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Chapter 181 She Likes Hearst

Adams seemed to have aged a bit in an instant. Anaya felt uncomfortable after seeing his look

Anaya knew that Adams could not bear to let Karley suffer. After all, Karley was his granddaughter.

However, Karley had done so many wrong things, and Anaya did not want Karley to get away with it.

Anaya thought for a long time and said, "Grandpa, if you don't want Karley to go to jail, I can withdraw the lawsuit."

"She has done something wrong, so she should be imprisoned and reflect on herself. You don't have to worry about me. Just go through the process."

Karley had done such a disgraceful thing. Adams was not stupid enough to shield her unconditionally.

Adams didn't intend to stay on this topic for too long. He asked, "Anaya, I've heard from Tim that you have been very close to Jared recently?"

Anaya felt her face hot to hear this.

Why did Tim talk to her grandfather about these things that had nothing to do with work?

She pretended to be angry and said, "Grandpa, you contacted Tim behind my back. Didn't you say that you left the company to me?"

Adams smiled slightly, and the corners of his eyes were full of wrinkles. "I'm just worried about you. Don't forget that Tim is the assistant I sent to you."

"If you like Jared, I'll immediately arrange a wedding for you when I'm discharged from the hospital"

"I'll invite all the outsiders to see that my granddaughter is worthy of a man better than Joshua!"

Anaya was touched and smiled, "You don't even know ... Jared. How can you be at ease handing me over to him? Do you feel irritated because I often come to you and want to marry me off as soon as possible?"

"You've become slicker and slicker," Adams teased and then said seriously, "Anaya, tell me honestly. What do you think of Jared? Do you like him?"

Anaya smiled and pursed her lips, "I have feelings for him, but as you know, my first marriage was not very good.

"I don't dare to take this step."

Over the past few months, Hearst had been chasing her.

Anaya only needed to take a step forward, and perhaps she would be greeted with the happy ending of the fairy tale.

However, she was afraid that when she took this step, what awaited her was not the happy ending of the fairy tale, but another quagmire that was difficult to escape from.

Hearst's feelings for her were unquestionably sincere.

But that only represented the present,

Anaya had only gone through a quarter of her life, and she did not have the courage to bind the rest of her life to Hearst.

Something like love was elusive and impossible to grasp.

Once it was beyond the guarantee period, nothing would be left. They would only torture each other.

Back then, Joshua was so infatuated with Lexie, but he changed.

Hearst was a perfect gentleman, and women abounded around him.

In the remaining long years, as long as his willpower weakened for a moment, someone would take advantage of it.

Anaya believed that the current Hearst indeed loved her.

But what about the future?

Anaya didn't dare to risk opening her heart to Hearst.

In her last life, she fell in love with Joshua and finally lost everything.

So how could Anaya dare to easily love someone again?

Since she could not have forever love, she would rather not be in love for a moment.

Adams knew that Anaya had worries, so he didn't ask any further.

At the very least, he already knew that his granddaughter had feelings for Hearst.

Hearst only needed to wait for her mental wound to scab and wait for her to regain the courage to face the unknown future.

Anaya had always been brave and strong, and it had never been her style to flinch.

Adams believed that his granddaughter would not be confused for too long.

Anaya accompanied Adams at the hospital until nine o'clock in the evening before returning home.

Normally, Sammo would wait for her at the door. When she entered the door today, she did not see Sammo.

Anaya closed the door and glanced at the kennel next to the sofa.

Sammo was already asleep at this time. His chubby belly was heaving with his breathing. Anaya squatted down and raised her finger to poke it.

Sammo groaned and shook its calves with a very dissatisfied look

Anaya laughed and went into the bathroom to take a shower without disturbing the dog's sleep.

When she got up the next day, the dog was still asleep.

Anaya poured the dog food into the bowl. She wanted to call the dog over for breakfast, but she received a call from the company's security guard. The guard said that the police had come to investigate Hank's car accident and asked her to hurry to the company.

Anaya had no time to wake the dog up. She hurriedly packed up and left.

The news caused a sensation on the Internet. Yesterday, someone said that Hank's death might be related to Anaya.

Anaya did not feel it was strange that the police had come to the company.

Hank's death had already been judged as an accident rather than a murder. The police were just going through the process. They left after taking the statement.

Today, there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony in East Houston. Anaya had been busy all morning. In the afternoon, she went to the De

Anaya dragged her exhausted body back home, thinking about what to eat at night.

She pushed the door open and found that Sammo was not waiting for her at the entrance.

"Anaya felt that something was wrong. She did not change her shoes and strode into the living room,

Sammo still slept in the heuncl.

However, its breath now looked even weaker than in the morning.

Anaya was flustered for a moment. She immediately put down her bag and took out her phone to call Hearst.

She described Sammo's symptoms to Hearst, her voice full of anxiety.

Hearst told her to be calm and to send Sammo to the nearest pet hospital first. He would rush over.

Anaya did not dare to delay. She hung up the phone, carried Sammo out the door, and drove to the nearest pet hospital.

However, at that time, all the nearby pet hospitals were closed. She went to several places and finally fo

The pet doctor saw that Sammo's breath was weak and did not dare to delay, so he immediately took Sammo for a check-up

Anaya waited outside, and before Hearst came, she heard a familiar voice.

"Anaya!"

Someone called out to her from behind. Anaya turned her head, seeing Bria walking toward her angrily.

For the past two days, Bria had been chased by the Baker family's people and had no guts to go out, afraid that

Today, her friend's pet was sick, so Bria secretly followed her friend out to relax, but Bria did not expect t

Thinking about what she had suffered over the past two days, Bria felt aggrieved.

At the engagement party that day, if Anaya had not played tricks, how would so many things have happe

Anaya had ruined her stable life!

The anger he had accumulated over the past two days surged up. Bria did not care about the others aro

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At this time, there were not many people in the pet hospital. Only a few were waiting in the corridor for their pets to be

treated.

Bria's voice was loud.

A woman came out of the examination room with a white cat. When the white cat heard Bria's voice, it was started and quickly shrank back into the room.

Anaya was worried at that moment, but when she heard Bria's question, she was a little impatient. "Ms. Aucher, you spoke so loudly in public. Was this what your family taught you to do?"

Hearing this, Bria lowered her voice a little, not as arrogant as before. "Don't change the topic! Tell me honestly. Did you kill Hank?"

"If I say no, will you believe me?"

"How could it be possible? other than you, no one else would do such a vicious thing!"

Anaya sneered, "Since you firmly believe that I did it, please concentrate on finding evidence instead of barking here like a shrew."

"How dare you call me a shrew!"

Bria was so angry that she wanted to rush over and tear Anaya apart right now.

However...

In the end, Bria didn't dare.

Bria had seen Anaya's fighting skills before, and she was no match for Anaya.

No matter how angry Bria was, there was nothing she could do.

At the thought of this, Bria was even more furious.

Seeing that Bria was so angry but did not dare to make a move, Anaya only felt that it was sunny, and the corners of her lips curled up. "Aren't you a shrew?"

"Anaya, don't be too arrogant! When the police find out about you, you will be finished! You will get your retribution sooner or later." Bria looked at Anaya fiercely.

Anaya, whose head was buzzing from Bria's sharp voice, said lightly. "You think I killed Hank, but the Baker family doesn't seem to think so."

Anaya's smile broadened. "I've heard that Carson has been looking for you recently. If he finds out that you are here, will he come over and fight with you?"

Hearing Carson's name, Bria changed her expression.

Carson was certain that Hank's death had something to do with Bria and had been looking for her for the past two

days.

Carson was famous for being protective of his relatives, and Hank was his only son.

Since something had happened to Hank, which made Carson lose his son, Carson would desperately try to kill Bria.

If Carson knew that Bria was there, Bria would be done for

Carson would rush over with a knife.

Bria's friend pulled her and advised, "Bria, why don't we go to another hospital? You said that you came out

secretly. If Carson comes over..."

Bria was angry and unwilling to go, but in the end, she was still a little afraid

She gritted her teeth and said, "Bitch, if I had known that you were such a disgusting person, I would have asked Lexie to find that waiter and ask him if he had the video of you and Hank having sex. Then your reputation would have been ruined!"

"I just posted a surveillance video shot in the corridor. You're really lucky!"

After cursing, Bria was about to leave when Anaya grabbed her wrist.

"You said that the video you revealed that day was given to you by Lexie? Where did she get the surveillance video?" Anaya asked.

When Anaya sent someone to check the surveillance videos at the hotel, the hotel said that the surveillance videos had been deleted.

At that time, Anaya thought that Hank had asked someone to do this. She didn't expect this matter to be related to Lexie.

Bria posted the video to cause an uproar when fewer netizens were discussing her scandal at the engagement party. Anaya felt it was strange. It turned out that Lexie had instigated Bria.

If Anaya remembered correctly, the waiter died with Hank

Lexie and the waiter knew each other. Could it be that Lexie was the culprit behind the accident?

Bria was startled by Anaya's gaze. Bria straightened her neck and said, "Why should I tell you? What does this have to do with you? Let me go!"

As she spoke, Bria tried to break free from Anaya.

However, she was not as strong as Anaya, so she could not get rid of Anaya no matter what.

Anaya exerted more strength in her hand and ordered coldly, "Say it!"

Bria's wrist was painful from Anaya's grasp. Bria felt as if her bones were about to break

Due to the pressure, Bria had to answer, "Lexie told me that she had bought the video from the waiter at a high price. I don't know anything else. Please let me go."

As she spoke, Bria's voice was already trembling.

She was really afraid that Anaya would beat her up here,

11 Anaya contacted Carson after she beat Bria up, Bria would be finished today.

Anaya got the answer and released Bria.

Bria regained her freedom and did not dare to provoke Anaya again, Bria pulled her friend and hurriedly ran away.

Anaya stood still, deep in thought.

It seemed she had to investigate Lexie.

Hank's death had nothing to do with her, so it was understandable for Anaya not to pay attention to this matter.

But if Anaya could grab hold of Lexie's weakness through this matter, it would be easier for Anaya to deal with Lexie.

Thinking of this, Anaya immediately called Tim and asked him to check if Lexie had been in contact with Hank and the dead waiter. Anaya told Tim to report every detail to her.

After hanging up, she turned around and saw Hearst standing behind her.

She was surprised and subconsciously took a step back.

Behind her was a bench in the corridor. Her calves hit the bench, which made her lose her balance. She was about to

Tall

Hearst swiftly stretched out his hand, grabbed her wrist, and pulled her.

Anaya was pulled up, and because of inertia, she fell into Hearst's arms.

She smelled the special herbal fragrance from Hearst. She leaned on his chest and could even hear his steady and powerful heartbeat.

She froze and forgot to react.

"Are you throwing yourself at me?"

Hearst's deep and pleasant voice came from above. Anaya's ears burned as she hurriedly pushed him away,

When she raised her head, she accidentally met his smiling eyes.

His eyes were very good-looking, twinkling in the light like stars.

Anaya turned her head and coughed gently. She asked, "When did you arrive?"

"When you were quarreling with Ms. Aucher."

"So early?" Anaya was stunned.

Did Hearst see her bickering with others?

Why did he always appear when she was arguing with others?

Anaya hesitated and asked, "In your eyes, am I just a person who only knows how to quarrel?"

"No."

Hearing this, Anaya heaved a sigh of relief.

Hearst continued, "You used to fight."

Anaya realized that he was teasing her. She turned around to look at him with dissatisfaction.

Why did this man become so annoying?

He was making fun of her.

Hearst smiled and asked, "Is Hank's car accident related to Lexie?"

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Chapter 183 It's Mr. Maltz's Style

Anaya said seriously, "Well, I think it is very likely that Lexie was the one who did this."

"What's your plan?"

I have already asked Tim to investigate. Bria just leaked it to me and would tell Lexie about it soon. I have to find the evidence before she destroys it."

"I can help you."

"No, I can solve this kind of small issue myself."

Hearst did not insist after hearing her words.

Just as Anaya said, it was not difficult to find out the truth.

Without his help, she could also do it herself.

“How is Sammo?”

“It’s been sent in for a while. There should be results soon.”

Sure enough, after a while, the doctor came out and said that Sammo had a fever. In addition, Sammo had not eaten for a long time and had some dehydration. It could get better soon after taking some medicine and drinking some water.

Anaya thanked the doctor and went in to carry Sammo out, saying to Hearst, “It seems that Sammo is not seriously ill. Thank you for coming over.”

Hearst raised his hand and took Sammo over to hug it. “It’s fine. Why not let Sammo stay at my house for the next few days? I’ll take care of it.”

It was the first time Anaya had encountered a situation where a dog got a fever. She didn’t know how to take care of it, so it seemed better to give it to Hearst. Finally, Anaya didn’t refuse.

Soon, they said goodbye at the door of the pet hospital. Anaya was tired for the whole day. She went home to take a shower and fell asleep.

The next day at work, Tim had already found out everything she asked him to check yesterday.

“Ms. Dunbar is indeed in contact with the waiter. According to the staff of the hotel, the two seemed to have spoken privately, but Ms. Dunbar seemed to have intentionally avoided the camera.

“But we got a video from the photographer at the engagement party. When the drone was shooting in the sky, it took a picture of them talking together.

“Also, before the accident, Mr. Baker went to an abandoned warehouse in the southern Suburbs. Ms. Dunbar also appeared there that day.”

Anaya carefully looked through the information that Tim had handed over. After he finished reporting, Anaya said, “Good job. I’ll give you a day off today. Go back and have a good rest.”

“Thanks, Ms. Dutt.”

After Tim left, Anaya put the information into the sale.

Although this evidence couldn't prove that Lexie was the one who had killed Hank, it was enough to threaten Lexie.

In the past, Lexie had deceived Joshua so many times, and Joshua didn't trust her that much.

If the information was sent to Joshua, the two of them would have a feud.

And that was Lexie's biggest fear.

Anaya would keep the information for now. If Lexie would not come and provoke her again, she would give it to

Joshua.

Saimo was old and had almost been close to death because of the illness. It took two days before it felt better.

When Anaya came to visit it at Cloud Villa, it could already cat normally, but compared to the situation before it fell sick, it was still a little low-spirited.

Anaya played with the dog for a while, and Hearst invited her to dinner at a restaurant.

Anaya was a little worried about Sammo and wanted to say that they should cook at home.

Hearst saw through her concerns and said, “Pets are allowed at the restaurant.”

Hearing this, Anaya gladly agreed.

Thus, they set off with the dog.

Sammo had just recovered from his serious illness and did not have much energy, so it had been quiet on the way.

After arriving at the restaurant, Anaya carried it to a chair.

Sammo's two short legs touched the chair and sat upright like a little gentleman.

Anaya said with a smile, “Your dog has a similar temper as yours. You both look so arrogant outside.”

Hearst replied, "It has been raised by you recently. It's probably that Samuno learned it from you."

The two chatted for a while and the dishes were quickly served.

Although the restaurant couldn't compare to Cosette Restaurant, its dishes were also good.

Of course, the price was expensive.

Anaya and Hearst chatted as they ate. Suddenly, a cry of surprise came from beside them. Anaya turned her head.

Sammo, who was sitting on the chair, had jumped to the ground. Maybe something had happened, so it was a little angry and revealed its sharp fangs, but it did not bark.

Lexie seemed to be frightened by Sammo's appearance and quickly hid in Joshua's arms. "Joshua, this dog is so fierce..."

Joshua put his arm around Lexie's waist and comforted her, "It's fine. It doesn't have the guts to bite you."

After that, he looked at Anaya and saw that Hearst was sitting opposite her. Then his eyes darkened.

"Anaya, why did you bring the dog to the restaurant? It'll scare others!"

"This restaurant allows pets to enter, so why can't I bring it with me?" Anaya put down her fork and carried the dog back to the chair, "Besides, Sammo didn't scare anyone."

Lexie understood her meaning and asked averlevedly. "Anaya, are you satirizing me?"

"Apparently, yes."

Lexie felt so wronged that she bit her lip and looked pitiful.

Anaya felt no pity for her at all, but Joshua was distressed. He looked at Anaya angrily and said, "Your dog scared Lexie

badly. How dare you scold her?"

In the face of Joshua's questioning, Anaya said indifferently, "My dog will never be fierce to people for no reason. Lexie must have done something bad to it."

Joshua came over with Lexie just now, and he saw Lexie kick Sammo in the stomach.

But in his opinion, Lexic just did it carelessly, and it didn't hurt the dog.

So Joshua said in a cold voice, "Lexie just accidentally kicked the dog, but so what? How can the beast show its fangs to Lexie? It's just a beast, and it can't remove its cruel nature..."

"Mr. Maltz, how can you say these words so naturally? Why don't you stand closer? I'll kick you and see if you will do anything to me."

Anaya's lazy tone was full of provocation. "After all, it's your style to attack others for no reason.

"And Sammo didn't even attack anyone. When it comes to nature, it's far more innocent than you. After all, it wouldn't hurt others without reason."

Anaya mocked Joshua disdainfully.

Joshua's face was darkened. "I was just giving Lexie justice. Why did you scold me like that? After being raised by you, the dog is as unreasonable as you!"

"Didn't I just reason with you? If I were unreasonable, I would have splashed the hot coffee on you and Ms. Dunbar just now," Anaya said as she looked up at Joshua coldly.

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When Joshua heard Anaya's words, he felt annoyed.

With a gloomy face, he let go of Lexie and stepped forward, trying to catch Anaya.

However, just as he extended his hand, Hearst stood in front of him.

Hearst blocked Joshua's gaze at Anaya, trying to protect her.

Hearst wasn't a cold person, but when he didn't smile, he seemed to be full of an inexplicably intimidating aura.

"Mr. Maltz, if you keep messing around, I will have to get someone to kick you out."

Joshua withdrew his hand and looked at Hearst. The atmosphere looked tense.

“Mr. Helms, what are you talking about? The restaurant is not yours. How can you drive me away?”

Hearst said slowly, “Although this restaurant is not opened by me, it is invested by Prudential Group. If I want to throw you out, I don’t think the manager will stop me.”

“How dare...”

Joshua had suffered defeat several times in front of Hearst. Now, he was humiliated in front of Anaya and Lexie. So, he was even more furious. He looked at Hearst with hatred.

Lexie was worried that her reputation would be ruined if things went on. She quickly stopped Joshua and smiled apologetically at Hearst, “Mr. Helms, Joshua was too concerned about me, so he said something wrong, Please forgive him.”

“Why are you apologizing to him?” Joshua asked as he broke free from Lexie’s hand.

When Lexie said this, it seemed that he could not be on par with Hearst!

Lexie knew that Joshua wanted to keep his dignity, so she could only comfort him, “Joshua, it is disgraceful to quarrel in public. And the dog did not bite me. You don’t have to be so angry.”

She tried to get the thing through. It seemed as if she was not the person who had hidden in Joshua’s arms and cried

out.

“Forget it, I won’t argue with them because of a beast.” Joshua’s face finally looked better after being persuaded by

Lexie.

He was about to pull Lexie to leave, but Anaya stopped them. “Mr. Maltz, your fiancée kicked my dog. You haven’t paid for it yet, and you’re leaving now?”

Joshua stopped and turned around. “Anaya, what do you mean? Are you trying to extort us?”

“No. But you kicked off a few hairs on Sammo’s stomach. Don’t you have to compensate me for it?”

Joshua couldn’t bear it anymore. “It’s just a few hairs, and you want me to compensate you. Isn’t it extortion?”

“My dog is noble and valuable.”

Anaya stood up, walked out from behind Hearst, and stood beside him.

The two of them had the same temperament. When they stood together, they looked so perfectly matched.

Looking at her, Joshua felt uncomfortable.

Anaya crossed her arms around her chest and looked at Lexie, saying casually, “Mr. Maltz said that you didn’t have to

pay compensation. What do you think, Ms. Dunbar? You kicked my dog. Are you going to pay?”

How could Lexie agree to pay for Anaya?

Just now, she deliberately kicked the dog to vent her anger. If she lost money, wouldn’t she be annoyed again?

“Anaya, your dog is not injured. It is unreasonable for you to ask for compensation from us.”

Anaya looked at her and smiled mysteriously, “Ms. Dunbar, you could even buy the videos before. I thought that you had become rich after having a relationship with Mr. Maltz. I didn’t expect that you would be unwilling to pay any compensation.”

When Lexie heard the word “videos”, she was shocked.

Yesterday, Bria told her that Anaya already knew that she had bought videos from the waiter.

She guessed that Anaya might use the video thing to threaten her, but she did not expect it to happen so quickly!

She wondered, then Anaya will threaten me whenever she feels a little unhappy.

It’s all Bria’s fault. How can she tell anything to others?

When Bria becomes a member of the Maltz family, I must give it to her!

“Videos?” Joshua asked in confusion.

“Mr. Maltz, don’t you know about it?” Anaya asked deliberately. Hearing Anaya’s words, Lexie was scared. Anaya added, “Not long ago, Ms. Dunbar...”

“Anaya!” Seeing that Anaya was about to reveal what had happened, Lexie stopped her, “How much compensation do you want? I’ll give it to you.”

Hearing this, Anaya smiled brightly. “It seems that Ms. Dunbar is more sensible than Mr. Maltz.”

Joshua looked at Anaya’s smile and felt annoyed. “Lexie, Anaya is extorting us. How can you agree with her?”

Lexie forced out a gentle smile, “Joshua, just now, I accidentally kicked her dog. It’s my fault, and it’s plausible for Anaya to ask for compensation.”

After Lexie finished speaking, she looked at Anaya and asked, “How much do you want as compensation?”

“I want 8,000 dollars, including inedical fees and mental damage compensation.”

“Your dog isn’t even worth 8,000 dollars, is it?” Joshua gritted his teeth.

“What? Mr. Maltz, don’t you agree? Then what about 16 thousand dollars?”

Hearst listened from the side and couldn’t help but laugh.

Anaya was getting more and more capable of dealing with them.

Joshua was on the verge of going berserk, and Lexie was afraid of causing trouble again, so she hurriedly said, “Okay, I will transfer it to you now.”

“Ms. Dunbar is so generous.” Anaya took out her phone and gave Lexie her credit card account.

“I accidentally kicked your dop., so it’s reasonable to make compensation,” Lexie sald with a forced smile.

In fact, Lexie felt so unwilling in her heart.

The Dunbar family was not a rich family, to begin with, and after the last incident, it stillered even more.

Lexie and Joshua were not married yet, and Joshua didn’t give her pocket money. Besides, she did not dare to sell the gifts Joshua gave her.

Her studio had just started and wasn’t in surplus. Thus, 16 thousand dollars meant a lot to her.

In addition, Lexic became even angrier when she thought that the money was sent to Anaya because of extortion.

When transferring the money, Lexie felt so reluctant that her hand was trembling.

After receiving the money, Anaya smiled at Lexic, "Thank you for your generosity, Ms. Dunbar."

Lexie forced a smile and did not speak. She then quickly pulled Joshua away.

After they left, Anaya continued to enjoy the meal. She was in a much better mood. After the meal, she said, "Let me pay for the meal."

After all, she got some unexpected money.

"I've already paid the bill," Hearst said in a light tone.

"What a pity."

Hearst raised his head to look at her. "You can invite me next time and pay for it."

"Alright." Anaya agreed.

After answering, Anaya came back to her senses and asked, "Have you used similar tricks before?"

Previously, Hearst had played some tricks to keep her from meeting him again and again.

She hadn't thought too much about it before, but now she realized that there was something wrong.

Hearst just smiled.

Anaya shook her head.

What a tricky man.

However...

She didn't hate it.

Anaya wiped her mouth with a tissue to hide the smile on her face.

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Chapter 185 Cecilia's Humble Attitude

After the meal, Hearst sent Anaya home.

Pushing open the car door, the cold air outside rushed in instantly. Anaya shrank her neck.

Hearst noticed it and said, "Wait a moment."

As he spoke, he removed the scarf from his neck and helped Anaya wear it.

The dark brown scarf still contained Hearst's body temperature and a faint medicinal fragrance.

His fingertips swept past her lower jaw carelessly. Anaya was so itchy that she retreated a little, but Hearst pulled her shoulder and took her towards him.

"Don't move," he said with a frown.

His tone sounded intimate.

It was as if the two of them were a couple who had been married for many years, and everything he did was so natural.

Anaya thought that Hearst was becoming more and more casual with her.

In the past, he liked to pretend to be a cold gentleman with her. Recently, he would occasionally show some manly dominance and little intimacy.

Anaya did not resist and obediently waited for him to help her with the scarf.

After putting on the scarf, Hearst withdrew his hand and relaxed his brows. "It's done. See you tomorrow."

Hearst's scarf was wide and large. Half of Anaya's face was buried in it. Usually, Anaya looked tough at work, but at the moment, she was so cute.

Anaya smiled as she softly said, "Goodbye."

With that, she pushed open the door and got off.

Hearst watched her enter the apartment with affection. He had made up his mind to get her.

It was not until Anaya walked out of sight that he withdrew his gaze.

Sammo jumped from the back seat to the front passenger seat and sat cross-legged at the place where Anaya had just sat. Then it wagged its tail happily.

Hearst rubbed its head. "She just left. Do you miss her?"

The dog barked in a reply to him.

Hearst withdrew his hand and stepped on the accelerator. His smile revealed his current good mood.

"I'll bring her back to stay with you soon."

In the past, he had already let go of her once. This time, he would let her live a happy life with him.

No one else could take her away,

When Anaya walked into the hall on the first floor of the apartment, she was stopped by someone.

"Anaya."

Anaya turned her head.

It was Cecilia who was sitting on the chair by the wall.

Cecilia had always put on an arrogant expression, but at the moment, she looked somehow awkward.

Cecilia stood up and walked towards Anaya. "Wasn't it, the man rumored to be in love with you online, who sent you home?"

Anaya did not answer her question. "Mrs. Maltz, what brings you here so late at night?"

Seeing that Anaya did not answer, Cecilia didn't ask more about it.

After all, she didn't come today to talk about this matter.

"Joshua and Lexie are getting married the day after tomorrow. Are you going to let them be together?"

Anaya looked indifferent when it came to his matter. She asked, "Of course. I should have told you before that I am not interested in their affairs."

Seeing her firm attitude, Cecilia knew that Anaya wouldn't change her mind.

It seemed that Anaya had given up on Joshua.

Even though Cecilia had been treated coldly by Anaya several times, she still had a glimmer of hope in her heart and felt that Anaya was just sulking.

It was only when she saw Hearst wearing the scarf for Anaya that she realized that Anaya didn't love Joshua anymore.

Judging from Anaya's expression, Cecilia knew that she had fallen in love with Hearst.

After loving Joshua for the past ten years, Anaya finally felt disappointed and began a new life.

Cecilia hesitated for a long time before speaking again, "Anaya, did you go to the hospital with Hearst for an abortion?"

After investigating for so long, Cecilia could not find any concrete evidence to prove that Anaya did not have a miscarriage operation when she went to the hospital that day, so she had to personally come to ask

"No," Anaya said cautiously, "Why are you asking this?"

Hearing Anaya's answer, Cecilia felt relieved. She had been thinking about it for the past few days.

Cecilie explained, "I was against Lexie marrying Joshua, but she said that she has evidence of you getting an abortion with Hearst.

"If it were true, then it would be an extramarital affair. I was worried that this matter would affect the reputation of the Maltz family, so I agreed to let her marry Joshua.

"But in thy heart, I don't like her. If a woman like her who is scheming marries Joshua, it would be troublesome for the Maltz family

"I've been collecting evidence recently and want to turn the table, but there has been no progress, so I came to ask you today. I hope you can tell me the truth."

in the past year,

ilahad never spoken to Anaya so humbly like this.

Anaya looked at her with eyes full of ridicule Mrs. Maltz. You have been carefully living in the evaluation of

others. Aren't you tired?

The reputation of the Maltz family has long been ruined by Joshua. Do you think others don't know how dirty the Maltz family is?"

Anaya's words were not pleasant to hear, but there was no trace of anger on Cecilia's face.

Cecilia smiled bitterly, "So what if I'm tired? No matter what, the reputation of the Maltz family cannot be ruined. Five years ago, after Joshua's father was obsessed with a woman, other families have been mocking Joshua and me

"I've been acting like a noble lady all these years, but I'm very sensitive in my heart. Normally, even if others just glance at me casually, I would feel that they're laughing at me for I was abandoned by my husband and Joshua was a bastard without a father.

"I am so afraid of that kind of life. I know that the Maltz family has almost been mocked by everyone, but I can't let it

be even worse.

"Anaya, could you please help me and tell me what happened that day?"

Anaya did not understand why Cecilia had done this for the judgment of others.

Anaya had always been a person who didn't care about other people's eyes and who only wanted to live happily.

According to Cecilia's haggard face, she must have been annoyed by Lexie during this period. And she looked so pitiful.

But Anaya had never forgotten how Cecilia had treated her during the years when she married Joshua in her last life.

Anaya wouldn't show any mercy to those who treated her badly.

"No. Mrs. Maltz, please go back."

Anaya was determined and turned to leave.

"I can pay you to tell me the truth. I can exchange information in my hands with you! Didn't you always wonder why Joshua suddenly got together with Lexie five years ago? I can tell you the truth!" Mrs. Maltz hurriedly pulled Anaya back

Hearing this, Anaya stopped.

Cecilia thought that she was hesitating and could not help but heave a sigh of relief.

But Anaya continued, "I have nothing to do with Joshua now. Do you think I will care about the things five years ago?"

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Chapter 186 Whoever She Hates, She Will Be Merciless

Cecilia looked at Anaya in disbelief. Anaya's fair and delicate face was cold but gorgeous.

Having known Anaya for so many years, this was the first time that Cecilia looked at Anaya seriously. It was also the first time that Cecilia realized that Anaya, who used to only humbly lawn at her and Joshua, also had her own pride.

In the past, Anaya had been humble in the Maltz family because she cared about Joshua.

Now that Anaya had freed herself from the shackles of the past, she was already an independent woman with a clear distinction between love and hate.

she would do everything to love someone.

Yet, she would be merciless to whoever she hated.

Words failed Cecilia. After a while, she finally said, "I just wanted you to provide me with some clues from that night. Are you not willing to do me such a small favor?"

Anaya's voice was more distant and indifferent than usual. "Mrs. Maltz, I have never been a kind person. I think you have not forgotten how you treated me in the past.

"I will treat others the way they treat me. It is impossible for me to do you a favor. It is even more impossible for me to intervene in the grudge between you and Lexie.

"You should figure out how to deal with Lexie on your own."

After saying that, Anaya turned around and left without hesitation.

When Cecilia saw Anaya's resolute attitude, she couldn't be more regretful.

If Cecilia had known that there would be so many troubles after Joshua and Anaya divorced, she would have treated Anaya better. This way, Joshua and Anaya would not have gotten into a divorce. Anaya would not have treated her like this.

Lexie was a cunning woman who liked to play tricks behind her back

Joshua had been fooled by Lexie before they got married. After they got married, wouldn't the entire Maltz family fall into the hand of Lexie?

At that time, Lexie might even bully Cecilia at home!

Cecilia came out of the hall on the first floor of the apartment with a sad face. Just as she went out, she heard a familiar voice.

"Mom."

Cecilia raised her head and saw Lexie leaning against the car. Under the pale street lights, Lexie was smiling eerily.

Cecilia was startled and forced herself to calm down.

Lexie walked in front of Cecilia. The smile on her face never disappeared, but her eyes seemed to be looking at a lifeless

Maybe it was Cecilia's Illusion. She always felt that Lexie looked loomier these two days.

The last few times they met. Lexie only spoke a bit more ruthlessly, but now she looked like a crazy woman who had killed someone.

"Why are you here?" Cecilia forced herself to maintain her expression.

also want to ask you this." Lexie asked as the smile on her face faded. "Mom, why are you looking for Anaya?"

"You are not married into the Maltz family yet. How dare you ask about my business?" Cecilia put on an air of an elder.

Lexie went straight to the point and asked directly, "You came here today to investigate Anaya's miscarriage, right?"

Cecilia's heart trembled and she refused to admit it. "No. I just came to talk to her."

Lexie sneered, "After Anaya married into the Maltz family, you were extremely harsh on her. She hates your guts. What do you have to say to her?"

"It's none of your business." Cecilia avoided Lexie and wanted to leave. "I don't want to see you. You'd better not talk to me!"

"Mom, I haven't finished speaking yet. Why are you leaving?" Lexie reached out and grabbed Cecilia.

Lexie dug her nails deep into Cecilia's arm.

Cecilia shook her hand, but she did not break free. Her well-maintained face looked a little sullen and she raised her hand to push Lexie.

She originally wanted to push Lexie away from her, but unexpectedly, Lexie fell to the ground.

Cecilia did not expect that she would use so much strength and was a little stunned.

And the next second, Joshua rushed out from behind her.

Joshua squatted down and helped Lexie up. "Are you alright?" he asked anxiously.

Lexie shook her head and said in a weak voice, "I'm fine."

Joshua looked Lexie up and down. After confirming that there was no wound on her body, he heaved a sigh of relief and looked at Cecilia.

He reprimanded, "Mom, Lexie is going to wear a wedding dress the day after tomorrow. What if she falls down and gets hurt?"

Lexie pulled Joshua and persuaded him, "Joshua, don't be angry with Mom. She must have done it unintentionally and didn't push me on purpose."

Seeing how sensible Lexie was, Joshua felt even more distressed. "Mom has always hated you, but you still speak up for her!"

With that, Joshua looked at Cecilia. "Mom, I know you hate Lexie, but she is my wife after all. As an elder, you shouldn't push her."

Cecilia had never found a chance to speak since Lexie framed her for no reason. Cecilia was also blamed by Joshua. She felt aggrieved and angry,

Meanwhile, Cecilia felt that this scene was familiar to her.

A year ago, when Joshua and Anaya had not divorced yet, she seemed to have used this trick against Anaya.

At that time, the Dutt family had already gone downhill for a long time due to the lack of funds, and many projects in progress had problems.

Anaya had asked Cecilia for help and wanted to borrow money from the Maltz family.

At that time, the Maltz family had already been out of the crisis, and the amount that Anaya wanted to borrow was not big

But Cecilia was worried that after they lent money to the Dutt family if anything happened again, the Maltz Group would be in big trouble.

In order to prevent Joshua from lending money to Anaya, Cecilia pretended to fall from the stairs and told Joshua that Anaya took revenge on her because they refused to lend money to Anaya.

At that time, Simon was disgusted with Anaya. He immediately scolded Anaya and said that even if Riven Group went bankrupt, he would never lend any money to the Dutt family.

It was then that the Dutt family completely fell to the bottom, almost becoming the last of the wealthy families in Boston.

The trick Cecilia used to deal with Anaya in the past was now used by Lexie. Lexie used the same trick against Cecilia!

Cecilia said angrily, "I didn't push her. This woman clearly wants to sow discord between you and me. She deliberately pretended to fall!"

However, Joshua didn't believe her at all.

Joshua had seen how Cecilia had treated Anaya in the past.

He knew better than anyone what his mother was like!

"Mom, when Anaya was in the Maltz family, you often picked on her. I didn't care how you treated Anaya, but you can't bully Lexie!"

Hearing this, Cecilia gasped for breath, her chest heaving. She was almost pissed off by Joshua.

Cecilia thought, why do I have such a stupid son? He can't even see through such a clumsy slander!

Lexie waited for Joshua to finish before coming out to smooth things over. "Joshua, forget it. Don't quarrel with Mom because of me."

As Lexie spoke, she pulled out her arin that was being held by Joshua and walked to Cecilia, holding her hand.

“Mom, I’m going to marry Joshua the day after tomorrow. We’ll be a family then.

“I hope that our family can always be harmonious. I’m not trying to sow discord between you and Joshua. You really misunderstood me.”

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Chapter 187 The Bachelor Party Before the Wedding

Cecilia couldn’t help but want to scold her. Before Cecilia could speak, Lexie leaned close to Cecilia’s ear and whispered in a voice that only Cecilia could hear, “Cecilia, do you see that? Joshua doesn’t believe you at all. I am much more

trustworthy than you licrc.

“I advise you to behave yourself before I marry Joshua. It’s best if you don’t cause trouble. Otherwise, if you push me too far, I can do anything

“Don’t think about ruining my marriage with Joshua. I won’t try to mess with you. We’re both at peace. Isn’t that

good?”

Hearing this, Cecilia swallowed all the words she wanted to say and glared at Lexie as if Cecilia wanted to eat her alive.

Lexie acted as if she did not see Cecilia’s expression. Lexie smiled and said in a louder voice, “Cecilia, don’t be angry. Let’s go back, okay?”

After weighing the pros and cons, Cecilia did not fall out with Lexie. With a gloomy face, she was pulled into Joshua’s

car:

Joshua followed behind them. Before leaving, he looked up at the apartment that Anaya had rented.

Half an hour ago, Joshua heard the driver at home say that Cecilia had come to find Anaya.

He was worried that Cecilia would cause trouble, so he rushed over.

As a result, when he arrived, Cecilia had already come out of the apartment.

Joshua had not even seen Anaya's face.

Joshua suddenly remembered what had happened in the restaurant not long ago.

Anaya had dinner with Hearst tonight. Did Anaya invite him to her house again?

"Joshua."

Hearing Lexie's cry, Joshua came to his senses and strode to the car.

Forget it, he was going to marry Lexie the day after tomorrow.

It was no longer useful for Joshua to worry about the relationship between Anaya and others.

It was no longer possible between Anaya and Joshua.

Joshua got into the driver's seat, and Lexie asked, "Joshua, did you just want to go and find Anaya?"

Joshua paused when he fastened his seat belt, and then quickly recovered. "No."

Lexie glanced at him and did not say anything else.

After Anaya finished bathing she beat a glass of milk and wanted to give it to Sammo.

When she found the dog bowl, she remembered that Sammo was still at Hearst's house.

Anaya had raised Sammo for a long time, and now that it was not around, she was really not used to it.

While the dog was not around, Anaya drank some milk, dried her hair, and nestled in bed to read.

After slipping through a few pages, she received a message from Aracely.

Aracely: "Anaya, tomorrow is Saturday. Do you have any plans?"

Anaya put down the book and texted: "No."

Aracely: "Tonight, take me to a gathering. I heard that there are many handsome guys there. I want to take a look"

Anaya: "Will Winston let you go?"

It was quiet for quite a while before Aracely replied: "Yes."

Aracely did not know how to lie. Anaya guessed that she should have gone there secretly.

Anaya hesitated for a moment and took a screenshot of their chat and sent it to Winston.

Anaya: "You allowed her to go?"

Winston quickly replied: "She and I have not been on speaking terms for a long time. I haven't seen her."

A few seconds later, Winston sent another message: "Tell me when and where the gathering will be."

Anaya raised an eyebrow.

Was Winston going to wait there?

Anaya agreed to Aracely's invitation and asked about the time and location of the gathering. Anaya sent the screenshot to Winston.

Winston thanked Anaya and didn't reply anymore.

Anaya read for a while and fell asleep at around 11 o'clock.

The next day. Anaya went to the hospital to visit Adams and stayed in the hospital the whole morning

After dealing with some important work in the afternoon, Anaya drove to pick up Aracely at dusk.

Although Aracely had returned to the Tarleton's house for the past few days, she was basically outside other than sleeping times at night.

As soon as Catherine asked, Aracely said that she was busy with work at the wedding dress store, so she had no time to go back

In fact, only Aracely knew in her heart that she didn't go home because she wanted to avoid Winston.

Anaya went to the wedding dress store to pick up Aracely. When Anaya entered her office, she saw Aracely lying on the sofa with a photo magazine on her head. Aracely was sleeping soundly.

Anaya took the book from her head.

The dim light came in through the glass window. Aracely narrowed her eyes and instantly woke up.

Anaya put the book back on the table, "I heard from your mother that you have been very busy recently. Is it true?"

Aracely sat up and said, "That's all to fob my mother off. I can't possibly tell her that I snuck out to avoid Winston, right?"

11 Catherine found out about the relationship between Aracely and Winston, Aracely would be in trouble.

Aracely stood up, stretched, and held Anaya's arm. "Let's go. I'll take you out tonight."

Anaya asked, "Who organized the party tonight?"

I don't know exactly who did it. I only heard that it was a party which should be full of single young men and young ladies. I think it should be a social meetup."

After saying that, Aracely sized up Anaya. "I suddenly remembered, should I not take you there? You are so beautiful. The people around us will definitely be looking at you then. No young rich boy will love me."

"Stop your bullshit. Hurry up and leave," Anaya said and knocked on Aracely's head.

The venue of the gathering was in the villa area in the south of the city. Anaya followed the navigation and took a long detour before arriving at the destination.

Rows of luxury cars were parked on the side of the road, and Anaya parked the car and got off.

As soon as Anaya got out of the car, she felt strange looks from her surroundings. Almost all the people nearby were looking at her and whispering.

Anaya didn't mind and followed Aracely into the villa.

Aracely noticed the gazes around her and was equally puzzled. "You are quite pretty, but is it a bit weird? Why are all people looking at you?"

The two of them walked into the hall on the first floor of the villa. The exquisite crystal chandelier hung above the dome. The young men and women were gathered and chatting

When everyone saw Anaya, they all looked over, either surprised or amused.

Robin was originally chatting with his friends. When he saw Anaya, he immediately put down his glass and walked toward Anaya,

“Anaya, why are you here?”

His expression was similar to most people, and they were all a little surprised.

“Shouldn’t I be here?” asked Anaya with a frown.

Robin had a strange expression on his face. “I suppose...”

Hearing this, Anaya realized something. “Will Joshua be here?”

Robin nodded. Just as he was about to speak, the crystal chandelier on the dome suddenly went out, leaving only a beam of light that hit the stairs in the middle of the hall.

Under the cold white light, Lexie held Joshua and slowly walked down.

It was only at this moment that Anaya confirmed that today’s gathering was not a social meetup at all, but the bachelor party before Joshua and Lexie’s wedding.

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Chapter 188 Slap Bria

The light was dim down the stairs. Lexie and Joshua stood at the only light place, undoubtedly becoming the focus of

everyone’s attention.

Joshua’s expression was calm, but Lexie was a little surprised. She said, “Bria is really thoughtful. This party is really a surprise.”

Lexie and Joshua were still rehearsing tomorrow’s wedding process today. But Bria suddenly took them here and gave them a mysterious look

Lexie thought this was just an ordinary gathering, but it turned out to be a single party.

Moreover, Bria had invited more than half of the young masters and young ladies in Boston to this party.

Under everyone's gaze, Lexie tightened her grip on Joshua's arm and moved closer to him, trying to tell everyone that the man beside her was hers.

Joshua was a little resistant to this. He looked down the stage, searching for something

Joshua felt that he seemed to have seen Anaya just now.

But it was dark down the stage, and Joshua could not see anything clearly.

Bria took the microphone and stepped aside, letting Joshua and Lexie say something casually

Lexie was in high spirits, while Joshua suppressed the impatience in his heart and tried to cooperate with Lexie and Bria to continue this seemingly romantic party.

Anaya stood in front of the stairs. She glanced at Aracely and said, "A single party? A social meetup? Hmm?"

Aracely was also very confused. The person who invited me over did say that it was a single party, and it would just be a social meetup... I didn't expect this to be a single party before the marriage of that couple!"

If Aracely had known that this was a party organized by Joshua and Lexie, she would not have taken Anaya over!

Anaya asked, "Who is the person who invited you?"

"The second young daughter of the Hader family."

Anaya searched for information about the second young daughter of the Hader family in her memory. She soon remembered it.

"The second young daughter of the Hader family is Bria's best friend."

In the past, when Anaya was still in the Maltz family, Bria had invited the second young daughter of the Hader family to come and have fun with her. Anaya had met the second young daughter of the Hader family several times.

That girl looked very innocent. But unfortunately, she had a friend like Bria, who often used her.

Last night at the pet hospital, the person beside Bria was also the second young daughter of the Hader family.

Aracely came back to her senses and said, "I was wondering why she suddenly invited me to the party. After all, we haven't talked much before."

It turned out she wanted to use Aracely to call Anaya over!

Aracely tugged at Anaya's sleeve and said pullily, "Anaya, I'm sorry. I didn't know she was using me..."

"It's fine."

After all, even Anaya also did not expect that Bria would use such a complicated trick to make her come over.

Bria had recently suffered a lot because of Anaya. Thus, Bria probably wanted to use Lexie and Joshua to embarrass

Anaya.

Anaya guessed it correctly. Bria indeed had this intention.

Hiria thought that Anaya still liked Joshua, so she organized this single party. Firstly, it could give Lexie and Joshua a surprise. Secondly, it could make Anaya envious and jealous.

However, Anaya was not envious or jealous at all. She looked at Lexie and Joshua who were on the stairs and had no emotional fluctuation in her heart at all.

Lexie and Joshua were not good people. Now, they were going to marry each other.

Anaya was very happy to see it.

Lexie and Joshua finished their speeches, and the party officially began.

The people who came today were all the younger generation of wealthy families in Boston. Thus, there was no need to be as restrained as in the formal gathering. The music was also rock music, not jazz.

The young men and women danced on the dance floor, and the smell of champagne filled the air.

The youths were energetic, and the scene was full of vitality.

It was just a little noisy.

Anaya did not like this kind of environment.

If Anaya had the time, she might as well go back and think more about how to deal with those old bastards from the Bureau of Land Management and fight for more benefits for the project in East Boston.

Anaya was about to call Aracely and leave together. But before she could step out, Bria came over with a few girls.

Bria had a smirk on her face and said, "Anaya, why are you also here? Don't tell me that you want to ruin Joshua and Lexie's marriage

"But Joshua and Lexie's relationship is very stable. No matter what you do, Joshua won't even look at you!"

The girls around Bria also chimed in.

"Ms. Dutt, you have been so active on the social platform recently and have had affairs with several men. I thought you had really let it go. It turns out that you still can't forget Mr. Maltz."

"You pretended that you didn't care about it at all before. But you still came to Mr. Maltz and Ms. Dunbar's single party today."

"Mr. Maltz and Ms. Dunbar are going to get married tomorrow. You are not here to ruin this party, are you?"

"That's very funny." Anaya had a polite smile on her face. She said in an elegant demeanor and calm manner, "I originally had no interest in this party. If some idiot hadn't lied to me, I wouldn't have come here."

"As for ruining Mr. Maltz and Ms. Dunbar's marriage, that is even more ridiculous. Actually, Mr. Maltz and Lexie are not good people, and they are a perfect match for each other. I wish they would never separate."

"Who are you calling an idiot?" Bria widened her eyes and glared at Anaya

Aracely rolled her eyes and said, "Whoever answers me is that idiot. No wonder you are Joshua that bastard's relative."

The way you do things is really dirty."

"Aracely! I'm talking to Anaya. There is no room for you to talk!"

Bria rushed forward, But Anaya stood in front of Aracely and said lazily. "Ms. Auclier, this is a public place. Please

bchave yoursell.”

Bria was used to venting her anger whenever and wherever she wanted.

However, Bria couldn't vent her anger in front of Anaya.

After all, Bria was no match for Anaya.

Bria took a few deep breaths and suddenly burst into laughter, she said, “Anaya, don't pretend to be calm in front of me anymore. I know you must be very jealous when you know that my brother and Lexie are going to get married.

**Just admit it. You are actually very unwilling to accept the truth, aren't you?”

Anaya rolled her eyes and looked at Bria as if she was looking at an idiot. She did not want to waste time with Bria, so she turned around and was about to leave.

Bria called Anaya over today to humiliate her.

Thus, Bria wouldn't let Anaya go before making Anaya embarrassed.

Bria gritted her teeth and grabbed Anaya's hand. “What? Do you want to escape?

“In order to lend money to my brother and become his wife, you would rather let the Riven Group face the risk of money shortage. You have done so many things for him. How can you really let it go?

“That old bastard Adams has a granddaughter like you. So he got sick because he deserved it! A woman like you...”

Slap!

The crisp slap sounded, and the people around looked over to see what was going on.

Bria did not expect that Anaya would really slap her in front of everyone. The rage in her heart instantly reached its peak

“Anaya! You...”

Slap!

Anaya gave Bria another slap.

Even though there was music covering the slap, everyone still noticed the noise here.

After being slapped twice, Bria felt like something was buzzing in her brain.

Anaya didn't give Bria time to react. She quickly grabbed Bria's hands, clasped them together, and then raised her hand again expressionlessly.

Andya slapped Erid again and again. The sound of the slap was crisp and loud.

It was neither fast nor slow, and it sounded rhythmic,

The people around were dumbfounded.

Bria was also dumbfounded.

Bria struggled fiercely at the beginning but in the end, she cried and begged for mercy with a swollen and bruised face. Only one minute had passed.

Anaya only threw Bria away after she seemed to be tired of slapping Bria

Anaya didn't forget to give Bria another kick. As a result, Bria fell to the ground, looking very battered.

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Chapter 189 Joshua's a Little Terrified

The people around saw Bria fall to the ground, but no one dared to come over to help her.

A few young ladies who had been following behind Bria earlier were hiding far away, as if they did not know Bria at all. They were afraid that they would be affected and would be slapped by Anaya as well.

Anaya walked in front of Bria. Bria's face hurt so much that she shrank back in fear.

Anaya looked down at her. "Don't use your dirty hands to pull me next time, understand?"

Bria's face was covered in snot and tears. Her entire body was trembling and she did not speak

"Understand?" Anaya's eyes flashed.

Bria quickly hugged her head, and her voice was filled with fear. "I... I know..."

When Joshua and Lexie rushed over, they happened to see Anaya standing beside Bria and threatening her.

"Bria, are you alright?" Lexic hurriedly went over to help Bria up.

When Lexie and Joshua came over, Bria immediately seemed to have found the ones who could help her. She pointed at Anaya and cried, "Joshua, Lexic, that woman hit me! She actually made trouble at your single party! You can't let her go!"

The sound of this complaint was much louder than the sound of begging for mercy.

When Joshua heard Bria's words, his gloomy gaze shot toward Anaya. "Anaya! Do you have to choose this kind of day to cause trouble?"

Anaya calmly met Joshua's gaze without any intention of retreating

"Didn't Ms. Aucher invite me here just to watch me make trouble? Why are you all unhappy when I make a scene?"

Joshua understood the meaning of her words and looked at Bria. "Why did you invite Anaya over?"

The people present today were either Lexie's friends or Joshua's friends.

Anaya did not know either side, so logically speaking, she should not have appeared here.

Bria invited her, clearly wanting to cause trouble.

Being stared at by Joshua, Bria felt a little guilty. She forced herself to say, "I didn't invite her. She came uninvited! Joshua, she came today to show off! She hit me. You must get justice for me!"

Joshua and Bria grew up together, so he could tell what she was thinking with just a glance.

Bria was lying

She suddenly held this single party today and even invited Anaya over. She was trying to embarrass Anaya.

The reason why Anaya hit her was most likely because she really angered Anaya.

He could roughly guess what happened. The cause should be Bria who deliberately stirred up trouble, but...

In front of so many people, he would never admit what Anaya said.

Even if Bria did something wrong, he would say that she was right.

The wrong one could only be others.

It couldn't be Joshua or his family.

He took a deep breath and looked at Anaya, "So many people saw you hit Bria, and you still want to quibble? Apologize to her, otherwise..."

Joshua deliberately dragged out his words. "Today, all of these are my people."

He was threatening her.

He was forcing Anaya to submit.

In the face of his threat, Anaya remained indifferent, as if she did not take his threat seriously at all.

"Joshua, do you have any shame? How dare you threaten a woman! Do you want to resort to violence?" Aracely couldn't stand him.

Joshua pursed his lips and sneered.

He did not speak, but silence already represented his answer.

Aracely did not expect that Joshua would do such a disgraceful thing. She was so angry that she lost her temper.

Anaya pulled her back and looked calmly at Joshua. "Most of the people in Boston are here today. If Mr. Maltz wants to be known by all, you can give it a try.

"You know I go crazy easily. Call someone now and see if your bodyguards are faster than me."

As she spoke, Anaya's lips curled into a cold smile, provocative and careless. "Let's make a bet. Before your people come, I can remove a few of your bones."

Joshua had not expected that Anaya would threaten him in this situation.

He had underestimated this woman in the past!

Joshua always took his reputation seriously. There were so many people at the scene. If he was afraid of Anaya's provocation, he would be the one to lose face.

However, if he were to fight, just as Anaya had said, when his men came, Anaya might have already beaten him and Lexie up.

He and Lexie were going to hold a wedding tomorrow. If he attended the wedding with injuries all over his body, wouldn't all the people in Boston laugh at him?

Joshua was in a dilemma and did not know how to decide.

Anaya looked at him leisurely. She was not in a hurry and just waited.

The surrounding people discussed animatedly.

"Mr Maltz isn't really afraid of Anaya, right? Anaya is a woman. How can Mr. Maltz be afraid of her?"

"I heard that Anaya has been learning to fight for a few months. She is quite ruthless when fighting. Mr. Maltz may not be a match."

"It can't be that Mr Maltz can't beat a woman? Now that you mention it, why do I feel that Mr. Maltz is a little scared...."

Joshua heard the man, and his gaze instantly shot over.

The man who spoke trembled and did not dare to speak again.

Lexie wanted to see Anaya suffer a loss, but it was obviously impossible now.

She could only persuade Joshua, "Joshua, the trouble today was indeed picked up by Bria first. Anaya might be in self-defense. Let's forget it."

When Bria heard this, she immediately said, "It wasn't self-defense. I didn't touch her at all! She hit me! My face is swollen! Joshua, you..."

"Shut up!"

The corner of Joshua's eyes twitched because of Bria's argument, and he couldn't help but yell.

He and Cecilia were not stupid, so how could they have a brainless relative like Bria?

Just now, Lexie was helping Joshua, but Bria's words intensified the conflict!

When Joshua roared at Bria, his entire body trembled and he didn't speak anymore.

The music in the hall had stopped at some point, and everyone was watching the situation.

As the stalemate persisted, a cold voice cut through the silence, entering everyone's ears.

"I heard there is a party here. Why is it so quiet?"

Everyone turned to look, only to see Hearst wearing a tailored suit, walking slowly from the door.

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Chapter 190 stir Up Trouble

Hearst's appearance instantly attracted the attention of everyone.

Hearst looked indifferent and the disturbance or restlessness of the scene around seemed to have no influence on him at all. Giving out a natural aura of nobleness and looking reserved, Hearst walked toward Anaya at a moderate pace.

Ever since Hearst appeared, Joshua's gaze had been fixed on Hearst, and Joshua's face darkened.

Joshua didn't say anything until Hearst walked to Anaya's side and stood in front of her, naturally protecting her. "Mr. Helms, I'm afraid no one has invited you to tonight's party," Joshua said in a deep voice.

Hearst ignored Joshua. Instead, Hearst glanced at Bria's swollen face, then turned around and asked Anaya, "Got into a fight?"

Hearst said to Anaya in a deep and mellow voice, and then he smiled lightly.

Anaya suddenly recalled a conversation she had with Hearst before.

Anaya once asked Hearst whether he thought she was someone who always quarreled with others all day.

And Hearst asked Anaya if she would fight with others as a reply.

In the past, Hearst had never seen the scene of Anaya beating someone up, and Anaya could deceive herself by telling herself that her image in his mind might not be that bad.

However, today, Anaya not only quarreled with someone but also beat someone up.

And what was worse, Hearst saw all that now.

For some reason, Anaya felt a little embarrassed.

Anaya pretended to be calm and said, "Yes."

After that, Anaya added, "Bria was the first to pick a fight."

Anaya immediately explained, and it seemed like she was afraid that Hearst would think that she was a person who liked to make trouble out of nothing.

Hearing Anaya's explanation, Hearst put on a broader smile.

Anaya felt so awkward that she turned her head away, not daring to look into Hearst's eyes.

Joshua stared fixedly at Anaya and Hearst while the two of them talked as if no one else was around. Then a certain indescribable emotion rose up in Joshua's heart.

Behind Joshua, Bria suddenly spoke up, "It was clearly Anaya who came here to cause trouble. How can she put the blame on me..."

Perhaps it was because Bria had been scolded by Joshua just now. Bria said in a lower voice this time, not daring to talk loudly as before

Although Bria said it in such a low voice, everyone nearby could hear it.

Anaya heard that too.

Anaya turned her gaze away from Hearst to Lexie and looked at her a little more coldly. "Ms. Auclier, is not that wound on your face serious enough? Do you want more?"

Bria suddenly felt that the wound on her face hurt even more, she shrank into Lexie's embrace and did not speak

again.

When Lexie saw that Joshua had been staring at Hearst, Lexie was worried that if Anaya and Hearst went on provoking Joshua like this again, Joshua might break the engagement or do something drastic, so Lexie instantly said to Anaya,

"Anaya, it was Bria's fault today. I am sorry. Bria is young and doesn't know any better. Don't take what she said seriously."

"Why are you apologizing to her?" Joshua got angry to see Lexie apologize to Anaya. "It was clearly Anaya's fault just now. She should be the one to apologize!"

When Joshua saw that Hearst was still standing in front of Anaya, protecting her, Joshua felt so indignant that he even wanted to throw Hearst out right now.

“Anaya, since you refuse to apologize, then don’t blame me for being rough with you!”

Joshua raised his voice and said, “Come and catch Anaya and Hearst!”

Anaya took a step forward, intending to subdue Joshua first before his men arrived.

“Sorry.”

Just as Anaya took a step, Hearst, who was standing in front of her, spoke.

Hearst apologized, but there was no guilt on his cold face. “When I came just now, a man at the gate did not let me in…”

“So, I changed the guards outside,” Hearst said calmly.

As Hearst finished his words, the scene was in an uproar.

“Really? I didn’t even hear any sounds of fighting outside.”

“Since the man said so, it should be true, right?”

“When I got here just now, I saw many bodyguards outside. How did this guy do it?”

“By the way, who is this man? How dare he confront Mr. Maltz directly? Isn’t he afraid?”

“Don’t you read the news? This man is Anaya’s pursuer. It is not the first time that he has confronted Mr. Maltz. I heard that last time, at Bria’s engagement party, Mr. Maltz’s men were even beaten up by him.”

“It can’t be? Didn’t Mr. Maltz even teach the guy a lesson at that time?”

“Haven’t you ever thought about it? Maybe it’s not that Mr. Maltz doesn’t want to, but that he can’t?”

“I don’t think so. The Maltz family can be seen as the most influential family in Boston, so who on earth is Hearst to dare to provoke Joshua?”

Anaya was also shocked.

These guys are really quite good at preparing for a rainy day, Anaya thought.

When Joshua heard the discussions around him, he felt Hearst more and more annoying

Joshua thought, why is this guy always stealing my show?

Joshua gritted his teeth, his eyes filled with unstoppable anger. "Hearst, are you deliberately stirring up trouble?"

"No, I did that just in case." Hearst said in a calm tone, "Mr. Maliz, since you always bully others with your power, I certainly have to first figure out a way to protect myself."

Joshua was infuriated by Hearst's attitude and wanted to make a move.

Lexie immediately stopped Joshua and said, "Joshua, forget it. Tomorrow is our wedding day. It is better not to make it big tonight."

Joshua was unmoved and struggled to get Lexie to let go.

Lexie lowered her voice, "Joshua, please. We are going to get married tomorrow. I don't want any more trouble."

Joshua changed his mind, and he remained silent, not pushing Lexie away again.

Seeing Joshua calm down, Lexie forced a smile and looked at Anaya. "Anaya, I'm really sorry tonight. Joshua doesn't feel alright. I'll go upstairs with him first. You and Mr. Helms have a good time."

After saying that, Lexie directly supported Joshua upstairs.

Before Lexie left, she did not forget to ask Bria to go upstairs as well.

At the end of the farce, the two main characters tonight left the scene, and there was only an awkward silence left.

Robin went on stage to preside over the order of the scene, enlivening the atmosphere, and the music sounded again. The young masters and young ladies in the hall began to have fun again.

However, the atmosphere was still a little worse than before.

Anaya had originally planned to leave. After Joshua and Lexie went upstairs, Anaya also intended to go back.

Hearst said lightly, "I'll send you off."

"Thank you." Anaya nodded.

Aracely wanted Hearst to have more chances to be with Anaya, so Aracely suggested, "Anaya, it's still early. Why don't we go to the bar and have a drink? I was planning on

hooking up with a boy tonight, but after all this fuss, it all blew up, so you have to compensate me.”

Anaya had nothing to do at night and agreed.

Aracely looked at Hearst again. Perhaps it was because the aura around Hearst was too strong, Aracely could not help but say to him with a hint of respect.

“Mr. Helms, will you join us?”

Hearst nodded. “Of course!”

The three of them walked out. Anaya looked at Hearst. “What are you here?”

Anaya was somewhat surprised to see Hearst here.

Anaya thought, this guy always shows up around me all of a sudden, and if I had not been clear about his character, / might have felt that he had been following me

Hearst lightly said, “I was running errands nearby. Ms. Tarleion just sent me a text for help, so I came over.”

Anaya got and stopped asking

Out of the main entrance of the hall, Anaya saw a dark mass outside the iron gate from afar. After counting carefully, Anaya finally understood what Hearst said about having changed the people guarding outside meant.

There were seven or eight luxury cars parked outside, and dozens of bodyguards were guarding there. And all of this belonged to Hearst.