Flirtacious 1161

Chapter 1161 But You Failed To Do It

The youth hurriedly helped his girlfriend up before glaring at Cooper. He snapped, "What gives you the right to hit my girlfriend?"

"She scolded my wife," Cooper retorted in an icy tone.

"She's the one who started it first." The youth fumed. "When she commented that I was going to miss, all my girlfriend did was argue with her. Besides, it's a well-known fact that her father was convicted of sexually assaulting an underage girl. My girlfriend was just stating the truth."

Cooper sneered, "You missed because you suck. You're welcome to cover your ears if you don't like what she's saying. As for her father, he is his own man. What has he got anything to do with her? Considering how worked up your girlfriend was about the news; it makes me wonder if she experienced the same as a child."

The infuriated youth swore at Cooper and felt the urge to beat him up.

Nevertheless, Cooper was a towering one meter and ninety centimeters tall. Despite his elegant demeanor, his aura easily intimidated the youth, causing the latter to dispel the thought of starting a fight.

As for the girl, she was sobbing hard as she demanded Cooper to wait there while she called the police.

"Go ahead. I'll be waiting right here," Cooper declared, unfazed by the threat. "Disparaging someone is against the law too. Let's see which of us gets arrested in the end."

she was the one who started ridiculing Sally first.

scanned the surroundings as if she had

through her and broke into a smirk. "Are you planning to elicit the sympathy of bystanders by

boy beside

happened. When the girl heard herself cursing through

instant, the youth realized Cooper wasn't someone to be trifled with. If the police were to show

the end, the youth frantically

had pulled Sally's hands away from

Aunt Sally when someone bullied her. You really are someone

added, "Spoils

"I hereby declare that you, Uncle Cooper,

smiled and pretended not to have heard the last part of what

"There's still the keychain left. We'll leave once

acknowledgment, she looked up at Cooper. When she noticed some emotion in

Chapter 1162 They Are All I have Left

Cooper turned around and looked down at Sally. "You still have your father and family, but I don't. Those two are all I have left. Now that Genev is gone, what use am I if I can't even protect them?"

Sally didn't apologize, for she knew that Cooper would loathe it.

"This is your last chance. If I'm the only one contributing to this relationship and you fail to keep your promise again, there's no point in continuing our collaboration."

After a brief pause, Cooper added in an icy tone, "If I end up losing something, I won't let you off easy either."

"I understand," Sally replied with a lowered gaze.

Ever since Cooper rescued her from the police station, she was cognizant of everything he had done for her. All she had to do in return was to care for the two children.

It was a deal that was clearly in her favor.

After spending an exhilarating day at Disneyland and watching the fireworks at night, Amanda fell asleep on Cooper's shoulder.

Since it was inconvenient to return to Baykeep so late at night, Cooper decided to put everyone up at a hotel in Disneyland.

sightseeing around Xedells before returning to

in the living room while Cooper and Sally talked by the

the direction of the living room, Sally related everything

a young girl home? I can't tell if your father

Sally explained. "In order to exact revenge, the subordinate killed the rapist but was sentenced to death because of it. Ever since then, Dad felt bad about what happened to them. That was why my father relented and sent Ninette home

the car and took a nap.

the driver?" Cooper

driver at high speeds. His car was totaled,

driver after dropping her off can't just be a mere coincidence." Cooper

puffs, he asked Sally, "Did you come to Baykeep

out the window with her arms folded. "She probably knows what really happened. The only reason the perpetrator hasn't killed her yet is to

you tell her that, she might not be

the only reason why

furrowed his brows

Chapter 1163 She Knows

Despite being past ten at night, business in the bar was booming.

Sally put her clothes away in the locker, then entered the club ten minutes after Cooper. The lights in the nightclub made her dizzy, and the place was deafening with a DJ playing that night.

Occupying a booth in the corner, she ordered a glass of brandy from a passing waiter.

From her seat, Sally could see the bar, which was better lit. Cooper was seated atop a stool and sipping some wine.

Dressed in a hoodie and jeans, he oozed genteel charm when he removed his glasses. Even without lifting a finger, his mesmerizing aura commanded one's attention to inspect every inch of him.

Some daring and scantily clad women leaned over and caressed his shoulders, imploring him to buy them a drink.

Chuckling, Cooper obliged them generously.

Sally counted at least ten women approaching Cooper from the moment she sat down. Her gaze hardened further when she noticed how some wrapped their arms around his waist and nuzzled themselves against his chest.

Suddenly, she realized the mistake of having Cooper be the honey trap.

booth before hers. She suppressed her frustration by taking a sip of

starting a game of

the bar and leaned in to whisper several words in her ear. As the price of her loss, Ninette made her way to the

she tapped Cooper

turned around to regard

skipped a beat when their eyes met. Within the man's jet-black depths twinkled a hint of mischief, which not deceptively handsome from the back as I imagined but

at Cooper's glass. "I'm a

slid the glass to her with a

noticing that her classmates were staring from their booth, hastened to explain, "I'm

it happened, or I wouldn't have had the chance to meet

red

at the bar again, this time

over drinks, and after chatting for nearly an hour, Ninette's friends

departing, she gave Cooper her

Chapter 1164 Am I The Prey

Sally and Cooper shared only a working relationship; their time shared in bed was only to fulfill each other's needs.

There was no emotion in his eyes when he looked at her, which frustrated Sally. Why do I have to be bound by my feelings, whereas he never misses an opportunity to sweet talk every woman that comes his way?

Lounging back on the couch, Cooper noticed for the first time that Sally was wearing a knitted slip dress with a plunging neckline, exposing a part of her that arrested his attention.

He glanced at her lips before reaching out to touch them. "Are you wearing lipstick today?"

As she did not usually put on lipstick, her naturally pale lips made her look haughty and aloof. Now, with her dark hair and crimson lips, she looked less unapproachable and more vivacious.

Sally hummed in response and took a drag before bending down to kiss him.

The menthol from her cigarette cooled his throat.

The stirring music and patrons laughing reminded Cooper they were at a bar. He pushed Sally from him after one more kiss and led her to the storage area to retrieve their clothes.

Fortunately, the nightclub was too dimly lit to allow anybody to ogle Sally, which would have displeased Cooper.

Sally procured the clothing, Cooper asked with a thoughtful frown, "I was the one who was supposed to play the part of the prey, so why did you dress so well for? Do you intend to

head to foot when they come to a bar?" Sally retorted as she did up

and smirked.

smile. "You mean to say that you are the predator. Am I pretending to be the prey, or am I actually you already one?" Sally

who had come to retrieve her coat, overheard them. Under the impression that they were laying out terms for their rendezvous, she

she crooned as she reached for

woman could touch him, Sally caught her wrist and flung

shudder of fright,

came over to touch my waist when I was at the bar," he teased. "Why didn't you throw

of the events earlier that night, Sally scowled

rang the moment the pair exited the

it while Sally walked to the road, hailed a

a minute, she noticed it had resulted

driver was not privy to the discussion she had in mind, Sally asked Cooper instead, "Are we going

Chapter 1165 Do You Prefer Men

"I couldn't find anything about anyone having a grudge against him," Sally said. "Perhaps the Gaudette family has evidence of his embezzlement or cheating, and he was afraid that they would use it to threaten him. He should be the one killing them; why would they kill him instead?"

Sally had been intending to use the same methods to send Edward to prison. Instead, he ended up dying all of a sudden.

Cooper pondered for a few seconds before uttering in a low voice, "Perhaps the Gaudette family found out that we were investigating Edward and discovered something. They could be afraid that Robert would take advantage of the situation and that Edward would stand on Robert's side, making it disadvantageous for them. Thus, they decided it would be easier if he was taken care of."

He added, "Edward has many matters to take care of at the end of every year. It's possible to pass it off as death from overwork."

"The Gaudette family did not want Mr. Zane to be released because they were afraid that he would help Edward with his embezzlement." Sally pursed her lips, her voice bitter.

Apart from discovering that Edward had kept a mistress, she had not found anything else.

Cooper laughed. "I've already gotten what I came for. It doesn't matter if the Gaudette family destroys the evidence."

Sally promptly asked, "What did you find?"

Just then, the doorbell rang. Since Cooper was not answering her question, Sally could only open the door grudgingly. The hotel receptionist was standing outside.

the receptionist

her supper on the coffee table, Sally said, "Previously, I also stayed at this hotel when I came over to Baykeep. The burgers and fried chicken from this store are

passed since Cooper arrived at the bar, and he was actually feeling a

he was accepting the food offered by Sally, he suddenly exclaimed, "Why do I feel like there's a hidden motive? Are you trying to ply me with food so that

to business. Ordinarily, Cooper never said much in front of

him say something so obscene all of a sudden that she nearly dropped the burger that she

reaction. He laughed quietly. "Relax, Ms.

swarms of women," Sally

replied calmly, "I was never interested in women. You were the one who shoved them

mean you prefer men?" Pushing Cooper against the couch, Sally pressed a knee against his jeans. She grabbed at his

slanted eyes would turn upward to form a cold yet

a woman, she was rife with sexual

like a hunter closing in on her prey, she slowly inched her head closer to his. "Then why are you getting hard for me?

smoked a cigarette, her body held a faint scent of mint. The scent tickled his senses

someone touched his hair. However, he did not dislike Sally's actions. She inflamed the desire he had

Chapter 1166 I Miss You

Hurrying over, the young man greeted Cooper and Sally.

It was the young man Robert had pulled strings for. The young man's father, once Robert's subordinate, had died in an accident, leaving him and his mother to fend for themselves.

The young man had wanted to join the army when he turned eighteen. However, due to a previous brain injury, he did not fit the requirements.

Noticing that the young man was steadfast and unyielding, and because he had a good relationship with his father, Robert falsified his medical report and let him join the army.

This was what Robert had instructed Edward to do.

After being threatened by the Gaudette family, Edward sold Robert out and exposed the latter for pulling strings for the young man. As a result, the young man was immediately disqualified from joining military service.

Since the young man was powerless to help Robert, he returned home. It wasn't until a few days ago that he returned to Jadeborough after being brought in by Cooper's men.

Sally had not expected the item Cooper said he had gotten the other night to be evidence of Edward's embezzlement. He had even gotten the young man to come over.

She stared at Cooper, her lips moving as if she had something to say to him.

said, "Bring these items in to them. There's something

Sally pivoted

The Zeigler family's military attorney was already there. Representing Robert, the lawyer filed an appeal was unable to bring the inspection bureau to

inspection bureau immediately investigated Edward and discovered his embezzlement. Since he had met with his demise, his property was sequestrated, and the

also

judge that the former's brain injury was minor and that

stating that the young man's father had given his life for the country. On the last day of the month, the court finally

it would

the two children had their New Year's Eve dinner at the Zeigler residence while Sally went to

just returned from Baykeep, Stefan joined Sally and Robert

glance out of the window and

visit the prison, she wondered how her father was doing. She also wondered if Cooper and the

finally concluded

the meantime, she headed to

occasionally bloom in the dark

Chapter 1167 Why Did You Ask

Just as Sally was about to hang up the call, Amanda's childish voice rang out. "Hi, Aunt Sally. I miss you. Have you had your New Year's Eve dinner yet?"

Sally hummed in response.

"Uncle Yuvan bought me lots of fireworks. Come on over, Aunt Sally. Let's set off fireworks together, okay?"

Amanda covered the phone and spoke in hushed tones. "I'm sure Uncle Cooper wants to see you too."

With that, she ended the call.

Cooper noticed Amanda looking gleeful when she returned the phone to him. It was as though she had achieved a great feat.

He couldn't help but ask, "What did you talk about with your Aunt Sally?"

"I won't tell you." Amanda stuck her tongue out and skipped into her room.

Cooper couldn't help but chuckle as he watched her.

At half past eleven that night, the kids at the Zeigler residence set off fireworks in the garden, lighting the night sky with shining golden light.

delight as they watched the fireworks bloom like beautiful flowers in

began making their way toward the garden just as the kids were having the time of their lives. He was stunned when he

a black turtleneck sweater and jeans, showed up with her hands in her

as she stood under the dim

her coat pockets, bent down, and scooped Amanda into

Aunt Sally. Did you come here in

"Yes."

in her arms and stood before Cooper. "I came to spend New Year's Eve with all of you. Am I welcome here?" She smiled a

what can I

ran off to retrieve a sparkler from the pile of fireworks. She then had

garden with the

smile every so often when a kid came

till the kids stopped coming

heart warmed as she stared at the kids having fun in the garden. "But it

up the lively atmosphere despite her reserved

and wrapped it around Sally's

at the scarf

children frolicking in the snow, she turned to Cooper. "I never thought you'd manage to uncover so much, given your

year was

Chapter 1168 Like Has A Broad Range Of Meanings

Sally didn't think it was a good idea to voice out mere speculations.

"I like men who are smart and brave." Sally cocked her head to the side. "I'm just curious. Why do I fancy you when Armand is the smarter one?"

It seemed as if Cooper never expected to hear something like that from Sally.

At that moment, the kids were counting down excitedly. "Ten, nine, eight... One!"

A dazzling display of fireworks lit up the night sky as the clock struck twelve. The kids cheered in delight as they welcomed the new year.

Sally turned to face Cooper and kissed him on the lips. "Happy New Year."

Cooper bore his dark eyes into her. "Sally, I'd rather you see me as Ethan's stand-in than have you develop feelings for me."

"My heart has turned into a cold hard stone. You know very well why I chose to marry you. I'm just saying. Why are you being so sensitive?" Sally smiled. "Liking someone has a broad range of meanings to it. Besides, I'm not the type to stick around when I'm no longer wanted either."

the circumstances, and that managed to convince Cooper. "Glad you think that

bed

Cooper also returned to the guest room the housekeeper had prepared for them. Checking her phone, Sally saw the

and even sent him a monetary gift

since Stefan had never traveled overseas. Moreover, her father

settle the Gaudettes, so Stefan won't have to harbor any more ill feelings toward Cooper. I'll need to have a proper

on the screen. She tapped on

was one of the biggest real

the top ten richest men in the country every year. Hence, the news media were

Cooper was done with his phone call before

been scammed after

his liquid assets

he never expected

However, Benson Corporation was declared bankrupt on New Year's Eve as the stock price crashed, sending Jiminy

been doing business for decades.

Chapter 1169 Pale

A nightmare jolted Johanna awake. When she woke up, her body was drenched in sweat, and she couldn't see anything in front of her.

Only after catching whiffs of the faint milky fragrance did she recall she had returned to Jadeborough. She also remembered that yesterday was New Year's Eve, and she had drifted off to sleep in Timothy's arms while hugging Asel.

Her anxiety gradually dissipated. She groped around to get off the bed to go to the restroom.

Johanna had been back for a few months now.

During this period, Timothy had brought her to visit eye specialists at various hospitals. Unfortunately, those doctors couldn't figure out why she lost her vision.

Timothy had forked out a lot of money to hire the best ophthalmologist in the world, but even the doctor couldn't treat Johanna's blindness.

Perhaps having experienced the ordeal of being kidnapped had numbed her, for Johanna didn't panic or feel devastated even after she became blind.

She felt at ease as long as she had Timothy and Asel by her side.

She had also slowly gotten used to being sightless. As Johanna grew familiar with the mansion's layout, she could move around like a normal person as long as the housekeeper didn't shift things around.

her teeth, she accidentally touched the tip of her tongue with the toothbrush, prompting her to retch and suddenly

after she

the stairs. "I made pasta. Should

Johanna hummed in response.

wake her up and accompany her and

Timothy and Asel weren't there when she woke up that

her milk, the nanny brought her outside to play.

vision, Timothy rarely went to the office nowadays. He would only visit the company

have to work even

hadn't recovered emotionally since her return to Jadeborough. In addition, she hadn't gone out for a long time since losing her eyesight. It felt like ages ago since I last contacted

Swallow Garden to visit Lucian

warm, fresh milk's scent. Right

pass her the trash can before lowering her head and puking out the little food she had

of water and asked concernedly, "Are you all right, Mrs.

feeling a little nauseous after drinking the milk." Johanna rinsed her mouth with water. The

"Sure."

juicer. Two minutes later,

Johanna consuming half a glass of the orange juice in one gulp and adding more condiments

Chapter 1170 Cute

Johanna regained her senses and forced a smile at Loraine. She exited the car with the latter's assistance before heading to the hospital together.

General Hospital was Forlisle Medical's shareholder, not to mention Timothy was the boss. Hence, Loraine didn't even need to queue for a number. After mentioning Timothy's name, the nurse brought them directly to the gynecologist.

The doctor questioned Johanna about her menses status before telling Loraine to bring Johanna to carry out a urinalysis.

After waiting at the urinalysis center for around ten minutes, Loraine acquired the test result. Upon inquiry, Johanna was informed the result returned positive. She was indeed pregnant.

Then, the doctor told Johanna to undergo an ultrasound scan in the ultrasound room.

She carefully lay on the bed and lifted the hem of her sweater, shuddering slightly when she felt the icy cool gel on her tummy.

After some time, the doctor beamed at Johanna and said, "The fetus is developing well and looks healthy."

Johanna couldn't help but ask, "How long have I been pregnant?"

"When was your last menstrual cycle?" the doctor asked. Then, she calculated the date according to the size of the fetus. "Around nine weeks."

pills from Frank at Lostaria. One pill prevented me from getting impregnated for two months. Although Zephyr frequently copulated

the pregnancy test report, Johanna left

female doctor appeared apprehensive after the door was closed. She turned to the other end of the office and saw a

in a black woolen coat, had a gentle and elegant appearance, but his purple eyes

female doctor and asked tenderly,

doctor stammered a reply while handing

looked at the fetus in the image. The fetus was tiny, but her head and limbs were clearly visible. Her petite body was

never seen an unborn baby's sonogram, so that

Still, seeing this approximately thirteen-week-old fetus with limbs, who also happened to

never knew a tiny fetus could be so

at the sonogram for a long while before folding it and keeping it in his pocket. Then, he took out a check and placed it on the

"This is your remuneration."

doctor glanced at the check and uttered fearfully, "Mr. Jensen is this

"You'll do the pregnancy checks and health examinations for her whenever she comes to

and added in an undertone, "If she and the baby are fine, I can guarantee you and your family will live a lavish life. Conversely, if

magnetic voice was deep and pleasant to the ears, but the words he spoke using that low and gentle tone were frightening and baleful, causing the female doctor to