources, everything that followed was due to his own hard work and talent. Otherwise,

he wouldn't have become a sensation in the entertainment industry just by playing a supporting role."

After all, there's a saying in this circle, small fame comes from hype, big fame comes from destiny!

After all, even if you have a strong backing and are showered with all kinds of great opportunities, there are still many people who just can't make it big.

"I'm not sure if he's been using you to gain resources, but one thing I am sure of is that he doesn't see you as a friend. The way he looks at you, it's the way a man looks at a woman. How many friendships between men and women do you think are purely platonic?" Chandler retorted.

Harley was taken aback. Could it be that Chandler was implying... Calvert liked her? Like, in the way a man likes a woman?

Is it possible?

Over the past couple of years, they've been just friends, and Calvert has never expressed any romantic feelings for her.

"Chandler, did you... maybe get it wrong?" Harley asked hesitantly.

"All I did was speak my mind. Whether I'm wrong or right, it's up to you to find out," Chandler said. "And there's one more thing, I'm not sure if you're aware, but Lornell is returning to his home country in a few days!"

Harley was taken aback, "What, he's going back to his country?"

"Yeah, I guess you'll be staying in Emerald City for a while. Even though you and him have called off the engagement, there are still some occasions where you might inevitably run into each other."

"I get it," Harley said, her eyelashes fluttering slightly. After all, she and Lornell had quite a few mutual acquaintances, and to some extent, they were all part of the same social circle. It was inevitable that they would run into each other from time to time.

In just over two years, she had completely let go of that once hopeless love.

At first, it was her who proposed to break off the engagement, simply because she didn't want to be trapped in a relationship where she would never get anything in return. And even now, she has no regrets.

When Harley and Calvert left the Hunter family's place, a faint blush still lingered on Calvert's face. It seemed that Tina and her daughter had really given him a run for his money.

Chapter 4393: How Could She Possibly Like Him

"Sorry, Tina and her daughter were a bit too enthusiastic, but they really do like you. Tina thinks highly of you. She says you're bound to make it big in the entertainment industry, and not just as a flash in the pan, but as a lasting star. Tina has always had a knack for spotting talent in celebrities."

Calvert gave a shy smile.

He yearned for fame, not for its own sake, but so he could stand beside her, worthy of her love.

But... if that day really comes, would he have the courage to pursue her?

In his eyes, she was high above, an existence he needed to look up to.

"And also..." Harley's voice paused, "I have something to ask you."

"What's up?" Calvert asked.

"Do you like me?" she asked.

When these words were spoken, Calvert was taken aback. He stared blankly at Harley, his eyes full of confusion.

"I mean the kind of liking between a man and a woman, not the kind of liking between friends," she said.

He bit his lip awkwardly, his dark eyes filled with struggle and hesitation.

How should he respond to her? If he tells the truth, then all his feelings over the years will be laid bare before her. What would she think of him then?

Inside the train car, it suddenly became completely quiet.

"Calvert, I want the truth," Harley's voice echoed again, like a stone thrown into his heart, causing ripples.

"I..." His mouth was dry, his head bowed, his heart pounding wildly.

His mind went blank. What kind of answer should he give her at a time like this?

"Can't you answer?" Harley's voice was asking.

"No, it's not!" He responded almost subconsciously. After a while, he slowly lifted his head, looking at the person in front of him, his voice trembling slightly as he said, "Yes, I like you. I like you in the way a man likes a woman."

It was just a short sentence, but she had no idea how much courage it took for him to say it!

Harley stared blankly at the person in front of him, his face flushed red. The unease, affection, and nervousness in his dark eyes were completely undisguised.

At this moment, even if Calvert hadn't said it, she could feel that he liked her, perhaps even loved her!

But all this while, she's only ever seen him as a friend, never once considering the possibility of a romantic relationship between them.

"Alright, I got it!" In the end, that's what she responded with.

Besides this sentence, she suddenly didn't know what else to say!

Calvert's eyes gradually dimmed, and the once anxious heart seemed to slowly sink into an unfathomable abyss.

It wasn't until Harley dropped him off at his residential complex that he got out of the car, looking lost. He managed to squeeze out a smile, "I'm sorry, if my answer earlier upset you, you can pretend you never heard it. Can we... can we still be friends?"

Harley hesitated for a moment, "Let me think about it."

His body gave a slight shudder, "Alright."

Watching the car slowly disappear from his sight, Calvert felt as if all his strength had been drained away.

Did she just reject him?

Right, they must have rejected it!

How could he possibly be worthy of her!

Even if he has a so-called handsome face that many people like, she has seen him at his lowest. How could she possibly like him!

Chapter 4394: The Possibility of Being Abandoned

Now, does this mean that he and she can't even be friends?

If he had known this would be the outcome, he wouldn't have told the truth earlier. He could have made up an excuse and denied it outright. With his acting skills, he should have been able to put on a convincing performance without her suspecting a thing.

But... can I really lie to her?

When he heard her say that she wanted the truth, he realized he hadn't even thought about lying!

"Calvert, how can you be so delusional!" He mocked himself, his words filled with bitterness.

In the following days, Calvert didn't see Harley again.

It's as if she suddenly vanished from his world.

"What's up, glued to your phone?" The voice of his agent echoed in his ear.

"There's nothing." Calvert put away his phone. At this moment, he didn't even have the courage to dial Harley's number, fearing that after dialing, all he would hear is a notification that he's been blocked and the call can't get through.

Also afraid to hear Harley's cold voice.

Anyway, even though she said she needed to think about whether we could still be friends, the fact that she hasn't given any answer these days probably means she's made her decision, right?

Just as expected, she doesn't even want to be friends with him anymore!

Perhaps for her, his affection for her was nothing more than a deception and a desecration!

"By the way, you have a fashion show tomorrow. Do you want to send an invitation to Miss Hart?" the agent asked. She was well aware of the friendly relations between Harley and Calvert.

Of course, as an agent, I'd want to leverage this relationship. After all, if Harley makes an appearance at Calvert's fashion show, it would create more buzz and bring in better resources.

"No need!" Calvert said, "From now on, don't involve Miss Hart in everything. She and I... we're not related in any way."

"What's wrong? Did something happen between you and her?" the agent asked.

"Nothing happened," Calvert said, "I just don't want you to take advantage of my past relationship with Miss Hart."

"How can you say I'm taking advantage? It should be you who's using me, after all, you're the one who wants to climb up the ladder, right? Only then can you be worthy of the Hart family's eldest princess, isn't it?" the agent said.

Calvert was taken aback for a moment, looking at his agent in disbelief, "How could you..."

"I'm your agent, do you really think I wouldn't notice?" The agent teased, squinting his eyes, "But these past few days, you seem to have lost touch with Miss Hart. Don't tell me you've been dumped."

A look of embarrassment and awkwardness flashed across Calvert's face.

The agent's face changed, it seemed that it was really the case.

If Calvert really gets dumped by Harley, then he probably won't be able to use Harley's name to find better resources in the future!

Although Calvert is doing well in the industry now, some even predict that if he continues to hone his acting skills, he might have a shot at becoming a leading actor in the future.

But for her, the most important thing is figuring out how to make more money off Calvert!

Now that Calvert has lost Harley as a backer, he needs to find another one!

"Alright, all you need to do is behave yourself, and I'll naturally find a way!" The agent patted Calvert's shoulder and said.

A few days later, Calvert could sense a change in the way some people looked at him. He even overheard some whispers about him behind his back.

Chapter 4395: The Talk of Others

And as time goes by, the rumors about him are becoming more and more apparent.

Even when he attended some social events, the way some directors, producers, and investors looked at him became increasingly blatant.

And of course, Calvert knew exactly what such a blatant stare meant.

He's no longer a newbie in this circle. He understands the unspoken rules that operate behind the scenes.

He just never wanted to play by those rules.

Once upon a time, these people didn't dare to do anything because of his relationship with the eldest princess of the Hart family.

But now, many people are spreading rumors that he's been dumped by the eldest princess of the Hart family. Naturally, these people wouldn't have any reservations anymore.

"There's a social event tonight. It's about the lead role for the next drama. The investors and director will be there. You need to put on a good show. This is a big-budget movie. If you can land the lead role, it will be a huge boost for your future career!" the agent said to Calvert.

"I understand," Calvert responded, his eyes slightly lowered.

But if... there's no chance for him to stand by Harley's side, then his career wouldn't seem so important to him anymore!

His life now is something he could never have imagined before!

Even if he does nothing in the future, the savings he has now are enough to sustain a normal life for a lifetime!

Harley never thought he'd run into Lornell at the charity event.

Even though she knew Lornell had returned to the country, she had mentally prepared herself for the possibility of running into him at any moment.

But when it really happened, it felt so sudden and unexpected.

"Long time no see," Lornell greeted Harley.

"Yeah, long time no see," Harley chuckled.

She and Lornell, they're not exactly friends now, but they're not enemies either. Yet, their relationship isn't quite like those who just nod in passing.

"I was abroad and heard that you and Calvert have been getting along well these past few years. He's been using your name to make a good name for himself in the entertainment industry. Even overseas, he has quite a few fans," Lornell said.

Harley frowned, "He didn't ride on my coattails. His success now is all due to his own hard work!"

Lornell scoffed, "Effort? Do you really think it's all about his effort? In the entertainment industry, mere effort is far from enough. There are countless people who work hard, but only a handful truly make it big. More often than not, it's about luck, and you, my friend, are Calvert's luck. Are you really content with being used like this?"

Harley's frown deepened, she didn't like hearing Lornell say things like this.

"Since when did you start caring about this? Whether he's using me or not, it's my business. Weren't you always indifferent to my affairs before?"

Lornell's face shifted slightly, "What if I want to care about your matters now?"

"What do you mean?" she asked.

"I..." Lornell had just started to speak when a voice came from not far away.

"Did you hear? Calvert was dumped by Harley!"

"Are you talking about that Calvert who models and acts?"

"Isn't it just him?!"

As soon as Harley heard his and Calvert's names, he immediately showed a look of displeasure. Then he quickly pulled Lornell aside into a nearby corner.

Chapter 4396: Those Disgusting Rumors

She only acted this way to avoid those who love to gossip!

Who would have thought that the two people talking would actually stop in their tracks and start chatting.

"Sure, Calvert is good-looking, but in this circle, there are plenty of handsome men. It's only natural that the eldest princess of the Hart family would get bored. Over the past couple of years, Calvert has also benefited quite a bit from his association with the Hart family's eldest princess!"

"Absolutely, otherwise how could he have become the leading man in several shows so quickly? And all the shows he's in are hits!"

"He must be pretty good in bed, huh? Otherwise, why would the princess be so into him?"

These words are becoming more and more unbearable to hear!

Harley could only feel a surge of anger welling up!

These people, they always just rely on their preconceived notions to make assumptions, only caring about their own satisfaction of speaking out, without any intention of seeking the truth. They don't even care about how their words might hurt others!

Just as Harley was about to teach those two a lesson, he suddenly heard one of them say, "But now that Calvert has been abandoned by Harley, there are quite a few people who have their sights set on him!"

"Haha, everyone wants to know, what it feels like to be the man who caught Princess Hart's eye."

"No way, today Miss. Maldonado is throwing a feast, under the guise of film investment, and she's invited Calvert as the male lead. She's planning to take Calvert for all he's worth!"

"Miss Maldonado is already over 40, isn't she? Even if Calvert was dumped by Princess Hart, would he be willing?"

"What's there to be unwilling about? In this industry, if you want to get ahead, you need a backer. Besides, even if Calvert isn't willing, his agent said they could drug him, and then... well, you know..."

When Harley heard the words "drugged", his head buzzed, almost as if it was about to explode!

Almost instinctively, he rushed forward, grabbing the person who first shared this news, "What did you just say? Miss. Maldonado is planning to drug Calvert? To force him into submission?!"

The moment those two saw Harley suddenly appear, their faces turned pale with fright. The man whose collar was grabbed by Harley, his face turned even more ghostly white.

Damn, what are the odds that this guy would overhear that?

"Um... I was just joking, you know. What I said earlier, you can't take it seriously!"

"Tell me the truth, if anything happens to Calvert tonight, do you believe me when I say I'll leave you with nothing? I mean what I say!" Harley said sternly.

Those eyes, usually so gentle, were now filled with a fierce intensity.

"I... I only heard about it when I was chatting with Miss. Maldonado, I... I don't know if Miss. Maldonado would actually do it!" The other person's voice trembled as they spoke.

After all, there's no need to get on the wrong side of this princess over such a trivial matter!

"Do you know where Miss. Maldonado and Calvert are having dinner tonight?" Harley asked again.

The other party quickly gave an address.

Upon hearing this, Harley thought, it's not too far from here, but it's not close either. It would probably take about 20 minutes to drive there!

She let go of the other person while dialing Calvert's number. But to her surprise, she was informed that his phone was switched off.

Harley frowned, feeling increasingly uneasy.

Usually at this time, Calvert's phone wouldn't be off. Does this mean he's really in trouble now?!

Just as she was about to turn and bolt from the meeting, suddenly a hand grabbed hers!

Chapter 4397: I Like You

"Don't go!" Lornell said.

Harley frowned, "Let go."

"Are you planning to go see Calvert? If he really doesn't want to, there are plenty of ways to handle it. You don't need to worry at all!" Lornell said.

Harley bit her red lips, shouldn't she be worried? But now her heart was pounding hard. She had this feeling that if she didn't go, she might regret it for the rest of her life.

"Let go!" Harley said.

"Harley!" Lornell gazed at her passionately, "Lornell has his agent by his side. If he doesn't want to deal with something, his agent will handle it for him. But have you thought about what would happen if you really went over there? How many rumors would start flying around? You might even end up trending online, with countless scandalous stories about you and him. He can use these scandals to his advantage, but what about you? What do you get out of it? Or are you saying you don't care about the scandals, and you're planning to be with him?"

Harley was silent, only hearing his own heart pounding "Thump! Thump! Thump!" incessantly.

"So, don't go!" Lornell said, gripping Harley's hand a bit tighter.

"I don't need to gain anything," Harley said, gently pulling his hand away from Lornell's. "I just want to follow my heart."

Right now, all she wants is to confirm Calvert's safety, to know how he's really doing!

"What if I don't want you to go?" Lornell suddenly said.

"What?" Harley was taken aback.

Lornell gave a bitter smile, "Harley, don't go, okay? Can you please avoid any more scandals with Calvert? If you just see him as a regular friend, then treat him like one. I... I don't want you to go!"

"This doesn't seem to have anything to do with you, I don't understand, what does it matter to you whether he's just a friend to me or not?" Harley said.

"Because I like you!" Lornell said, "I want to start over with you!"

When she was first rumored to be involved with Calvert, he experienced jealousy for the first time. It felt as if something precious had been stolen from him, leaving him utterly helpless.

Back then, he just didn't understand what that feeling was.

He only knew that he would always think of Harley, and every time he did, it felt like his heart was being pricked by a needle.

So, to escape, he even went straight abroad.

But these two years abroad made him gradually realize that he actually liked her, liked her very much... From the moment he saved her when they were kids, he fell for her.

The so-called "curiosity" often stems from fondness.

Since Chandler, out of curiosity, has a fiancée, he too wants to have a fiancée. He wants to understand what it feels like to have a fiancée.

But why would he be curious?!

Because he loves the smile on her face, he wants that smile to belong to him alone!

He learned from Chandler that being engaged can transform two unrelated individuals into a pair bound by a fixed relationship.

So, he simply took advantage of her illness to become her fiancé, creating a bond between them.

But perhaps because he got it so easily, he never cherished it. Even after so many years, he knew clearly that she liked him, but he took it for granted, ultimately ruining their relationship himself!

Chapter 4398: Go Find Him

After two years, he finally sorted out his feelings. That's why he came back, wanting to start over with her.

If it was him who lost her in the first place, then now he's going to personally bring her back.

"I'm sorry, but I don't like you anymore. My feelings for you ended two years ago." After Harley said this, he firmly pulled his hand away from Lornell's and quickly turned to leave.

Right now, the only thought in her mind was to find Calvert. She absolutely couldn't let anything happen that she would regret!

Lornell watched Harley's retreating figure, unconsciously clenching his fist. Why... why did she have to go?

Could it be that she's really fallen for Calvert? She's liked him for so many years, but now... she feels nothing?!

He couldn't accept it, how could he possibly accept it!

No matter what, this time he's back, he's determined to win her love again!

Harley drove quickly to the location he had asked about.

This restaurant operates on a membership basis. Most of the people who come here are either rich or influential, and naturally, it's also frequented by quite a few celebrities.

As the big princess of the entertainment industry, Harley naturally attracted a lot of attention as soon as she stepped in here.

Many people are even speculating about why this Grand Princess is here.

"Miss Hart, what brings you here today?" The manager hurriedly greeted her.

"Which room is Calvert in?" Harley asked anxiously.

"This..." The manager seemed to hesitate for a moment.

Calvert, being a popular newcomer, was naturally someone he knew. Not to mention, he was also well aware of Miss. Maldonado, who was dining with Calvert today. And the private dining room they were in...

"Spit it out!" Harley could tell by the manager's expression that he definitely knew something. "If you don't start talking, this restaurant might not be open for business tomorrow! The police might even come looking for you!"

"It's... it's in the special private room on the third floor, room 303," the manager said hurriedly.

A private room? Harley's eyebrows furrowed. She knew all too well what the private rooms in this restaurant were used for. But if others were willing participants, she naturally wouldn't interfere.

But this time, it involves Calvert.

So, Harley hurriedly dashed towards the third floor.

When she burst into booth 303, only Calvert's agent was sitting by the dining table, with no one else around.

Seeing Harley, the agent was clearly taken aback, his face full of surprise and unease. "...Miss Hart, what brings you here?"

"Where's Calvert?" Harley asked, staring at her.

"I... I'm not sure. After he finished his meal, he... he just left," the agent said.

But out of the corner of her eye, Harley spotted Calvert's phone sitting on the dining table. She could recognize his phone at a glance!

Because it was her who chose this phone case for him!

Calvert wouldn't just leave without his phone. If he did leave it behind, it's too much of a coincidence that it's turned off!

With this in mind, Harley looked around the private room. Although she had never been in such a special room before, she knew that there was a hidden door in it, leading to a secret chamber used for private rendezvous!

Just then, the manager also hurriedly rushed in.

Harley grabbed the manager, "Where's the secret door?!"

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When the agent heard Harley utter the words "secret door," his eyes flickered for a moment.

The manager had a bitter look on his face. It seemed that all those messy rumors really couldn't be trusted. They all said that the eldest princess of the Hart family had already abandoned Calvert, the popular newcomer.

That's why quite a few people have set their sights on Calvert.

But look at the situation now, it doesn't seem like Princess Hart has abandoned Calvert at all!

If this isn't handled properly, even the restaurant might not be able to save itself!

If they had known that Princess Hart was going to show up, the restaurant would have never agreed to host Miss. Maldonado, no matter what.

"What secret door are you talking about..." The agent on the side hastily said, desperately giving the manager meaningful glances.

Harley snapped, "I didn't ask you!" Then, turning to the manager, he said, "If anything happens to Calvert today, I won't let anyone involved off the hook!"

Upon hearing this, both the manager and the agent's faces changed!

The manager quickly pointed to a button on the wall, "This... this is the secret door's switch!"

Harley rushed forward and immediately hit the switch.

The hidden door slowly swung open, and from within came the stifled sounds of groaning!

This voice... it's Calvert's voice!

Harley jolted, abruptly rushing into the room. The scene inside ignited a fury within her, as if all her blood had surged to her forehead.

At this moment, Calvert's hands were tied up, and more than half of his clothes had been torn off.

On the bed, all sorts of messy tools were scattered about, and Calvert was continuously moaning and pleading.

"Let... let me go... don't... stop..." He gasped, struggling to get the words out.

This doesn't look like someone who's drunk. It's more like they've been drugged!

Miss. Maldonado had her back to Harley, unaware that it was him who had barged in. She thought it was her agent, so without turning around, she said, "I don't know how you train your artists, they don't even know the basic rules. If I hadn't drugged him in advance, I might have been beaten up by him. Come on, help me out here. I'm determined to 'have my way' with him today!"

Miss. Maldonado was spewing out a string of obscenities.

Harley took a deep breath and suddenly shouted, "Come out now and deal with this despicable woman for me!"

Before anyone else could react, two figures dashed into the dark room!

Everyone jumped in surprise. Only then did Miss. Maldonado react, turning to look at the people behind her. When her gaze landed on Harley, her pupils suddenly contracted.

This is... the eldest princess of the Hart family!

"Why, why are you here?" Miss. Maldonado asked, somewhat flustered.

Harley didn't respond to her. Instead, one of the two bodyguards who entered the room picked up Miss. Maldonado, who was only wearing her underwear.

"Put me down, put me down..." Miss. Maldonado pleaded in distress. Harley looked at Calvert on the bed, still suffering from the effects of the drugs, and his anger surged even more.

"Hit me!" she demanded outright.

This was the first time she had so decisively ordered the bodyguard her father had assigned to protect her, to attack someone who wasn't even a threat to her safety!

Suddenly, the room was filled with the wailing of Miss. Maldonado.

The agent and manager looked as pale as death, with the agent trembling all over, constantly breaking out in cold sweat.

What on earth is going on? Didn't Miss Hart already dump Calvert?

But why is he now standing up for Calvert?!

Chapter 4400: He Can Rely On Her Harley quickly walked over to the bed, intending to untie the ropes binding Calvert.

But the moment her hand touched Calvert, he desperately dodged away, continuously shouting, "No... I don't want... Don't touch me, don't touch me!"

That handsome face was contorted, as he desperately tried to suppress the effects of the drug coursing through his body.

Beads of sweat, the size of soybeans, kept rolling down his forehead. His face and exposed skin were a shade of pink.

"It's me!" Harley said, feeling even more heartbroken for Calvert.

But it seemed as if Calvert didn't hear a thing, he kept resisting Harley's touch.

It's like a desperate little creature, frantically trying to protect itself, yet powerless to do so!

Seeing Calvert like this, Harley's heart was filled with pain.

She suddenly pulled Calvert into her arms, ignoring his struggles, and kept saying, "It's me, Calvert, it's me! Don't be scared, I'm here now, you'll be okay!"

Calvert, who had been struggling, gradually stopped. His black eyes, already confused and unable to even focus properly, were now trying hard to look in her direction.

"Har... Harley..." A hoarse voice, struggling to form the words.

"It's me!" Harley said, "Everything's fine, there's nothing to worry about!"

Then Harley turned to his bodyguard and said, "Take this woman and that agent to the police station. And as for the manager, not a word about today's incident should be leaked."

"Yes, yes!" the manager quickly agreed.

In a matter of moments, only Calvert and Harley were left in the room!

Harley carefully untied the ropes binding Calvert's hands, looking at his flushed face.

"How are you doing? Do you know what that woman fed you?" Harley asked, regretting that she hadn't asked more clearly earlier.

He should have clarified what that woman fed him before sending her off to the police station.

In just a moment, on the way to the hospital, I'll call the bodyguard to clarify about the medicine!

"I'll take you now..." Harley said, trying to help Calvert up and take him to the hospital.

But when her hand touched him again, he desperately pushed her away.

"Don't... don't come near me, I'm..." He struggled to say, briefly lucid because of her voice. But now, the effects of the drug were overpowering his rationality again.

It felt like he could lose his sanity at any moment, driven by his desires.

Especially at this moment, the person in front of him is the one he's been daydreaming about, the one he's been longing for!

"Don't... don't look at me, I... I didn't mean to..." He desperately tugged at the tattered cloth on his body, trying to cover himself.

However, due to the medication, the body is having a natural physiological reaction.

He was terrified, afraid that she would see his ugly physiological reaction and think it was a desecration!

"Don't worry." Harley quickly grabbed Calvert, covering him with a blanket, "It's okay, I'll take you to the hospital. I won't let anything happen to you. You don't need to worry about anything, just trust me!"

Calvert was groggily helped up by Harley. Does he just need to lean on her?

All along, he could only rely on himself. His mother abandoned him, his father was always ready to hit and scold him. He had no one to lean on.

Even though his body was burning up, as if he could lose control at any moment, his anxious heart was gradually calming down!