

Midnight 561

Chapter 1273 - 561: What Goes Around Comes Around

Madeline looked at Joshua with a wounded face as if she had been bullied.

However, Joshua didn't even cast a glance at her. His deep eyes were fixed on Hazel.

"Do you want her?" he asked.

If Hazel did ask him for Madeline, he would definitely hand her over without hesitation.

"Why do I want her? Do I want to court death?" Hazel rolled her eyes without hesitation. She was pregnant now. How could she allow a woman who wanted to make her have a miscarriage?

"Then who do you want?" Joshua was a little surprised.

"You!" Without hesitation, Hazel pointed at him. "I want you!"

"She said, and the whole yard fell silent. Almost everyone looks at Hazel in surprise.

What did she say? Did they hear that right? Hazel wanted Joshua?

Joshua's mouth tilted upwards slightly at the corners. Hazel was, in the end, Hazel as she actually gave him an unexpected answer.

Madeline was livid with anger. It was clear that she had tried so hard to drive a wedge between Joshua and Hazel, but it actually didn't work at all? Not only did Hazel not suspect Joshua, but she also dared to come here to ask for Joshua directly?

She really didn't want Joshua to go with Hazel. She managed to create so many misunderstandings between them. If Joshua left with Hazel, the misunderstanding between them would be cleared up.

Sure enough, Madeline found she had underestimated Hazel too much. No matter how Madeline played tricks, Hazel would defeat Madeline every time, making all her tricks fail.

"Joshua, you can't go with her!" Madeline was very panicky because she couldn't watch them make it up. "God knows what they're going to do to you and what kind of conspiracies they will have. She wants you away to avenge your kidnapping her!"

"Yeah, that's what I come for," Hazel sneered as she looked at Madeline. "He kidnapped me, so I also want to kidnap him. Isn't that very fair?"

"Joshua won't agree!" Madeline said, making threatening gestures.

She felt a little complacent in the heart. Hazel actually said she came for revenge. How could Joshua agree?

"I don't need his agreement," Hazel sneered. "If he agrees, he'll come with me obediently. If he doesn't agree, I'll take you down and take him away! Anyway, today I'll definitely kidnap this guy!"

Joshua smiled when he saw Hazel acting like a bandit.

Hazel was the woman he took a fancy to as expected.

Forcibly snatch a man? It seemed kind of fun.

"Okay," he whispered. "Hazel, in fact, as long as you ask me to, I'll go with you."

"Joshua!" Madeline was anxious, "Then, I'll go with you!"

Joshua gave Madeline a look. The disdain and disgust in his eyes made her flinch.

"Don't you dare!" he said in a deep tone.

Madeline shuddered with fear. During the time she was with him, she had known about his temper.

"Don't worry about us, Master Joshua," said Barry next to Joshua. "Master Simon has lots of subordinates, but if we fight against them, we may not lose! You escape first, and I'll hold them!"

Joshua gave him a surprised look. "Why should I escape?"

Barry was stunned. It wasn't until then that he realized that Joshua wanted to go with Hazel. Besides, the reason why Joshua compromised wasn't that he didn't want them to get hurt... It actually turned out that Barry had thought too much about Joshua being nice?

Looking at Barry, whose face was full of shame, Joshua continued, "Don't forget to go back to Country M. I don't want to urge you twice."

He didn't keep Barry not only because Barry was disloyal but also because Joshua didn't want Ted's spies to be around him.

Barry's face turned pale, but he finally agreed.

"Open the door," Joshua spoke in a low voice.

Barry opened the door. Joshua calmly walked toward Hazel with his long legs.

Looking at the familiar person in front of her, Hazel's eyes suddenly blushed.

It's really him... But why did he play a trick on her? How wicked his behavior was!

"Get in!" Hazel gritted her teeth.

Following her, Joshua went into the car. They sat in the back seat together.

Then he asked in a low voice, "Where's our destination?"

"I don't want to talk to you now!" Hazel said coldly. "Turn around!"

Joshua turns to hear Hazel say, "Put your hands behind your back!"

He froze for a bit, and suddenly he knew what Hazel wanted to do.

Joshua didn't know whether to cry or laugh. Did this little girl really want revenge?

He tied her up yesterday, and now she wanted to do the same thing? Alright. Let the little girl vent her anger. What goes around comes around.

He put his hands behind his back, and Hazel really took out a rope and tied them together. Then she took out a piece of cloth to cover his eyes.

"Hazel, I want to look at you," he whispered.

"No!" Hazel gritted her teeth, insisting, but her voice trembled.

She tied Joshua up not only because she wanted revenge but also because she was afraid that she would soften when she saw his face.

They had been apart for four months... She thought of him almost every night, but Joshua seemed to have forgotten her heartlessly.

How could he become like that?

Hazel's eyes turned hot as she felt a little wounded somehow in the heart.

Joshua asked softly as if he had sensed the solemn atmosphere, "Where are we going?"

"You'll know when you get there!" she replied crossly, afraid he'd hear the tremor in her voice.

"Can we talk?" he asked.

"What can we talk about?" she snapped in a fit of pique.

He actually didn't recognize her. The thought of it made Hazel's teeth itch with hatred, and she wanted to bite him on the shoulder directly.

He sighed helplessly.

He wanted to have a good talk with Hazel, but obviously, Hazel didn't plan to talk to him right now.

After some time, the car finally stopped.

"Here?" he asked.

"Yes." Hazel nodded as she helped him untie the rope and the cloth.

After getting out of the car, Joshua was amazed to see the building in front of him.

It was actually a divorce law office!

"Why are we here?" he asked blankly.

"Didn't you want to divorce me?" Hazel said in a choked voice. The tears she had been trying to hold back began to roll down from her eyes. "Fine, let's ask the lawyer to help us divorce now!"

"I... divorce... you?" He had a brainwave as he seemed to understand something suddenly.

Chapter 1274 - 562: I Have To Tell You Something

"Joshua Denmark!" she swore at him, clenching her teeth. "How can you play dumb? You are my husband, and we have been married for nearly half a year! Didn't you want me to get a divorce? Now I agree! Let's go, let's get a divorce now!"

"Wait," he spoke, confused. "Hazel, isn't your husband, Simon? Also, my name is Sloane, not Denmark."

"You... What the hell are you talking about?" She froze. She looked at Joshua in disbelief. Why couldn't she understand his words?

"Hazel, I think there's been a misunderstanding between us," he said seriously. "I have to tell you something. I was once shot in the head. When I woke up, I forgot what had happened."

Joshua loses his memory?! Hazel felt her mind go blank.

No wonder Joshua did those inexplicable things... It turned out he didn't remember her at all?

Hazel felt so sad that she was unable to speak.

Joshua gently opened his arms and took her in his arms.

Looking at her dazed, disappointed expression, he felt very sorry.

He didn't want to see Hazel like this. At this moment, he suddenly hated himself. Why did he lose his memory? Why did he forget her?

He whispered in her ear, "Hazel, did I forget something very important? Can you tell me little by little?"

Tears rolled down her cheeks as she grabbed his suit and sobbed.

"Don't cry, darling." He was in a panic.

"Let me hug you for a while..." she said in a choked voice as her arms were tightly wrapped around his waist. "Joshua, I miss you so much...."

Joshua stiffened slightly. He let her hug him, and her tears soak his shirt.

It was only when she had cried enough that Joshua bent his head to kiss her on the cheek.

"Won't cry?" he asked softly.

"Mm." She nodded.

"Then..." He was fidgeting, "Can we not divorce?"

With tears in her eyes, Hazel couldn't help sniggering.

Seeing this scene, Joshua felt more uneasy. He said in a deep tone. "Even if you want a divorce, I won't sign..."

Hazel said in a huff. "I'm not divorcing you."

She brought Joshua to the divorce law office in a fit of pique. How could she really want to divorce him?

They had been through so much together, and they married with difficulty. How could she give up their marriage so easily?

If she really wanted to give up, she wouldn't even be able to kidnap Joshua.

"Let's get in first." Hazel took Joshua back into the car. Either way, some misunderstandings must be cleared up, and some problems also should be solved.

"You said your surname was Sloane, is it Aunt Stacy's surname?" Hazel asked eagerly, "Is Aunt Stacy OK? When she fell off the cliff with you, we searched for both of you for a long time, but we found nothing."

When Joshua woke up, Ted wanted to ask Joshua to use his last name, but Joshua felt something was wrong for some reason. He vaguely realized that it seemed his surname wasn't King. Besides, he didn't like this surname, so he chose Stacy's surname.

Ted was very angry at the time, but with Joshua's stubborn temper, Joshua didn't obey him. In the end, Ted gave in.

"Don't worry, she's fine." Joshua whispered, "She's with Mr. King... my father now. But shouldn't you call her mom?"

Looking into his deep eyes, she whispered as her cheeks turned a little red despite herself, "Alright, fine. As long as mom's fine, everything will be OK. Grandpa was really upset when he learned about the incident. He is in poor health, to begin with. Let's go and visit him sometime."

"Mm." Joshua nodded in agreement.

"But," Hazel continued, "why do you think my husband is Simon King?"

"When you were at the hospital yesterday...." His eyes became deep, "you didn't deny what the doctor said."

Hazel's heart skipped a beat as she exulted, "So you were really there at that time?"

She had thought it was her illusion. However, it turned out it was really Joshua.

"Mmm." Joshua nodded and said quietly, "If it hadn't been for this, I wouldn't have blindfolded you. It's said that I look like Simon, and I don't want you to see his figure in me."

"It's the doctor who mistook him for my husband that day!" she said, wounded. "Would the doctor have been mistaken if it hadn't been for the absence of my worthless husband who is a bastard, a rascal, and a coward?"

"..." He looked up at the sky. He really felt that his head had been caught in a door! It was clear that he was Hazel's lawful husband, but he forced her to divorce him and marry him again.

What the hell was he doing?

What was more depressing was that he had set so many traps for himself and had taken the initiative to scold himself so cruelly...

"You're right," Joshua coaxed her softly. "It's all the fault of me, who is a bastard and a rascal...."

Hazel was immediately amused by him. Suddenly she asked in surprise, "Wait! Even so, why did you kidnap me? Are you really trying to force Simon to show up?"

"No." he whispered, his eyes deep and affectionate, "I just want to hide you, who is a fascinating beauty."

All of a sudden, Hazel's heart beat fast.

Joshua gently grabbed her hand and kissed her fingertips with his warm lips. "Maybe I don't remember you, Hazel, but from the moment I saw you, I fell in love with you again. I think, no matter how many times, I will fall in love with you. Only you."

His deep words sounded like the most beautiful notes, falling into her heart.

With this statement, she suddenly felt that no matter what kind of misunderstanding it was, it didn't matter now.

They were the only ones for each other.

"Do you have any questions?" he asked in a deep tone.

"No." She shook her head slightly. Now she was completely relieved. She was really glad she didn't fall for Madeline's lie and made the decision to 'kidnap' Joshua.

"You lied. You still have." His eyes grew darker. "Hazel, whatever misunderstanding we may have, we can't solve it until we talk it out. If the problem has been buried at the bottom of our hearts, there will only be more grudges in our hearts. Ask me whatever you want."

"I was wondering..." she hesitated a little, but she finally asked the question that worried her most, "if you fell in love with... Madeline Carter, while you were recovering?"

Chapter 1275 - 563: Don't Seduce Me, Hazel

"Is that what Madeline said?" His face suddenly became extremely ugly.

She thought for a while before she finally took out her phone and played the recording.

Even if Madeline did take care of Joshua and Joshua had a different feeling for her, Hazel would not allow such a vicious woman to accompany him.

Listening to the recording on the phone, Joshua's cold face was covered with strong killing intent. How dare Madeline call Hazel and drive a wedge between them?

He put up with Madeline's behavior for Ted's sake, but she actually wanted Hazel to have a miscarriage. He would never let this woman off!

"Actually," Hazel hesitated, and then finally said something against her will, "even if both of you really have an affair..."

"Hazel," Joshua quickly pulled her, biting her lip angrily and gently, "I worked so hard last night, but I haven't satisfied you, huh?"

In an instant, Hazel's cheeks went red. She hadn't heard him say words like this for a long time, which really made her very shy.

Indeed, Joshua was very gentle last night because of her body, but they had a lot of sex. Joshua was dying to love her as much as he could; Hazel could feel it.

"Hazel, listen to me," Joshua said seriously. "The statement about fiancée is pure nonsense? I didn't like her. I didn't touch her. Not once. I have only a woman, and that's you."

"I believe you." She smiled with relief after hearing his answer.

What she feared most was that during the months they had been apart, Joshua had fallen in love with another woman. If so, she really didn't know how to deal with herself.

Great. They only had each other. At this point, Hazel suddenly realized that her months of waiting were worth it.

"I did make trouble for the branches of Denmark Group," he frowned, "but it was Ted who told me to do that. I didn't know they were Denmark Group's branches."

She nodded vigorously. "You've been working hard for Denmark Group. I'm sure you won't be so bored as to ruin it yourself."

"Also..." His eyes were suddenly deep. The next moment he reached out and wrapped her in his arms. He held her tightly, feeling her body temperature and the faint fragrance on her body.

He rubbed his big, warm hand gently against her lower belly and whispered, with some delight, "... Our baby?"

"No," she growled. "It belongs to a bastard, a rascal!"

"I am a bastard and a rascal." He smiled faintly. He held her gently, very content in the heart.

No wonder he knew clearly that Hazel was pregnant, but he still stubbornly wanted to marry her, and he didn't even reject her baby. It turned out it was all because it was his baby.

What a mistake!

It occurred to him that after he kidnapped Hazel, the two of them had spent the entire day with each other when they misunderstood each other and didn't speak out the other side's identity.

If he hadn't blindfolded Hazel, or if Hazel had simply stated that her husband's name was Joshua, there would have been such a misunderstanding.

But they were meant to be together. So, even if they had such a misunderstanding, they still did miss each other.

"Hazel, I've lost my memory, but please tell me what I've forgotten," Joshua said seriously. He wanted to retrieve those precious memories between them little by little.

Hazel loved him so much that even when there was little hope that he would be found alive, she still didn't give up hope and wanted to keep the baby until he returned. He wanted to give her more love.

"Well, I'll tell you all about it." Hazel nodded.

The car drove all the way to the villa on the hill. It was the dream house Joshua brought Hazel to when they got their marriage license.

Hazel talked from the moment when they met each other the first time. She talked about many things like the surrogacy competition, her birth, the Crowe family, the Flores family, the Carter family, their meeting with Simon, her making a proposal, their honeymoon, and so on.

She also told him the scene where they ate dinner together, took a walk together, and even got to know each other by making love. It seemed that no matter how hard she tried, she couldn't finish talking because there was no end to what had happened between them.

Hazel suddenly realized that they had been through so much. No wonder she couldn't let him go. Perhaps, even if Joshua fell in love with another woman after losing his memory, she would be unwilling to see that and would still get him back. Fortunately, there was no possibility.

Hazel didn't finish talking the whole story until they went to bed. During this period, she also asked Joshua about his experience. Joshua was afraid that she would worry about him, so he only told her that his injuries were not so serious and that he only suffered amnesia after waking up.

When Hazel woke up the following day, she didn't even dare to open her eyes. She was really afraid that when she opened her eyes, she found that what happened yesterday was just a dream.

She reached out her little hand and tried to feel the person next to her.

Suddenly, she touched a hot body.

She was greatly relieved and drew a circle on his chest playfully.

Suddenly, her fingers were caught. Joshua sighed a little intolerably. "Don't seduce me, Hazel. You cannot overwork when you are pregnant now."

She blushed instantly. She opened her eyes wide and bit his lips hard. "Who said I seduced you?"

She, who had just woken up, had black hair that was a little messy and had red cheeks; she looked fascinating. Joshua felt a flame rise in his body. He smiled wryly. Although he had no memory of the past, some 'memories' of his body were quite deep.

He who dared not to make trouble for Hazel got out of bed hastily and ran into the bathroom quickly as if he was escaping.

Hazel froze. Finally, she couldn't help giggling as she figured out what Joshua was doing. But her heart was warm.

Joshua didn't remember her, but he still doted on her and took care of her as ever.

All of a sudden, her phone rang.

She frowned slightly. She reached the phone beside the bed. There was an unfamiliar number on the screen.

Unconsciously, she answered the phone and asked in surprise, "Hello?"

"Hazel, I'm Ted King, father of Joshua and Simon." On the other end, Ted's deep voice sounded.

Chapter 1276 - 564: Shall I Get Someone To Save You?

Hazel almost threw the phone out!

Even Madeline was able to reach Hazel on her phone, so it wasn't surprising that Ted knew Hazel's number.

Having said that, Hazel had never expected Ted to call her. Hazel could still feel that Ted disliked her. No, "dislike" sounded too polite. "Detest" was more proper.

Otherwise, Ted wouldn't have spirited Joshua away and made Joshua and her separated for so long. Now Joshua returned to Country Z, Ted actually dispatched a woman like Madeline to stay by Joshua's side.

Because of all that Ted had done, Hazel didn't like him, either.

Taking a deep breath, Hazel was neither humble nor arrogant, "Hello, this is Hazel Crowe."

Before she could hear Ted's reply, Joshua grabbed the phone.

She raised her head in surprise. Joshua, who had just taken a cold shower, had a little chill on him, but it was his face that appeared even more chilly.

"It's me." Joshua took the phone and went straight to the balcony. He asked in a deep tone, "What do you want?"

Ted's mood became worse when he heard Joshua's voice. "Joshua, what's wrong with you?"

"Since you call, you should know that," Joshua said, his mouth tilting upwards slightly at the corners, "Mr. King, I have been kidnapped."

Ted almost spat out a mouthful of thick blood. Obviously, it was Joshua who had left with Hazel of his own accord, but he actually had the nerve to say he was kidnapped?!

"In that case, shall I get someone to save you?" Ted sneered. He had intended only to distance himself from her and alienate her from his two sons. However, Hazel kept pestering them. He would be no longer polite!

Joshua's eyes were slightly cold. He didn't spend much time with Ted, but he knew what Ted meant.

"Whatever plan you have, I advise you to give it up. If you do something to Hazel, you're going to lose your son," he said after a pause. "Two sons."

Ted froze, and then his heart was filled with anger.

Joshua was clearly threatening him. If he hurt Hazel, both of his sons would disown him! For this woman, they were really hard-working!

"Then what does she want?" Ted asked.

"Don't bother with that, Mr. King," Joshua said flatly. "I'll give her what she wants."

Ted was mad at him. How well Joshua protected Hazel!

"Joshua, don't forget why I sent you to Country Z!" Ted said angrily.

"Mr. King, rest assured. I remember that very well," Joshua said in a voice of indifference and alienation. "I've conveyed your meaning to your son, but whether he is willing to go home or not is his business."

Ted was extremely furious. He was trying to yell at Joshua, but somehow, he was a little wary in the heart.

Joshua was only not close to Ted before, but Joshua was now deliberately estranged from him.

"Joshua," Ted said in a deep tone, "did that woman tell you something?"

There was a flash of coldness in Joshua's eyes. "Before Mr. King says this, you'd better think about what you've done!"

Wasn't Ted the reason he and Hazel had been apart so long? Besides, after returning to Country Z, Ted still made trouble for them what Ted did make Joshua unable to see Ted as his father.

With that, Joshua hung up.

When he returned to his room, he saw Hazel sitting on the bed waiting for him.

"That's for me." She was helpless.

"No, it's for me," he corrected her.

"If he meant to reach you, why did he call me?" She was speechless.

"Because you kidnapped me. Have you ever seen a kidnapped man holding a phone?" Joshua chuckled.

When he went with Hazel yesterday, he didn't take his phone because he didn't want Ted to bother him. It just didn't occur to him that Ted would call Hazel.

Hazel was about to be beaten by his words and spoke helplessly, "Is it really okay if I don't answer his phone?"

"Of course." Joshua took Hazel's baggy clothes out of the closet. "How is it possible that both of you would have a good talk?"

"Joshua..." Hazel hesitated. She really didn't like Ted. Even if she didn't answer the phone, she could guess what Ted was going to say. Ted was likely intended to separate her from Joshua.

But if Ted was willing to save Joshua and Stacy, it meant that Ted had feelings for them. But before she could say anything, Joshua directly kissed her on the lips.

"Hazel, don't think about it." Joshua whispered, "I'll handle it."

"Good." After thinking for a while, Hazel finally nodded.

Ted hated her. Whatever she did, in his eyes, she was driving a wedge between him and his sons. In that case, she might as well do nothing and leave it all to Joshua.

Joshua raised his eyebrows slightly. "Let's go to Denmark Group later."

Hazel looked at him in surprise. "Why?"

"Of course, I have to deal with what I've done," he whispered, helping Hazel get dressed. He knew nothing before he made trouble for Denmark Group, but he did do that. Besides, he didn't think Ted would really give up.

Hazel nodded in agreement. Samuel could handle it now, but since Joshua wanted to handle it himself, she wouldn't stand in the way.

"I have an appointment with Simon at noon," Joshua said peacefully. "Thanks to him, we need to thank him for yesterday."

Her heart sank slightly.

Her institute had been right. Joshua would not just want to thank Simon during their meeting.

Hazel suddenly had a feeling that everything would go back to square one.

Before he disappeared, Joshua teamed up with Simon against Ted. Now Joshua made an appointment with Simon for the same reason.

Ted was a lot weaker than he was last time, but he had Stacy in his hands. There was no telling what the end would be if they fought again.

Hazel felt a little tired in the heart somehow. She really didn't want Joshua to have an accident again. She never wanted to go through such a hopeless wait again.

"Do you have to do that?" she asked blankly, grabbing his hand.

Chapter 1277 - 565: Never His Words

His eyes became dark. He suddenly sat down and gently tucked her hair behind her ears.

"Hazel, are you worried about me?" he whispered.

"Yes." Hazel sobbed as she leaned against his chest.

She was reunited with Joshua with difficulty. Even if he completely forgot everything, it would be OK as long as it was him. She was really scared. What should she do if she woke up one day and found it was all just a dream?

Patting her quivering shoulders, Joshua mused, "Alright, don't worry. I won't adopt a very aggressive method unless it's necessary."

Although Hazel told him a lot last night, she understated the Sloane family and his falling off the cliff.

But Joshua was very smart. Judging from only her few words, he could already infer that he was hurt because he confronted Ted.

He lost his memory, but his love for Hazel had been there.

What was more, her affectionate appearance, her longing and despair, which had been accumulated for months, all poured out last night, making his whole heart pain? He wouldn't and didn't allow Hazel to face that situation again. No matter what happened, he wouldn't leave her again.

"Really?" Hazel looked up at him.

"Really," Joshua said solemnly.

Hazel got up and washed up. The two people had breakfast sweetly and then went to Denmark Group together.

When they arrived at the gate of Denmark Group, Hazel's face paled slightly despite herself.

Madeline was waiting, looking aggrieved and worried. She stood wistfully outside Denmark Group's front door as if she were looking forward to her husband.

"Let's go to the parking lot," Hazel said to the driver, frowning slightly.

This Madeline was really haunting. Although Joshua said there was nothing between him and Madeline, it was Madeline who looked after Joshua during the time he was injured.

Hazel didn't know what Madeline meant to Joshua. She didn't want to confront this woman right now. Therefore, she chose to avoid it.

Joshua raised his eyebrows slightly. He suddenly took Hazel's hand. "You don't believe me?"

"No," Hazel shook her head. "This is Denmark Group. I don't want anyone to make a scene here."

Joshua's eyes turned deep.

He didn't hurt Madeline because he didn't care about her at all. But it must have been this woman who told Ted, so Ted could know about his whereabouts so quickly. She must have also driven a wedge between them.

It was time for him to teach this woman a lesson.

Slightly raising his eyebrow, Joshua looked at Hazel. "Honey, can you get me a cell phone?"

"Oh?" Hazel handed over her phone. "You can just use mine!"

"That's not what I meant." He lowered his head. "I don't have a phone now. it's inconvenient."

"Good." Hazel nodded. Joshua deliberately did not take his phone, so it was quite inconvenient indeed for him now.

Then she texted Samuel to get a new phone.

"Thank you, Honey," Joshua said as he smiled and kissed her on her lips. "It looks like I'm going to become your kept man."

Her cheeks turned a little red. They were still in the car. Joshua lost his memory, but he kept pestering her. He held her all the time and kissed her every time he said a sentence like a puppy. Besides, how could he say something like "kept man" so easily...

"Talk seriously... Don't fumble," she said shyly.

"I am not fumbling," he said innocently, kissing her again on the cheek. "I just moved my mouth."

After getting out of the car, Hazel was carried to the President's office by Joshua.

When they got to the office, Samuel handed the phone he had prepared for Joshua. "Your phone, Mr. President."

"Mm." Joshua nodded. Hazel had whispered to remind him, so he knew Samuel's identity. He said with a serious expression, "Thank you, Samuel, for what you have done during this period of time."

"This..." Samuel was overwhelmed. He had always been following Joshua, and they had been cooperating very well, but Joshua had never thanked him so formally and suddenly, which really frightened him.

Seeing Samuel was wondering if he had done something wrong, Hazel hurried to explain, "Never mind his words, Samuel. Joshua... has lost his memory."

Maybe she didn't have to tell anyone about Joshua's amnesia, but at least she didn't have to hide it from Samuel.

Samuel understood instantly. No wonder Joshua seemed so polite to him. It turned out it was the reason. But he treated Joshua with the same deference as before.

After that, Joshua asked Samuel a lot of questions and helped Denmark Group make some arrangements. Samuel didn't know why Joshua did that, but he vaguely understood that something was going to happen.

Finishing his work, Joshua looked back and found that Hazel had fallen asleep on the couch.

His eyes were full of love and care. The little girl could actually sleep here. But what he didn't know was that Hazel felt so safe because he was around.

Joshua gently picked her up and carried her to a bed in the room inside. Then he took out his new cell phone and dialed a number.

"Master, Master Joshua!" Barry, who got a call from Joshua, was very surprised. He thought Joshua would never contact him again. Suddenly, he was disappointed and said, "Don't worry, I have packed up everything. I will go back to Country M today."

"Mm," Joshua nodded, "but before you go back to Country M, do something for me."

"What is it?" Barry asked quickly. If he could help Joshua, he would do as Joshua ordered.

Soon after, Barry directly had Madeline, who was waiting at the gate of Denmark Group, brought to the car and took her back to Country M.

This, of course, was heard by Ted very soon. Ted was furious and called Joshua again.

Joshua's eyes turned a bit cold as he saw the number on his phone. He answered the phone, and then Ted's angry voice rang out. "Joshua, what do you want? Do you want me to go to Country Z and get you back personally?!"

Joshua smiled coldly. He was kind of competent as he could make Ted, who had been deliberate, so angry.

"Mr. King, I want to make a deal with you," Joshua said lightly.

Chapter 1278 - 566: Why Can't She Stay With My Mother?

Ted was silent. After a long time, he said, somewhat disappointed, "... I am your father."

A son wanted to make a deal with his father?

Hearing Joshua's words, Ted felt stifled as he couldn't vent his anger.

Joshua ignored Ted's words completely and said calmly, "You want Simon to go back to Country M because you want to have a normal father-son relationship with him. I can help you with this."

Ted was not at all happy to hear his statement.

Ted said in a deep tone, "What's the price? After I get one son back, I lose another? Joshua, I won't agree."

Joshua's eyes glinted, and he spoke calmly. "It's not that hard for you to accept Hazel as your daughter-in-law, compared with losing another son, is it?"

Ted was silent again, but deep down, he was somewhat surprised. He had thought Joshua would trade it for cutting ties with him. After all, Joshua was determined and uncompromising. Otherwise, Joshua and Simon would not have fought with him a while back.

Compared to losing Joshua, accepting Hazel wasn't too difficult. But the thought of Joshua compromising only for Hazel made Ted turn even paler.

He didn't want to see two of his sons being controlled by a woman, but if he refused Joshua's proposal, he would lose two sons.

Joshua was pushing him, but he had no other choices.

"I'll think about it," Ted replied with a touch of compromise, but then he continued, "but Madeline's been following you and taking care of you. Why did you send her back?"

There was a touch of sarcasm in Joshua's eyes. "I didn't need anyone to take care of me, so I arranged for her to go back and take care of my mother."

"What did you say?!" Ted's words were filled with shock and anger. "How can you let a woman like that stay with your mother?"

"Since you think she can stay with me, why can't she stay with my mother?" There was more and more sarcasm in the smile on Joshua's lips. It turned out Ted knew what kind of woman Madeline was, but his dictatorial father didn't think he was doing anything wrong.

"You..." Ted was a little angry but didn't know what to retort.

"Aren't you still with my mother? Thank you for continuing looking after her." Joshua said simply, "When you make your decision, tell me your answer."

With that, Joshua hung up. Ted compromised but needed a push from Joshua.

As for Madeline, Joshua certainly wouldn't send such a dangerous woman to Stacy. He told Barry to take Madeline back to the manor and forbade her from going out. Having said that, Madeline would not give up and would definitely try hard to get close to and fawn on Ted.

Joshua planted Madeline's bad image in Ted's heart beforehand so that Ted would only think Madeline was up to no good and even wanted to hurt Stacy if Madeline got close to Ted.

Although Joshua was dissatisfied with Ted, Ted was totally kind to Stacy and wouldn't let any danger come to her. In addition, Ted didn't just seem deep. He was ruthless. If Madeline fell into Ted's hands, she would definitely have a very terrible ending.

If Ted could get Joshua in trouble with a woman like that, Joshua could also get Ted in trouble with a woman like that.

Stopping thinking about anything else, Joshua turned around and saw Hazel sitting on the bed, staring at him with love.

"Are you up?" Joshua came to her.

"Yes." Hazel wrapped her arms around his neck and leaned against his chest.

She was awake when he answered the phone just now. She was a little dizzy, but she still could hear what Joshua had said.

He did obey her, and, instead of adopting a violent approach, he chose a gentle one to deal with Ted.

"Joshua..." She called his name softly and raised her little face to look at him with some pleasure.

Joshua held her slender waist. He kissed her fondly on the lips. "Did you hear my statement?"

"Yes, some of it..." Hazel's cheeks flushed slightly. "So you've had a plan for a long time, and that's why you asked Simon out? Let's go and meet him soon."

If she could persuade Simon to make up with Ted and his son, Ted agreed on her being with Joshua. Wouldn't it make everyone happy? Hazel's eyes flashed with anticipation despite herself.

Joshua's eyes turned deep. He could probably guess what Hazel was thinking, but he wasn't as optimistic as she was.

Previously, Simon had teamed up with him against Ted. It seemed Simon wanted to fall out with Ted totally. Simon would not have attacked his own father if it had not been for some unquenchable hatred.

While Joshua recovered, Ted forbade anyone around him from mentioning anything, but Joshua still knew something. Ted was not unkind to Simon. Having said that, they still fell out. The inside story might not be so simple.

"Let's meet him first," Joshua said as he didn't have the heart to disappoint her. He finally said, "Anyway, I'll try my best to see if I can help him untie the knot in his mind."

"Mmm!" Hazel nodded happily and looked at him expectantly. "Shall we go home tonight? I told my brother about... your coming back, and my parents also know about it."

"Good." Joshua nodded in agreement. He took Hazel away before, and it was time to explain to his in-laws.

Then they went to meet Simon together.

It was Simon who appointed the place. Before Hazel and Joshua arrived, Simon had arrived.

Simon looked coldly at the two people coming together hand in hand. Even if he wore a mask, the others could still feel his aloofness.

For some reason, Hazel's heart became nervous when she saw him.

It suddenly dawned on her that things might not be able to go on well as she had hoped.

Before they could speak, Simon asked, "So the old man is still alive?"

"Yes." Joshua nodded calmly.

"It's said that you've lost your memory?" Simon asked again. He heard about it from Madeline about it, but he didn't tell Hazel because he couldn't confirm it before.

"Yes," Joshua said again.

"Then why did you ask me to meet you today? Will you continue our plan as your original identity Joshua Denmark, or..." Simon's eyes turned cold, "have a life-or-death fight with me as the son of Ted King?"

Chapter 1279 - 567: No Chance Of Reconciliation

"Do you have to do that?" Hazel asked helplessly, biting her lip.

They had not even said anything. Simon didn't have a small talk with them nor beat about the bush; he didn't give the two of them any chance to make a proposal. He just offered Joshua two clear options.

Simon looked at her quietly. His heart only could not be hardened at all when he faced Hazel.

Joshua cocked an eyebrow slightly. He didn't like the way Simon stared at Hazel. It seemed that although he misunderstood Simon's relationship with Hazel, his intuition did not lead him to misunderstand Simon's feelings for Hazel.

"Or you can take the third way," said Simon in a deep tone. "You can leave the old man alone and me. Two of you stay away from anything of it. I'll handle it by myself."

"How can that work?" Hazel frowned.

One of them was Joshua's younger brother, and the other was Joshua's father. In any case, Joshua couldn't just stand by. Besides, Ted still had Stacy. Joshua couldn't disown his mother, even if Ted were very kind to her.

"Then there's no choice," Simon said with mockery. "I think you might as well take the old man's side so that Joshua won't be in danger. Maybe when Ted King is happy, he'll accept both of you!"

Hazel felt very uncomfortable listening to his sarcastic remarks.

During Joshua's disappearance, Simon had been secretly looking after her. Hazel had been unkind to him before, blaming him for Joshua's death.

But now that Joshua was back, Hazel was certainly not as angry with him as she used to be. Simon had helped her a lot, it was impossible for her to watch him die.

Noticing Hazel was about to speak, Joshua grabbed her hand and shook his head. She hesitated but finally said nothing.

Joshua took Hazel to a couch and poured her a glass of juice to make her comfortable.

Simon's lips twitched. He was talking to them very seriously, but what was Joshua doing? Joshua actually showed him a public display of affection on purpose?

This man was a pain in the neck before and after he lost his memory.

After that, Joshua looked lightly at Simon and asked calmly, "I'd like to know why you hate him so much?"

"That's a crucial question." Simon, who had sat opposite them, nodded appreciatively. "Good, your memory is gone, but your brain is not broken."

Joshua raised his eyebrows. "If I'm right, you didn't tell me why even when I didn't lose my memory?"

Simon's eyes were suddenly sharp as knives. Sure enough, even if Joshua lost his memory, he was still astonishingly capable.

"Now, you might consider telling me." Joshua poured himself a cup of coffee gracefully. "Instead of letting me choose, you might as well try to persuade me, make me take your side, or make me give up."

"You want to know?" Simon's eyes grew deep. He looked irritably at Hazel. He really didn't want Hazel to know it.

"Mmm!" Hazel nodded without hesitation.

"You allow her to hear that?" Simon looked at Joshua angrily. "You would never do that before!"

"I might have done that before, but now I lost my memory. Also," Joshua said lightly, "I think Joshua, who used to try to be a hero alone, hiding everything from Hazel, and making her afraid alone, is not good!"

Hazel was completely shocked. Her eyes became hot. She looked at Joshua, surprised but moved. So it was his current thoughts?

"So, now, I won't keep any secrets from Hazel." Joshua held her hand gently and solemnly. It sounded like a promise.

"I believe you." Hazel gave him a happy kiss on the cheek.

Simon was very speechless; he had watched enough of their public display of affection.

"Since you must know that..." He looked as if he had made some decision, and suddenly, his face became gloomy.

Then he said, clenching his teeth, "He killed my mother!"

"What?!" Hazel looked at him in shock.

Joshua was also somewhat surprised. He had guessed that there was an unsolvable animosity between Ted and Simon, but he had not expected the truth would be like that.

If it were true, there would be really no chance of reconciliation between Ted and Simon.

Hazel frowned tightly.

After all, it was about his mother's death. Simon would certainly look into it again and again. How could he be wrong?

But she and Joshua should confirm it. Joshua was his half-brother. It was not proper for Joshua to ask Simon, but it would be OK for her.

"Can you tell us the details?" Hazel thought carefully for a while and finally asked.

Simon's eyes became deeper. Hazel really cared about Joshua.

"Alright, I'll tell you," Simon said slowly, with a glint of pain in his eye. "My mother was chosen by the old man to get pregnant with his baby that year. Then my mother got pregnant. He only cared about the baby and didn't care about her. He seldom visited her and even forbade her from having contact with her family. Fortunately, my mother is hard-working and generous, so she had been in good health, and I was also healthy.

"Later, my mother gave birth to me smoothly. After seeing me, the old man visited my mother. Everyone thought my mother had moved him, but he had a very private conversation with her, who bled profusely afterward. The doctors tried very hard but failed to bring her back.

"When she was on the operating table, she screamed to see me. But she couldn't see me even when she finally died!"

Simon clenched his fist. His face and mask were now thick with hatred and killing intent.

He gave Joshua a sarcastic look. "To him, my mother is nothing more than a tool for giving birth to babies. If it hadn't been for your accident, how would I be able to come to this world? Joshua, tell me, in this case, how could he request me to obey and even love a man who killed my mother? Isn't he too greedy?"

Chapter 1280 - 568: Leave To Me

The atmosphere was a little dull. Simon gave them an indifferent look and got up from the sofa.

"We don't have to have dinner together today, lest we are all unhappy. As for..." Simon's eyes flickered with loneliness. To be honest, he didn't hate Joshua, and he didn't want to become a stranger to Hazel, but it seemed like their relationship had to end up like this.

He said in a deep voice as if he had made up his mind, "Whatever decision you've made, I don't care..."

With that, he looked disdainful and turned away.

Hazel tried to ask him to stay, but Joshua stopped her.

"Unless we choose to side with him, there's no point in saying anything," Joshua whispered.

Hazel sighed lightly. She knew, of course, that since Simon had said that, he had made up his mind to force them to make a choice. Unless they chose to side with Simon, he was unlikely to change his mind despite how she persuaded him.

Watching Simon leave, Hazel frowned and looked up at Joshua. "Do you think... if there was any misunderstanding? Is your father really that kind of person?"

Joshua looked a little graver as he mused, "Hazel, I don't want to lie to you by saying something too upbeat. Ted King is a man who only shows mercy and patience to those who he cares about, but he is absolutely ruthless to those who he doesn't care! Even if Simon's mother... was not killed directly by him, she should be forced to die."

That was why Joshua used the father-son relationship to pressure Ted because Joshua knew that if Ted wanted to get rid of Hazel, he would do whatever it took to kill her.

Hazel's heart sank. Even Joshua said that then the relationship between Ted and Simon was really unsolved.

Unless she and Joshua didn't get involved at all, no matter which side they took, they would not be able to stop the fight between Ted and Simon.

"I still think there should be something fishy...." She frowned and said, "Didn't you say that you came to Country Z because Ted asked you to take Simon home so that Ted could explain the misunderstanding between them?"

He furrowed his brows.

"Ted shouldn't be someone who's arrogant enough to think that a few sentences can explain everything and clear up the misunderstanding?" She looked at him.

"You're right." His face became grave, and he nodded. "Ted is ruthless, but he never dreamed of anything unrealistic."

She nodded. That was probably why Ted never looked for Stacy and Joshua, because for Ted, both of them were dead, and instead of fantasizing that they were still alive, he might as well help their revenge.

Suddenly, Hazel's eyelids twitched, and a strange thought rushed into her mind.

"Will you call and see if there's some inside story?" She hesitated but finally said, "Could it be that what happened to you and your mother had something to do with Simon's mother?"

"I'll look into it," Joshua's eyes went dark, "but Hazel... Whatever the reason, if Ted killed Simon's mother, it's a knot that can't be unraveled."

Hazel furrowed her brows tightly. Joshua was right.

Ted's taking Stacy and Joshua away meant he couldn't have any feelings for them. If they wanted to avenge their murder, then Ted's treatment of Simon's mother made perfect sense.

However, if Ted did kill Simon's mother, it was impossible for Simon to think his mother should be killed by Ted just because she did something bad. Whatever the reasons, Simon was unlikely to accept Ted.

"If all this is true, what... will you do?" Hazel looked up at Joshua.

"Are you worried about him or about me?" His heart was a little jealous.

"I just want to know your choice..." The corners of her lips twitched slightly. Even though Joshua had lost his memory, his habit of being easily jealous didn't change at all.

She said seriously. "But... Whatever you choose, I'll be for you."

His eyes turned dark. He could sense that Hazel was humoring him. Although Hazel didn't have any feelings for Simon, she couldn't be cruel to him because Simon was caring for her these days.

Simon lost his mother, and his father was his enemy. It would be cruel to him if his only brother, whom he did not dislike so much, turned against him. Maybe that was why Hazel's heart was softened.

Even so, Hazel hid her feelings because she had to care about his feelings.

"If that's true... of course I'll do what I should do," Joshua spoke flatly.

Seeing a flash of disappointment in Hazel's eyes, he whispered, "But every debt has its debtor. Now that Simon's mother has paid the price, there is no need for me to involve the innocent."

She looked at him with astonishment. "Joshua..."

He gently rubbed her hair and explained in a low voice, "Hazel, I don't remember what happened, but I can feel I don't hate Simon that much. He should feel the same way about me. Isn't he angry at me?"

She froze. Indeed, if things really turned out as her speculation, Simon's mother died because of Joshua and Stacy. But Simon's hatred was directed only at Ted, not Joshua. Joshua must have returned the favor for that reason.

Hazel became a little relieved and said with a serious expression, "I still don't think it's that simple, Joshua. Why don't you ask Ted and find out why?"

"If he was willing to tell me, he wouldn't have asked me to catch Simon." Joshua mused, "Maybe there's some inside story. But either Ted doesn't think a direct explanation can convince Simon, or he has other concerns."

Her face looked more worried.

"All right, don't worry about any other men," he said and squeezed her cheeks with jealousy. "Leave it to me, Hazel. I'll try to catch Ian Flores first."

"Simon's uncle?" She understood instantly. "Right, he must be one of the people who know those things. Also..."

"Also, it's likely that he often incites Simon." She seemed to think of something. Then she suddenly looked at him warily. "How are you going to catch him?"

Chapter 1281 - 569: Is That Fair?

His eyelids twitched slightly.

In a flash, her face turned ashen as she said with exasperation, "Joshua, don't tell me you're going to use yourself as bait to lure him to you!"

It wasn't strange she would think so. Ian Flores had been trying to kill Joshua, so Joshua was in distress while he was on Stacy Island. If Ian knew Joshua was alive, Ian would do that again!

Joshua sighed helplessly in his heart. Is Hazel always so sensitive and intelligent? "I'll be more careful, Hazel..."

"Can it be solved as long as you're careful?" She got angry instantly. There was a layer of white mist in her eyes. "Weren't you careful last time? Joshua, will you stop venturing?"

Looking at her eyes, which were sparkling with tears, he felt his whole heart was filled with pain.

"All right, all right, I promise you I won't risk my life or use myself as bait anymore." He promised a whisper. Knowing that he was still alive, Ian Flores would come to him anyway, and there was no need for him to upset Hazel.

"Mmm..." She couldn't refrain from smiling through tears.

After lunch, Joshua suddenly brought Hazel back to Quantum University.

Walking on the campus of the university, she looked at him curiously, "Why do you suddenly want to come here?"

"I want to get my memory about us back," he said gently. "It's too unfair that you're the only one who knows the past.

She looked a little embarrassed. Is that unfair?

"Have I ever walked around the campus holding hands with you like this before?" he asked quietly.

"... No." She shook her head, slightly complaining, "It is because of you that I became a hit in the university. If you appeared next to me several times, then I would be surrounded by people all the time...."

Because of this, Hazel hated Joshua coming to Quantum University, so there was no chance for them to walk around the campus hand in hand. Even when Joshua drove her to the university, she insisted on getting out of the car outside the school and driving Joshua to leave.

Come to think of it, Hazel suddenly thought she used to be very stupid. Why should she care what other people think when she was with Joshua? Besides, even though Joshua seldom appeared in the university, the affair between her and Joshua never stopped. She was pretty much always been a celebrity.

Now she graduated, her affair completely quieted down at Quantum University. After all, who would remember this after her classmates graduated?

While recalling, Hazel felt she was deceiving herself at that time.

"Did I really embarrass you that much?" Joshua sighed helplessly.

"No, no!" Hazel explained, panicky, "It was me who take such small things to heart at that time, you have been humoring me."

Suddenly, a gust of wind blew, and she coughed.

"What's the matter? Have you caught a cold?" he asked nervously. "Let's leave to see the doctor right now."

"It's not that...." She didn't know whether to cry or laugh. Joshua cared about her too much. "I was a little thirsty, so I coughed. I'm fine."

"Then I'll buy you a bottle of water." He looked at the supermarket not far away, looked back at Hazel, and helped her go to a stone bench. "Sit here and wait for me."

With that, he took off his suit jacket and spread it on the stone bench without hesitation.

Her heart was warm. Joshua was as considerate as ever.

She sat down on the stone bench and said with a smile, "Just go, I'll wait for you to come back."

He strode to the supermarket. Looking at his back, her eyes were filled with a warm smile.

"Hazel?"

Suddenly, a familiar voice sounded in the ear. She frowned with some displeasure.

The voice couldn't make her happy. She looked back and saw Derek standing nearby with a mixture of surprise and joy.

It gave her a headache.

Derek's family was at Imperial Capital, and his family was relatively well off. After graduation, he stayed at the Imperial Capital, so it was not unusual for him to return to Quantum. Although it was not impossible for her to meet him, she did not want to meet him.

After all, it seemed that every time she met Derek, something bad would definitely happen.

"What do you want?" she asked indifferently.

"That..." Derek was hugely surprised to see Hazel in front of him. After graduation, Hazel seemed more and more beautiful. The biggest change was in her temperament.

Hazel used to be beautiful, but she appeared a little wild. However, now she looked so graceful and noble. Just looking at her, Derek didn't dare to approach her somehow.

Hazel frowned more tightly. There was a flash of displeasure in her eyes. Derek actually stared at her foolishly... She felt sick for some reason.

"What do you want?" she asked coldly.

He came to his senses and hurried to speak, "Well, our monitor is going to have a class reunion recently. Do you want to come?"

"No, I'm not interested," she said with an indifferent expression.

"Hazel, I think you'd better go out to get some fresh air if you have time," he said, with an indefinable hint in his eyes. "Then maybe you'll find out that there's a lot of good things in the world..."

She furrowed her brows as she listened to his unintelligible words. Then, she interrupted impatiently. "Derek, what are you trying to say?"

"In fact... I've heard all about it." He looked into her eyes with a little pity suddenly.

"What have you heard?" She was even more confused. "Derek, if you don't speak up, just get lost!"

Perhaps it was her attitude that angered him. His face darkened, and he said, "I heard from my family that Joshua has had an accident. Hazel, my condolences. He's nice, but you should look ahead, shouldn't you?"

She was so angry that she almost wanted to curse!

She had been blocking the information that Joshua had an accident. Although she also knew that this kind of thing couldn't be kept from others for long, and the turmoil of the Denmark Group had already caused all kinds of rumors, what qualification did Derek have to say this kind of words in front of her?!

Chapter 1282 - 570: Slow Down

"Do you mean I should forget about him and look for another man?" Her mouth tilted upwards slightly at the corners with a sardonic smile.

He was not aware of her displeasure. Instead, he thought that he himself had persuaded her.

He continued, "In fact, there are many good men in this world. You still have a lot of options..."

"For example, you're pretty good, aren't you?" The sarcasm on her lips grew more obvious.

Hearing her words, he was secretly delighted in the heart. He had heard about Joshua's death, and of course, he had heard that Denmark Group was in Hazel's hands now.

He had had dreams of Hazel bringing Denmark Group to chase after him, but he knew that this was an impossible dream.

But Derek didn't expect to see Hazel again at Quantum University. At this moment, he suddenly wanted to do the wishful thinking hidden in the heart come true! After all, Hazel was very wealthy. Besides, she seemed to be a gullible billionaire.

That was why he said those words to seemingly "comfort" Hazel. Now, Hazel's question made him feel like Denmark Group would belong to him soon!

"It's great that you can let it go. But then again, I'm not boasting," A flash of unquenchable greed was in his eyes. "I'm not that good, but at least we know each other, don't we? If other men are nice to you, god knows what they're up to."

Hazel was almost taken aback by his shamelessness. How could Derek have the nerve to say these shameless words? After all, she had had a lot of fights with him before. She was surprised that he would come to talk to her. How could he dare to plot against her now?

"I don't know what other people are up to," she said mockingly. "but do you think I cannot tell what you're up to? Do you think I'm stupid or blind?"

"You...!" Derek blushed with shame and exasperation instantly. Since Hazel had already made it clear, how could he not figure out Hazel had seen him through?

Now it looked like a fig leaf on him had been removed. How embarrassing!

"Hazel Crowe, I, I'm trying to persuade you, don't be ungrateful!" he said angrily.

However, he seemed to think he was being too shameless. After saying these words, he gave out a snort and ran away.

She heaved a sigh of relief. The annoying guy left at long last, and if he cheekily stayed here, Hazel wondered if she would punch him despite herself.

"Is he your classmate?"

Suddenly, she heard a familiar voice. Although the voice was still charming and gentle, it still scared her!

In an instant, she looked back and saw Joshua standing right behind her. Judging from the situation, it seemed he had been there for a while.

"Are you, are you back?" Her face turned pale, and she smiled ingratiatingly.

Suddenly, she could not help scolding herself in her heart.

What was wrong with her?

It was clear that it was Derek who had harassed her. Why did she look guilty as if she had done something wrong?"

"Mmm." He unscrewed the water bottle and handed it to her. "Have a drink first."

She quickly drank a few mouthfuls of water and calmed down her heart which was thudding at long last.

She wasn't entangled with Derek at all, but Joshua didn't remember that, so she had better explained.

"Slow down." He patted her gently on the back.

"He was a classmate of mine and happened to run into me. Then he invited me to the reunion," she said.

"Mmm." He nodded and said flatly, "I'll go to the reunion with you."

"Huh?" She looked at him in surprise.

"Hazel, you don't want to take me with you?" He looked at her with a sad look.

She felt as if her whole little heart had been hit by him.

The long-lost dullness of her brain when she faced Joshua came back!

"Of course not." She almost blurted it out, but after she said that, she froze. She didn't say she wanted to go, did she?

Suddenly, she looked at him in surprise. "Do you want to go?"

"Yes," his eyes flashed with light, "Someone should know that my Hazel is mine."

"..." She felt a bit embarrassed instantly.

He heard it as expected!

Not only did he hear it, but he also misunderstood it?

She explained again, "Joshua, I really had nothing to do with that man."

"I know that," he said, gently rubbing her hair. "Too many flies are trying to win Hazel's affection. Let me drive them away."

She was even more embarrassed. Since Joshua had said that, she had no reason to contradict him.

Indeed, since the news of Joshua's disappearance spread, quite a few people wanted to bully her and get something from her, for she was a weak woman.

Derek was not the only one who wanted to do that. Even Denmark Group's directors wanted to get something from her.

If it had not been for her sharp, defensive tactics and Simon's constant protection, she would have been subjected to numerous plots.

Joshua was back, and he wanted to intimidate those people who had an ulterior motive. It was a proper request.

"Fine," Hazel, who had thought it over, said. "Let's go to the reunion."

Joshua's mouth tilted slightly at the corners. The reunion was just the beginning.

Derek didn't tell Hazel when or where the reunion would be held, but Hazel found it out by just asking her classmates.

However, the time for the reunion actually coincided with an important meeting in the Denmark Group.

"Can we not go?" Hazel asked.

She didn't really have much interest in going to the reunion.

"We can still go. Joshua studied the route a little. "I've just checked. It's a coincidence that the venue for this meeting and that for the reunion are both at the hotel of Denmark Group."

"But can we stagger the time?" she asked.

"Yes," he answered. "The meeting in the Denmark Group starts at eight in the morning and should be over by about twelve. As for the reunion, although we need to arrive at 10 o'clock, we will just go to have lunch at noon and just stay there for a while."