## Reborn: Another Chance to Leave U by Hazel Ramirez

## **Chapter 241**

#### Chapter 241

Chapter 241 I Can Do It for You

Anaya didn't want to talk nonsense with him and got into the car.

Joshua strode forward and tried to pull her out of the car.

Hearst closed the car door and did not give him the chance at all.

Hearst looked at Joshua mockingly and pityingly.

"Mr. Maltz, if you like someone, you shouldn't say some nasty words to make her sad."

After Hearst finished speaking, he also turned around and got into the car, leaving Joshua alone to

stand put.

As the car hit the road, Hearst turned his head and looked at Anaya's expression. "Are you

"I would feel sad in the past. But not now."

Hearst interpreted something in her words, and the corners of his lips rose slightly.

He reached out his hand and gently scratched her palm. "You grew up." sad?"

"I won't suffer for the same thing," said Anaya. Feeling itchy, she placed her hand on her lap.

Hearst's gaze followed her hand, and he picked up one of her fingers to fiddle with it carefully. He looked down, and his thick eyelashes hid the emotions in his eyes. "What did you say to him downstairs just now?"

"He wanted to buy No.4, District of Waltcester. I charged him twenty times the price and asked him to transfer the money to your company's account."

She wanted to withdraw her hand, but her index finger was firmly held by him.

Hearst smiled, "You are a sheer businessman."

"I don't usually do business like this when it comes to others."

If Joshua had not made her angry, she would not have done such a disgusting thing.

Anaya then asked, "Do I let him off too easily?"

Hearst smiled, "That's enough. You can't just take his life."

Hearst never asked her to do anything for him, and it was enough for her to be willing to do this for him.

"If it weren't against the law, I would have thought of that."

There were a few moments when she was hotheaded, but her reason defeated her impulse.

"I can do it for you if you want."

His fingers wrapping hers gently moved. His tone was a bit idle, but also seemed very serious, making it impossible to tell whether he was joking or serious.

But Anaya was clear that now that he had said so, he must have made preparations for this.

"No, I didn't mean it." She looked at their intertwined fingers and said, "Don't do it."

He looked up at her and lightly withdrew his hand.

Anaya had just praised him in her heart for his discretion, but suddenly she felt that her face was pinched.

She turned her head and happened to see Hearst moving back.

He was getting more insatiable.

Did he forget that there was another man in the car?

She wondered if Jayden saw...

She glanced at Jayden in the driver's seat, only to see the partition between the front seats and the

back seats slowly rising.

Alright, she now knew the answer.

She glared at Hearst and looked out of the window, deciding to ignore him.

The next moment, she felt something hot approaching her.

She could smell the clear fragrance of medicinal herbs and feel a bit of pressure.

"Ana," he whispered into her ear, "don't look at me like that."

"Huh?"

Anaya turned around, her lips almost brushing against his.

There was only less than an inch between the two of them. He took the initiative to approach, turning the distance into a negative one.

Before Anaya could figure out why they had suddenly started kissing, he heard Hearst continue to lower his voice. "If you look at me like that, I will think that you are acting cute with me.

"And court me."

Anaya was shocked.

She just glared at him, but how could he interpret so many meanings that she did not want to express?

She was silent for a moment. "Jared, are you... horny?"

If it were before, she would probably feel that this question was offensive.

After all, based on his appearance and temperament, Hearst was definitely a man who wouldn't indulge in excessive passion.

But now, there was no burden at all for Anaya to ask this question.

It was because she felt that Hearst was indeed such a man.

Perhaps it was because he had suppressed it for too long, so his passion was like a violent storm.

Hearst chuckled by her ear. He did not hide his desire. "Men are the same."

Before having women, men could patiently spend time with them.

After getting their hands on women, men couldn't wait to cheat women into having sex with them.

However, he knew that Anaya was probably not ready yet.

He respected her and was willing to wait for her.

It was a gradual process.

Bit by bit, he swallowed her, and it was a different kind of fun.

Anaya blushed and cursed in a low voice, "You're lewd."

Hearst lightly bit the tip of her ear. "Curse ne again."

"Pervert!"

Jayden, who was in the driver's seat, was lost for words.

He wondered, well, why don't you type to communicate?

This partition is not soundproof...

Hearst had just recovered from a fever, so the two chose a wellness restaurant. After finishing eating, they returned home together.

Watching the two leave shoulder by shoulder, Jayden suddenly felt lonely.

Anaya and Hearst walked to the door on the first floor of the apartment together. Before they entered, a woman rushed out from the side.

Hearst's eyes turned cold, and he reflexively pulled Anaya behind him. His sharp eyes examined the woman who suddenly appeared in front of them.

"Ms. Dutt, do you know where Mr. Maltz hid Lexie?" The woman suddenly knelt and started crying.

"I haven't seen her for days. Can you take me to see her? Please..."

Danica cried so hard that her makeup was ruined. She didn't look like the head wife of the family.

"Ms. Dutt, I know that Lexie has done a lot of wrong things to you, but she shouldn't die! I was the one who planned Joshua's accident. It has nothing to do with her. You can kill me, but please don't harm her!"

Danica cried her heart out, and her voice was hoarse, but Anaya wasn't moved.

"It was Joshua who caught her. Why did you come to me? It has nothing to do with me."

She had already heard of the news of Carson's death. Presumably, it was Lexie who did it.

This group of people plotted against each other, and Anaya was no longer in the mood to participate.

Whether Lexie was dead or alive was none of her business.

Danica didn't listen to her at all. "Isn't Mr. Maltz targeting Lexie because you said something to him?

"You were the one who incited Mr. Maltz to make a move on Lexie, right?

"Lexie had a bright future ahead of her. It was you who ruined her! You ruined her, so you can't just leave her like this!" she said.

Anaya looked indifferent. "Joshua catching Lexie was because of me, but if she hadn't kidnapped me, how could I…"

She was halfway through her words when she saw the woman beside her move.

Danica, who was kneeling on the ground, was lifted. She raised her hand and covered her pocket as if she wanted to hide something.

Hearst directly shook off her hand and took out a recording pen from the pocket.

Anaya's expression turned cold.

Danica was actually here to set her up!

### **Chapter 242**

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Chapter 242 Lexie Is Dead?

Hearst shook the digital recorder in his hand. His tone was a little lazy, but his eyes were as sharp. as a hawk's. "Mrs. Dunbar, what do you mean?"

"It's just an ordinary pen. Return it to me..."

Danica's face was pale, and she raised her hand to grab the digital recorder.

Hearst took a step back, avoiding Danica's hand.

It was inconvenient for Hearst to make a move on a woman, but not for Anaya.

Anaya grabbed Danica and flung Danica aside, her face cold. "Lexie was taken away by Joshua, and you came here to pester me. Did you make a mistake?"

Danica's eyes were bloodshot, and she said angrily, "If you hadn't told Carson about Lexie, how would Lexie have been taken away?"

"Carson died two days ago. Lexie is nowhere to be found. Maybe you and Joshua killed her together!"

After hearing Danica's words, Anaya was slightly shocked. "Carson is dead?"

That night, after Joshua took Lexie away, Anaya no longer paid attention to this matter.

Unexpectedly, in just a few days, Carson died.

It seemed that Lexie was really going crazy.

No wonder Joshua was stabbed by Lexie that night at the clubhouse.

Danica thought that Anaya was playing dumb. She shouted hysterically, "You and Joshua are colluding. This matter must have something to do with you. Why are you pretending to be ignorant?

"Lexie is such a good child. She has never done anything evil. You hurt her like this. You will be punished sooner or later!"

"If Lexie hadn't killed Hank, how would she have been chased by Carson and ended up like this? A good child would be a murderer? You really know how to joke." Anaya looked at Danica with mocking eyes.

"You forced her to do something wrong! If you had not stolen Joshua from her, how could she have done something she shouldn't do?"

Danica became more and more emotional as she spoke. Her red eyes widened as if they were about to burst out. "You are all devils and the culprits who killed Lexie! I'll kill you!"

As she spoke, Danica threw herself at Anaya.

At the moment, she no longer wanted the digital recorder.

Danica only wanted Anaya's life!

There had been no news of Lexic, and she might have been killed by Anaya and Joshua!

Danica wanted to kill them to avenge her daughter's death.

The moment Danica began to move, Hearst's muscles tightened.

Before he could take action, he saw Anaya avoid Danica's attack.

Then she quickly raised her long legs and kicked Danica in the abdomen.

Danica was like a rag doll that had been cut off at the waist. She flew away in a bow shape and rolled

on the ground before stopping.

Anaya withdrew her leg smartly.

On the quiet street, only Danica's painful groans remained.

Anaya walked to Danica's side and looked down at her. "Danica, thank you for your hard work."

"I will send this digital recorder to Joshua. Since you want to see your daughter so much, I will help you see her."

In order to act more realistically, Danica revealed just now that she had single-handedly caused the accident.

Joshua was always vengeful, and he could not bear to suffer any loss.

Danica and Lexie tricked him together. He would not let them go.

Using Joshua to kill them would save Anaya from dirtying her hands.

Hearing Anaya's words, Danica began to panic.

The Dunbar family did not care about Lexie's life at all. Danica was the only one who cared about Lexie.

If something happened to Danica, what should Lexie do?

Who else could save Lexie?

Danica came here today just to get the evidence of Anaya's crime and use this to force Anaya to tell

her Lexie's whereabouts.

How did things become like this all of a sudden?

At this moment, Danica was like a person running a marathon on the wrong track. She turned and

looked around. She was at a loss. She could neither advance nor retreat. She stood there, not

knowing what to say.

Seeing that Danica was silent, Anaya ignored Danica and turned to go upstairs with Hearst.

When they reached the door, Anaya stopped and extended her hand toward Hearst. "Give me the digital recorder."

Hearst held the pen with his slender fingers and spun it.

"Are you going to give it to Joshua?"

"Yes"

"I'll do it for you."

Anaya raised her eyebrows and joked, "Are you worried that I will have a secret meeting with him?"

Hearst smiled, his eyes crinkling slightly, and his tone was calm. "Maybe."

Anaya said it casually, but he did not deny it. On the contrary, it made her feel a little embarrassed.

She coughed gently. "I'll get someone to give it to him. He will come to Riven Group tomorrow to talk about the contract for No. 4 District of Waltcester project. I can just give it to him."

Hearst did not insist and gave her the digital recorder.

The next day, Joshua went to Riven Group and talked to Anaya about No. 4 District of Waltcester.

He originally wanted to bargain with Anaya, but when he arrived at the company, he didn't even see Anaya.

The only one who received him was Tim.

After he signed the contract, Joshua's expression was uglier than shit.

Losing 100 million dollars for no reason was something that no one could be happy about.

When Joshua was about to leave, Tim gave Joshua a digital recorder, saying that Anaya had asked him to hand it over.

Anaya even asked an outsider to send something to him, and she refused to see him.

Was he so annoying to her?

Joshua grabbed the digital recorder, his knuckles turning white as if he wanted to break the digital recorder.

On his way back to the company, he listened to the contents of the digital recorder.

After hearing this, his expression did not change much.

Joshua could guess the purpose of Anaya giving him this digital recorder.

She wanted him to kill Danica.

Anaya knew how to make use of the convenience around her more and more.

Since she wanted him to do so, he would just follow her wish.

Joshua took it as compensation for her.

In any case, Lexie and Danica deserved to die. Sending one of them to prison was no different from sending both of them to prison.

"Contact the lawyer. I want to sue Danica." Joshua put away the digital recorder and looked up.

"Also, turn around now and go to the police station in the west of the city."

"Yes," Alex responded.

After the accident that night, Joshua handed Lexie to the police.

No one dared to leak any information about this matter after he had paid off some people.

When Joshua arrived, the police station was a mess and seemed to be busy with something.

He frowned and grabbed a male police officer who had just hung up the phone and hurried out.

"What happened here?"

When the policeman saw Joshua, he was stunned for a moment. Then he said, "The woman called. Lexie you sent over that day was found dead in the alley outside the police station this morning. Everyone in the police station is busy reporting it to their superiors...

"I was going to call you. I didn't expect you to come so soon..."

Hearing this, Joshua was completely stunned.

After a long while, he finally said, "How ... did she die?"

Judging from the crimes that Lexie had committed, she would most likely be sentenced to death in the end.

Joshua was prepared to see Lexie be shot, but her death came so quickly that he found it hard to accept for a moment.

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Chapter 243 Am I a Bastard?

The police officer truthfully answered, "According to the traces on the scene, she might have been raped and then killed. The initial suspects are a few unemployed people.

"Those people had a deal with Carson before, and the content of the deal seemed to be related to Lexie.

"Not long ago, when Carson passed away, those people didn't get the money and vented their anger on Lexie.

"Currently, we have arrested one of the suspects. The others are escaping, but we will soon..."

The police officer's voice became fainter and fainter. When Joshua walked out of the police station,

he was in a daze.

Sometimes, life was so absurd and unexpected.

It was as if there was no logic, but there was karma.

After Joshua got in the car, Alex looked at him carefully in the rearview mirror. "Mr. Maltz, do you still want to sue Danica?"

"Yes."

Although Joshua was not the one who caused Lexie's death, it was related to him.

Danica only had one daughter, and now that her daughter was dead, she probably wanted to kill Joshua.

Before she made her move, Joshua had to send her to prison first and eliminate future trouble.

Danica had intended to take his life for her benefit.

So he naturally couldn't be merciful, even though her daughter had just died.

Joshua closed his eyes. He was exhausted.

Everything was a mess.

He was like a sunken boat in the deep dark sea, unable to tell the direction...

He had previously thought that he owed nothing to Lexie.

However, when he thought about it carefully, it seemed that he had something to do with Lexie's outcome.

He was the one who ruined Anaya and Lexie's lives.

Robin received a call from the boss of the bar and immediately rushed to the bar to find Joshua.

The boss of this bar was Robin's acquaintance. Seeing him come, the boss directly led Robin to the bar counter.

The boss complained as he walked, "I was still sleeping, but I was woken up by his call.

"He said he would only drink one glass. I didn't expect that in just a few minutes, a bottle of wine. would be empty.

"After he drank so much, I was afraid that something would happen to him. I didn't dare to stop him because of his bad temper. You have a good relationship with him. Help me persuade him..."

The bar during the day was empty. Only Joshua came here to drink.

Robin saw Joshua sitting by the bar counter.

Joshua poured wine into his stomach as if he didn't want to live.

Robin walked over and snatched the wine glass from Joshua's hand. "You drank so much in the morning. Do you want to die?"

Joshua glanced at Robin and said nothing.

Robin thought that he would stop drinking, but the next second, he saw Joshua pick up the bottle. and directly pour the wine into his mouth.

Robin was shocked and quickly put down the glass to snatch the bottle from Joshua's hand.

If it were any other tinie, Robin would definitely not be able to grab it from Joshua.

But Joshua drank wine today, so Robin easily got the bottle.

Robin threw the bottle at the bar owner and looked at Joshua. "What happened?"

Joshua shook his head and still did not speak.

Robin guessed. "Is it because of Anaya or the news of Lexie's death?"

Half an hour ago, the news of Lexie's death spread on the Internet.

It was said that she died a miserable death. When she was discovered, she did not have complete.

clothes on him. She was covered in blood, and her intestines were pulled out.

When this news came out, the netizens were deeply affected.

Some people said that Lexie, a home-wrecker, deserved it. Some people cursed the person who had killed her, and some even cursed Joshua. Some thought that it was Joshua who had killed her.

Robin saw the news and was worried that Joshua would be upset. Robin was about to send a

message to comfort Joshua when he received a call from the boss of the bar and rushed over.

"Both." Joshua looked at the wine on the wine rack in a daze. "Robin, am I a bastard? I hurt Anaya and made Lexie end up like this...

"Should I stop pestering Anaya?"

Joshua rarely felt that he had done something wrong before.

He always habitually put all the blame on others.

Everyone could make mistakes, but he could not.

This time, Lexie's death revealed all the mistakes Joshua had made in the past and placed them in front of him.

Joshua had to admit that Lexie had become like this, mostly because of his wavering.

And Anaya was so heartless to him because of what he had done.

She already had a new life. If he continued to pester her, he might push her into another abyss.

Robin sat down beside Joshua. "You are indeed a bastard. Sometimes, I even wish I could beat you to death."

Joshua was scolded by Robin. Instead of getting angry, Joshua laughed.

He laughed at himself.

"As expected, even you think so..."

Robin picked up a glass of wine on the table and downed it in one gulp. "Yet you are not hopeless," he said.

Robin was Joshua's friend. In the end, he was still on Joshua's side.

"Lexie died, mainly because of her greed and bad intentions. She wanted your money and did anything for the position of your wife.

"It was not totally your fault that she died. You don't have to take all the blame.

"As for Anaya... You owe her a lot and may not be able to repay it in your life.

"But since you are willing to make up for it, you are already repenting."

Lexie had lied to Joshua for so many years, taking credit for what Anaya had done for Joshua. Lexie messed up his life and even killed some people in the end. Even though she was tortured to death.

she deserved it.

As for Anaya, she approached Joshua with sincere love, but she was deeply hurt by him and Lexie. It

could be said that Anaya was the most innocent and the most aggrieved person in the three-person war.

From beginning to end, the person Joshua owed the most was Anaya.

Robin continued, "Lexie is not worthy of your sympathy. What you should be thinking about now is how to make up for your mistake with Anaya."

"I said I would compensate her, but she doesn't want it." Joshua downed a glass of wine and continued pouring. "You may not know, but she has been targeting me recently. Not only did she expose my negative news, but she also caused me to lose 100 million dollars for no reason...

"She probably hates me very much."

"If I were her, not only would I hate you, but I would also want to kill you by myself," Robin snorted.

Joshua glared at him, but Robin pretended not to see it. "I know that you can't let go of her in your heart. Then try to chase her.

"Although other men often appear by her side, I speculate that they are basically just playing games. She is close to Jared just to anger you.

"Back then, she loved you so passionately. Now, she must still have feelings for you. You should put aside your pride and chase her humbly. If she sees your sincerity, she will definitely reconcile with you."

Joshua did not agree with Robin. "I already expressed my thoughts to her before, but she did not care at all.

"She only likes Hearst now.

"She doesn't want me at all."

# **Chapter 244**

#### Chapter 244

Chapter 244 Won't Make Another Mistake

As they spoke, the wine in front of Joshua was empty. He raised his hand and signaled the boss to bring another bottle of wine over.

Seeing Joshua get drunk, Robin became angry and pulled Joshua's hand down. "Stop drinking! Can drinking solve the problem?

"You are feeling sorry for yourself and complaining that Anaya refused to even give you a look.

"Have you thought about it seriously? Maybe it's because you haven't done enough. She can't see your sincerity, so she doesn't want to pay attention to you.

"Why don't you think about how to make Anaya forgive you instead of getting drunk here?"

Robin originally felt sad about Joshua and Anaya's divorce.

Previously, when Robin repeatedly dissuaded Joshua, Joshua didn't listen to him and refused to try to get Anaya back.

Now that Joshua wanted to remarry Anaya, Robin naturally had to help Joshua strengthen his

determination..

In the past, Anaya had said that Joshua was her home. Wherever he was, it was her ideal place.

At that time, Joshua also liked her, but he had not figured out his feelings.

Now that Joshua had made up his mind, Robin naturally wanted to get them back together.

Robin did not want to see the two people who were in love with each other grow apart just like that.

Joshua shakily put down his hands and turned to look at Robin with red eyes. "Am I not sincere. enough? I bought Belcourt Mansion back for her and..."

Joshua retorted, trying to say a few things he had done for Anaya.

But other than buying back Belcourt Mansion, he seemed to have done nothing else for her.

During the years when Anaya pursued him, she made breakfast for him and gave him the most beautiful flowers, To be with him, she worked hard to learn advanced math that she was not good at.

Every day, she dressed herself up as his favorite appearance.

Even when the Maltz family was in its most difficult period, they did not hesitate to lend his family

800 million dollars.

As for Joshua, what did he do for Anaya?

He did not do anything for her. Moreover, during the time after the divorce, he helped others bully. Anaya over and over again, suppressed the development of Riven Group, accused her falsely, and

even called her second-hand goods that no one wanted.

Recalling all these things that he had done, Joshua realized that he had just expressed his love through words rather than actions.

In the end, he owed her.

Looking at Joshua's expression, Robin knew that he had guessed right.

Joshua kept saying that he liked Anaya, but in fact, he probably just hurt her.

Robin said, "You didn't do anything for her. You just said a few words. You regretted it and wanted to marry her again. Do you think she would believe it?

"Joshua, if you want to get Anaya back, throw away your arrogant and unreasonable style and think more about her so that she can see your sincerity.

"Everyone can be touched. Anaya used to like you so much. If you persevere, you will definitely win her heart again."

"What should I do?" Joshua was convinced.

"If you chased other women, you would just need to drive an expensive car, take them to top restaurants, give them flowers, and so on. But Anaya has these things.

"She was hurt by you, so she lacks the most sense of security. You can try to start with the small things in her life to let her feel at ease.

"Whatever she needs, give it to her and gradually blend into her life, making her get used to you so that she can never leave you.

"The first step is to deliver flowers and breakfast."

Joshua was silent for a long time and finally nodded.

"Don't be as stupid as you used to be. Don't make her sad," Robin said worriedly.

"No matter how much she likes you, after being hurt too many times, she may never accept you again."

"Don't worry, I won't make any more mistakes," Joshua said with a hint of determination in his drunken eyes.

Only then did Robin relax and talk about other things.

The top floor of Riven Group.

Anaya was stunned when she saw the news that Lexie had been raped to death.

Lexie had done many evil things, so Anaya didn't feel sorry even though Lexie died.

However, as a woman, it was inevitable for Anaya to feel uncomfortable when she saw such news.

Anaya only read the first half of the news and guickly closed the page.

It took her a few minutes to calm down. She was still resting with her eyes closed when her phone rang.

It was a message from Silvia.

The content was a paternity test result. After the picture was sent over, Silvia fell silent.

After a long while, she sent another message.

Silvia: "Anaya, I found my real parents."

It was a simple sentence.

Anaya didn't know what expression Silvia had. Anaya guessed that there was probably surprise, shock, and confusion on Silvia's face.

She replied: "Congratulations."

Silvia: "Did you already know that Kael was my father?"

Anaya: "You and Macie look very similar. I had this guess at that time."

Her explanation was a bit farfetched.

If it had been just a guess, it would have been impossible for Anaya to call Silvia back to the country so rashly and arrange for Silvia to stay in the hotel where Kael stayed to create opportunities for them to meet.

Silvia could obviously think of this as well.

However, since Anaya did not say that, Silvia did not ask further.

Silvia: "Anaya, thank you."

Anaya continued asking: "What do you plan to do next?"

Silvia: "They asked me to go back to Germany with them. I plan to take my adoptive mother and stepbrother over. The money I have now can support my adoptive mother. I will definitely return your money."

Anaya: "I'm not in a hurry to use money. You don't have to rush to return it."

After Anaya sent the message, she hesitated for a moment before asking: "You found your real

parents. How do you feel about it?"

Previously, Karley's appearance exposed the fact that Anaya was not the real daughter of the Dutt family.

Anaya had been sending people to search for her biological parents all this time.

However, there were so many people in this world. After such a long time, there was no news at all.

Sometimes Anaya even wanted to give up.

She had Adams and the Lomas family. This was enough.

But occasionally, she missed her biological parents.

Anaya really wanted to meet them and see their lives. She wanted to know if they were happy after abandoning her.

Her emotions were complicated. She was upset.

Silvia: "I have mixed feelings. I'm happy but have a sense of loss. I'm worried that I can't be integrated into this family..."

Silvia: "But overall, I'm delighted."

Silvia: "After all, I finally found my roots. The feeling of settling down is very comfortable."

Anaya looked at Silvia's answer, lost in thought for a while, and then Anaya asked: "When are you leaving? I'll send you off."

Silvia: "My parents haven't finished their work yet, so the specific time hasn't been decided. I'll tell you when the time comes."

Anaya: "OK."

Over the next few hours, Anaya felt empty as if she had lost something.

After getting off work in the afternoon, she went to the hospital to have dinner with Adams. Then she went back home alone by walking along the brick path at night.

Halfway there, she suddenly stopped in her tracks.

## **Chapter 245**

### Chapter 245

Chapter 245 Breakfast

It was a residential area near the apartment. Anaya looked up and happened to see a lighted window.

Several figures were reflected on the curtain, overlapping and snuggling, and it seemed that there were bursts of laughter.

The atmosphere was joyous.

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There were myriad twinkling lights of the city, but none of them were lit for her.

Sadness welled up in Anaya's heart and expanded, like a crack that stretched thousands of miles

across the barren and dry land, terribly deserted.

Anaya stood there in a daze. When she was lost in thought, someone suddenly approached her from behind, with a clear and familiar aura swept over her in an instant.

"What are you looking at?"

A deep and familiar voice sounded in her ear.

Her hand was held up.

The wide palm wrapped hers tightly.

Her hand, which was a little cold by the night breeze, instantly warmed up.

Anaya turned her head sideways and saw Hearst looking down at her.

The street lamps intersected, and Anaya's reflection was in Hearst's eyes.

"Nothing." Anaya was stunned for a few seconds before she recovered from her thoughts.

Hearst didn't ask more questions but just held Anaya's hand and took it into the pocket of his coat.

"Go home now?" he asked.

"Okay," Anaya responded lightly and then asked, "Why are you here?"

"Sammo ran out, and I came to chase it."

It was not until then that Anaya noticed Sammo by Hearst's feet.

The dog had a rare silence. it looked in a low spirit as if it had just been taught a lesson by its master.

"How did it get downstairs?"

Hearst's cool expression changed a bit at the mention of this.

It was obvious that he had been angered by this dog.

"The little girl from the neighborhood went downstairs to buy a sandwich, and it followed her outside. When the little girl had just gotten her sandwich, Sammo snatched and ate it in one gulp."

"Was the little girl crying hard?"

"Yes, her face was covered in tears and snot. The surrounding stall keepers were all scared away by

her."

Anaya couldn't help laughing.

It seemed that Hearst had a hard time coaxing the little girl.

No wonder he was angry.

"I'll make breakfast for you tomorrow morning," Anaya said on a whim. Perhaps, it was because.

she heard the interesting news related to food.

Hearst asked, "And lunch, too?"

"You're pushing my luck."

"Okay?"

"Uh... Okay."

The next morning, Hearst walked downstairs with a lunchbox in his hand.

After sending Anaya off, he got into his car.

Hearst didn't sit in the back seat today but in the passenger seat.

As soon as he got in the car, he placed the lunchbox on the mini desk between the front seats.

It was a very conspicuous position.

Jayden could not help but take a few more glances.

Jayden got a feeling that Hearst was showing off.

However, it was between the front seats and seemed to be the only place to put things. That seemed reasonable enough.

"Mr. Helms, is this lunch Ms. Dutt made for you?"

"Yeah."

Hearst lightly responded and then added, "She got up at six this morning and started preparing it."

Jayden carefully guessed at Hearst's intention.

Why did Mr. Helms emphasize that it started at six?

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Jayden hesitated for a moment before saying, "It seems that Ms. Dutt was very attentive to making lunch for you."

"Yeah."

It was the same reply with one word. However, Jayden could clearly feel that Hearst was in a very good mood.

Jayden thought, is Mr. Helms so easy to coax?

They arrived at the office and went up to the top floor.

A girl with her hair in a bun chewed gum and sat on a chair playing a game.

Seeing Hearst, she immediately put away her phone, stood up, and called out with a smile,

"Hearst."

Hearst stood in front of her and asked, "Why are you back?"

"Samuel asked me to come back and searched for some information. I came to see you by the way."

Nikki noticed the lunchbox in his hand and asked, "Hearst, is this your breakfast? I'm starving.

Please share it with me..."

Nikki said while reaching for the lunchbox.

Hearst took a step back and avoided her hands.

Nikki was unhappy. "Hearst, when we lived hard lives in Las Vegas, why were you not so stingy?"

Hearst didn't answer her question but said calmly, "I'll get Jayden to prepare breakfast for you."

"Can't I have the one in your hands?"

"No, you can't."

Nikki was about to say something else, but Jayden spoke at the right time, "Ms. Waller, I'll take you downstairs."

Nikki was a little bit displeased, but she did not dare to make a fuss in front of Hearst. So she went downstairs with Jayden.

Nikki complained while having breakfast, "Mr. Cassidy, is it a treasure in Hearst's lunch box? He didn't even let me touch it. Why is that?"

Jayden said calmly, "That's the lunch Ms. Dutt prepared for Mr. Helms."

"Anaya?" Nikki was stunned. Then she laughed and said, "Well, that's indeed more valuable than any treasure. No wonder Hearst protected it so well."

After a while, she suddenly stopped laughing.

Nikki was envious of Anaya and Hearst. All of a sudden, she lost her appetite.

Even Samuel had a girlfriend, and she was still alone. Nikki was turning 24, yet she had not even. been with a man, hand in hand.

"Mr. Cassidy, maybe you and I can make do. I'll make breakfast for you, too."

Jayden kept a straight face. "Thank you, but I don't think I deserve you."

Nikki was speechless.

When Anaya arrived at the office, she noticed that there was a large bouquet of fresh roses on the table.

Anaya thought that this was a return gift from Hearst for the breakfast she made, so she walked over and picked it up for a sniff.

The light fragrance of the flowers made her happy.

When Nikki was about to find a vase to put the flowers in, she noticed a card inserted among the roses.

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The smile on Anaya's face instantly disappeared after she pulled out the card and saw the contents.

"I love you from the depths of my soul. I am willing to give my life to you. You can accept as much as you want. It was like this back then, and it remains the same now."

Even though the sentences were commonly used by the flower shop and had been adopted by a lot of people, it would not cause Anaya to get angry for the insincere confession.

What disgusted her was the font on the card.

This was Joshua's handwriting.

At the lower part of the card, there was a line of smaller-sized words written, "I will come over to pick you up for dinner in the late afternoon."

Anaya threw the card into the trash can and went out of the office. She was going to find a larger

trash can to throw the roses away.

Just then, a female employee passed by and saw the flowers Anaya was carrying. She praised, "Ms. Dutt, what a beautiful bouquet! Is it Mr. Helms who sends it to you?"

"No, it's not him." Anaya hesitated for a moment and then asked, "Do you like flowers? You can take it to decorate your office desk."

"Can I really take it?" the female employee was overjoyed.

Anaya nodded. The female employee took the bouquet of roses and sniffed it. "Thank you, Ms. Dutt."

Seeing that the female employee was happy, Anaya was relaxed. "Don't mention it."

This bouquet of roses could make the employee happy, so it was a bit worth it.

At five o'clock in the afternoon, Joshua drove to the Riven Group, waiting for Anaya downstairs.

Joshua leaned against the side of the car and waited.

After about ten minutes, he noticed a young woman holding a bouquet of roses coming out.

It was the bouquet of roses that he sent to Anaya this morning.

But the person holding the flowers was not Anaya.

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Chapter 246 You Take My Gift as Trash?

Joshua, who had been in a good mood, instantly felt upset. His face clouded over.

He strode forward and got in the way of the female employee.

"Where did you get this bouquet?"

When the female employee suddenly saw a person in front of her, she was a little startled. When she saw Joshua's gloomy face, she took a step back in fear.

"This... Ms. Dutt gave this to me..."

After the female employee finished speaking, she was somewhat afraid and carefully bypassed Joshua and quickened her pace to leave.

While trotting, she looked back for fear that Joshua would catch up.

However, Joshua just stood where he was, not moving for quite a while.

Unknowing how long it had passed, most of the employees had left. Joshua finally saw Anaya coming out.

As usual, Anaya was in a simple professional outfit, wearing a white collared shirt with a burgundy waistcoat and a navy-blue long coat.

Her long black hair naturally fell on her shoulders, and her face was with a confident and bright. smile.

Anaya looked as proud as before. She was the most eye-catching focus while just standing in the crowd.

There was only one difference from the past. Her gaze, which had always been chasing after him, was no longer on him.

Anaya was discussing something with her colleague. Her colleague noticed Joshua outside the entrance and reminded Anaya, "Ms. Dutt, Mr. Maltz seems to be waiting for you there."

Hearing this, Anaya turned around and noticed Joshua, who was walking toward her.

The moment Anaya saw Joshua, all the smiles on Anaya's face faded away.

Joshua was still angry about the fact that Anaya gave away the bouquet he sent to her. He tried hard to control himself and not lose his temper with Anaya.

Joshua thought what Robin said yesterday was right.

He needed to maintain a good image before Anaya.

For that, he must restrain his temper.

Even though Joshua thought like this, his voice was still somewhat cold and tough like questioning. "Why is the bouquet I gave you in your employee's hands?"

Anaya's colleague saw that Anaya and Joshua were going to talk about private matters, so she left tactfully.

Anaya's eyes were ice-cold. "Isn't it good to reuse the trash? Mr. Maltz, if you're not happy about it, I can get the bouquet back and return it to the trash can."

"Do you take my gift to you as trash?"

Joshua looked at Anaya's beautiful cold eyes and waited for her answer.

Anaya looked into Joshua's eyes calmly, without a trace of fluctuation in her eyes. "Or what?"

Seeing that Anaya did not take it seriously, Joshua felt the pain in his heart as if it suddenly sank, then fell to the bottom of the valley and hit on hard rock.

Joshua clenched his fingers and said in a low voice, "Anaya, don't you think you have gone too far by doing this?"

Anaya smiled, with her eyes full of sarcasm, "I have gone too far? Isn't that what you used to do to me?"

"Mr. Maltz, do you know how many times you threw away the things I gave to you? I just threw at bunch of flowers you gave me, and you got angry?"

During the past decade, Anaya had put plenty of thought into Joshua and prepared many gifts.

Back then, no matter how much time and energy it took, as long as it was what Joshua wanted,

Anaya would offer it to him to gain a little attention from Joshua.

However, despite all of her meticulous preparations, Joshua had always been disdainful.

There was one thing that Anaya would never forget. When Anaya was in her first year of college, she

heard that Joshua wanted to eat an ice cream that had been sold out. Anaya spent a few days looking

for it all over Boston, finally found it, and then held it in front of him like presenting a treasure.

Anaya thought that for the sake of her hard work, Joshua would at least have a taste.

Unexpectedly, he threw the ice cream on the ground and stepped on it furiously in front of everyone.

Anaya was dumbfounded.

Together with her love and her dignity, everything had been stepped on by Joshua.

Anaya once put down all her pride and self-esteem before Joshua.

But now, it wouldn't happen again.

As Joshua had treated her before, Anaya would do exactly the same.

Joshua always selectively forgot what he had done wrong.

It was not until Anaya mentioned it that Joshua remembered what he had done to Anaya before and how much he had hurt her.

Back then, Joshua didn't think that he had gone too far. Now that he was treated like this, Joshua realized how painful his heart was when his good intention was trampled on.

Joshua deserved it. The mistakes he had committed before were returned to him in another way today.

Just now, Joshua's heart was filled with anger that had burned to its peak, but now, it was extinguished in an instant.

In the face of Anaya's accusation, Joshua had nothing to say.

In the end, Joshua could only say bitterly, "I'm sorry."

He had already said "sorry" to Anaya many times.

However, no matter how many times he said it, it did not help to heal the pain that Anaya had suffered before.

Moreover, Anaya did not like to hear him say "sorry".

Anaya cast a cold glance at Joshua. Seeing that Joshua had nothing to say, Anaya was going to bypass him and leave.

Joshua took a step to the left, blocking Anaya's way, and said very seriously, "Anaya, I did a lot of wrong things before. However, I have realized my faults.

"I promise that I won't make the same mistake again. I hope you can give me another chance. Don't push me away."

"Mr. Maltz, what do you mean by this? Do you really want to remarry me?" Anaya pursed her lips.

Joshua acquiesced.

Anaya forced a smile, but there was no trace of a smile in her eyes at all. "Lexie just died, and you decided to run after me?

"Mr. Maltz, you used to say repeatedly that you loved Lexie. And in the end?

"As it turns out, your love is very easy to change, Mr. Maltz."

Hearing Anaya's ear-piercing words, Joshua was a little annoyed. "I told you last time that I loved

the wrong person. I didn't even have a real sense of love for Lexie..."

Anaya's voice was extremely calm, "According to what you said, what if I didn't save you five years. ago? Are you going to change your love immediately?

"When the time comes, are you going to say that your feelings for me are not real and that you have mistaken me for someone else?"

Joshua couldn't find any words to refute it. He was ashamed and angry. "You're sophistic!"

Anaya said, "Whether I am sophistic or you are really like that, you and I both know it clearly.

"Mr. Maltz, don't send me gifts again. I don't want to waste resources. It's quite troublesome to throw garbage every time.

"Well, if you insist on being humble and experiencing what I felt back then, you are welcome to continue doing this."

With that, Anaya bypassed Joshua and left without looking back.

Joshua stood in place for a long time until Anaya's slim and tall figure was completely out of his sight.

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Chapter 247 Anaya Is Jealous

When she got home, Anaya sent Silvia a message and asked if she had decided when to leave.

But Silvia didn't reply.

After Anaya finished eating and taking a shower, Silvia still didn't reply.

Anaya thought that Silvia was busy and thus did not disturb her. Anaya put down her phone, read for

two hours, and slept early.

The next morning, Anaya woke up and made two breakfasts with bacon and eggs.

She prepared to send one to the next door. Anaya rang the doorbell and waited for half a minute.

Then someone opened the door. It was not Hearst, but a woman.

They looked at each other. Anaya's face turned gloomy, while that woman's eyes glistened.

Anaya opened her mouth first. "Young lady, Jared... Hearst already has a girlfriend. It seems inappropriate for you to appear in his house at this time."

Anaya wore a long face, and her tone was serious.

It took Nikki a few seconds to realize what Anaya said, and then Nikki burst out laughing.

"Anaya, you got me wrong. I am Hearst's sister, and I came with Jayden to pick him up.

"We met before. You even gave me a sanitary pad. Have you forgotten?"

Hearing this, Anaya remembered that she had met Nikki before.

At that time, Hearst had explained to Anaya that Nikki was his sister. Although they were not.

related by blood, they got along very well.

Anaya thought of what she had just said and blushed a little.

"Sorry. I got you wrong."

Nikki waved her hand and smiled. "It's fine."

Hearst walked out of the living room. "What are you talking about?"

Nikki teased, "Anaya thought that I had an affair with you. She's jealous."

Anaya was already awkward, but after hearing Nikki's words, Anaya became even more embarrassed.

Anaya cleared her throat and explained to Hearst, "She was joking. I just came over to deliver

breakfast and chatted with her for a while."

Nikki raised her eyebrows and smiled, not nailing her.

Hearst was not stupid, and he knew what had happened.

Hearst did not make things difficult for Anaya and asked her to enter.

After Anaya entered, she saw Jayden in the living room.

There were many dishes on the dining table, including porridge.

"Anaya, I especially bought these from Cosette Restaurant. Have a try..."

Nikki walked forward and wanted to pull Anaya over to sit.

Before she could touch Anaya, Nikki saw Hearst pass her and hold Anaya's hand.

"They bought a lot. Sit with us."

Hearst's voice was soft as he led Anaya to the dining table as if he had not noticed that he had gotten in Nikki's way.

Nikki snorted.

She thought, unbelievable!

I'm not a man.

Why can't I even touch Anaya?

Anaya did not notice the friction between them at all. She sat down and put the food she brought over on the table.

Just as she was about to get some porridge, Hearst had placed some in her bowl.

He also added some sugar to it.

Anaya took a sip.

It was sweet.

This reminded Anaya of the candy Hearst often gave her. "Do you have the candy you gave me

before?It's produced in Australia."

Anaya hadn't eaten it for a while, and she missed it.

Hearst paused with the knife and fork in his hand, and he said lightly, "Yes."

"Can I have some?"

"I'll give you some tonight."

"Can't you do it now?"

"No." Hearst paused and added, "It's at the company."

"Fine."

After breakfast, Anaya got up and left.

After Anaya left, Hearst looked at Nikki and asked, "Do you want to travel to Australia?"

Nikki was speechless.

She replied, "No, thank you."

The matter of purchasing Anco's company had basically been settled. She had come to discuss the

contract. After that, Anaya sent her downstairs.

"Ms. Dutt, my company has declined to such a state. You're willing to take it over at the highest estimated price. Thank you very much."

Anaya put on a smile. "You're welcome. I am willing to do that because your company has great potential. I value it very much."

The holographic projection of Anco's company could bring great benefits. Anaya was grateful that Anco would sell the company to her.

Anco did not know the value of her company, which would go bankrupt, but she did not refute Anaya.

It was hard for Anco to find someone willing to take over, so she wouldn't stop Anaya.

"By the way, Ms. Dutt, you know Mr. Hampden, right? I haven't signed a contract with him, but I haven't seen him recently. If you can contact him, please tell him to come to me."

"You can't contact him?" Anaya frowned.

"Yes, I couldn't contact him since the day before yesterday. I went to the hotel to find him. The front desk said that he had checked out and left."

Anaya félt that something was wrong.

Did Silvia go back with her parents?

After Anco left, Anaya called Silvia.

Still, no one answered.

Anaya called Tim over and asked him to find someone to inquire if Kael and his family had returned to Germany.

After all, it was relatively hard to work overseas. In addition, Kael had always been low-key and unpredictable. It might take several days before there was any news.

After calling Tim, Anaya no longer focused her attention on it and resumed her work.

In the evening, Anaya received news from Aracely that there would be an award ceremony tomorrow night. Kelton was invited to be the host and asked her to attend.

Anaya had no plans for tomorrow night, so she agreed.

Aracely: "You can bring a partner. It's a good opportunity to bring Mr. Helms to meet your cousin, so you can prepare for taking him to see your parents."

Anaya: "Scram. It's not settled. Why should I take him to see my parents?"

Aracely: "You really won't bring him?"

Anaya: "No."

Aracely: "Well, I'll only get a ticket for you."

After five minutes, when Aracely thought that Anaya had made up her mind to not bring Hearst

over, Anaya sent another message.

Anaya: "Get me two tickets."

Aracely couldn't help but laugh. "Anaya, I didn't expect you to compromise."

Anaya: "Scram."

Aracely laughed out louder when she felt that Anaya was angry. "Actually, I just lied to you. There is no need to get tickets. The Tarleton family is one of the organizers of this event. I can bring several

people in."

Aracely said that tickets were required, only to test Anaya. She wondered if Anaya was willing to let

Hearst fit in.

Aracely didn't expect that Anaya would really fall for it.

Anaya sent some angry emojis before putting down the phone.

Anaya hesitated for a while before she knocked on the door of Hearst's house after work.

Hearst opened the door this time.

He seemed to have guessed that Anaya would ring the doorbell, and he handed her the aift.

"The candy you asked for this morning."

Anaya took it and opened it to take a look.

Those candies were stored in a glass bottle and looked good.

It was appealing.

Anaya looked up at Hearst. "Thank you."

Nikki poked her head out from the living room. "Anaya, you should say thanks to me."

"Hmm?" Anaya was puzzled.

Nikki was about to explain when Hearst stopped her. "Why are you looking for me?"

Anaya said, "There's a party tomorrow night. I'd like you to go with me."

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Chapter 248 The Evening Gown

The next afternoon, Aracely brought someone over to dress Anaya up and said to make her the envy of tonight.

Anaya closed her eyes and allowed the artist to do her makeup. "Those celebrities should be in the limelight. Why don't you focus on them but on me, a filler?"

"Who said you're just a filler? You're a Dutt. They should be honored to have you there. You're much more important than them."

Aracely said as she smiled at Anaya, "Also, Mr. Helms is going with you tonight. Don't you want to surprise him?"

Anaya didn't agree. "It's already winter, and the outwear is common. How can I have a surprise?"

"That's true. Yet, the evening gown can be different."

As Anaya finished her makeup, Aracely smiled and took out a box from the bag. "You will wear this dress tonight. When you take off your coat, you will definitely be stunning."

After she finished speaking, Aracely pushed Anaya into the cloakroom.

After five minutes, Anaya still did not come out.

Aracely was about to urge when the door of the cloakroom suddenly opened.

Seeing Anaya come out, Aracely covered her nose and exclaimed, "Sexy!"

The dress Aracely prepared was a flesh-colored tight-fitting slip dress in lace, low-cut and backless, and there was a high split at one side.

Anaya showed her fabulous figure in that dress.

It was flesh-colored, thus looking both sexy and fashionable.

Seeing Aracely so excited, Anaya was silent for a moment.

"Don't you think I look like I'm going to a nightclub?"

"Nonsense! Many actresses in my company have worn dresses like this on the red carpet. It's fashionable."

Anaya was suspicious of what Aracely said.

Aracely picked up the long jacket on the sofa and handed it to Anaya. "If you feel embarrassed to wear it, don't take off your jacket tonight."

"Why will I wear the dress if I don't take the jacket off?" Anaya took the jacket.

Aracely blurted out, "Show it to Mr. Helms, Don't you plan to get a room with him after the party?"

After Aracely finished that, she was kicked out by Anaya.

There was no heater outside, and Aracely sniffed.

She thought Anaya was ruthless.

Amazing!

After about ten minutes, Anaya came out.

She wore a coat and a red scarf. Half of her face was covered, and Aracely could not see what Anaya was wearing inside.

However, Aracely guessed that Anaya didn't wear the evening gown she gave her.

Anaya was a little conservative, so she wouldn't wear such a sexy dress.

Aracely thought it was a pity.

"Let's go." Anaya waited for the makeup artist to come out before locking the door.

Aracely asked in confusion, "Where is Mr. Helms? Isn't he with us?"

"He's busy at work. He'll go there later."

"Alright." Aracely held Anaya's hand. "Let's go. I drove a fancy car today. It's cool."

They walked to the door.

There was no fancy car, but an ordinary SUV.

Mike Cohen, the driver of the Tarleton family, sat in the car.

Aracely asked, "Mike, where is my car?"

"Mr. Salmon said that you wear high heels today, and it's not good to drive. So he asked someone to drive the car back. I came here to pick you up."

Aracely could only accept Winston's arrangement. "Alright..."

Anaya and Aracely got into the car and soon arrived.

A woman was waiting at the VIP entrance.

Aracely was the first to notice her and turned to ask Anaya, "Anaya, is that Danielle? She is Kelton's cousin, right?"

Anaya followed Aracely's line of sight. "It's her."

Danielle was Kelton's cousin. When Anaya was young, she met Danielle at the Lomas' house several times. But they were not very familiar.

Ever since Anaya heard that Danielle set her up and said that she was a shameless simp, Anaya had never spoken to her.

Although what Danielle said was true, Anaya did not want to associate with such a mean person.

Anaya thought it was better to be honest and open.

Aracely asked, "Do you want to greet her?"

"No."

Anaya only glanced at Danielle and then looked away.

Anaya and Aracely followed the receptionist inside. Danielle was surprised to see them.

"Anaya, I'm glad you're here. I don't have an invitation. Take me in!"

Danielle called Anaya and wanted to pester her, but Danielle was stopped by the security guard at the scene.

Danielle shouted, "Get out of my way! That VIP is my cousin. I want to go in with her."

The security guard hesitated and turned to look at Anaya. "Ms. Dutt, do you know this lady?"

"I don't know her." Anaya looked forward and didn't stop.

Hearing that, Danielle was furious instantly. "Anaya, I'm your cousin. I just want you to lead the way. Don't you even do me this favor?"

"I won't," Anaya said in a very calm voice.

"You..."

Danielle had only spoken one word when Anaya and Aracely left the entrance.

Danielle's face turned red with anger. She shook off the security guard's hand. "Don't touch me!

Otherwise, when my cousin comes later, I will ask him to fire

The security guard rolled his eyes.

He thought Danielle's words were ridiculous.

Aracely thought so. you."

As she followed Anaya inside, Aracely complained, "Danielle is ridiculous. She is Kelton's cousin and not related to you.

"And she used to badmouth you behind your back. I don't know how she dared to have connections with you."

After that, Aracely asked, "Anaya, do you want me to get someone to beat her up and throw her away?"

"I eave her alone "

There were several media outlets today. If Aracely did beat Danielle up and annoyed her, it would ruin the Tarleton family's reputation.

It wasn't worth it.

After they entered, Aracely went to greet the other organizers.

Anaya followed the receptionist to the seat and sat down.

It was still early, and Hearst hadn't arrived yet. The seats on both sides of her were vacant.

A lot of people knew Anaya at the scene, and many of them came to greet her.

Anaya always wore a smile as she talked to them politely.

After some left, Anaya saw Kelton coming over.

Danielle followed behind him.

Danielle chortled as if she was saying that she would still come in, though Anaya didn't bring her in.

Anaya ignored Danielle and looked up at Kelton, smiling. "Kelton, you seem important, as you're

invited to be the host just after coming back."

Kelton shrugged. "It's proper work. I'm invited just because I'm not famous or old."

Kelton had started filming since he was a child. He had won many awards, and he was experienced in acting skills. So, Kelton was modest about what he just said.

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Chapter 249 It's Impossible for Anaya to Remarry You

Anaya knew that Kelton was joking, but Danielle took it seriously and said, "Kelton, you have to improve your acting skills. I just graduated, and I became the supporting actress in a movie not long ago. The director praised me."

Kelton resisted the urge to roll his eyes and did not answer Danielle.

Kelton wondered why Danielle was so unlikeable compared to Anaya.

If Kelton had not promised his aunt that he would bring Danielle to expand her network and for her acting career, he wouldn't care about her.. prepare

Kelton looked around and asked Anaya, "Aracely said that you brought my brother-inlaw here.

Where is he?"

Anaya was about to answer when someone interrupted, "Kelton."

Hearing someone call him, Kelton thought it was his brother-in-law and quickly turned back.

However, Kelton saw Joshua.

Kelton's smile disappeared instantly.

Anaya had the same reaction.

Obviously, Kelton and Anaya did not like this surprise guest very much.

Kelton said with a long face, "I'm not familiar with you, Mr. Maltz. We're not on first-name terms."

Joshua pretended not to notice Kelton's disgust toward him and said, "Anaya used to be my wife. I should call you Kelton."

Kelton snorted. "You said Anaya was your ex-wife. Now you have nothing to do with her. I'm afraid it's inappropriate to call me Kelton."

"No." Joshua did not care about it at all. "Although Anaya and I divorced, no one knows what will happen.

"Maybe after a while, we will remarry."

Kelton had never seen such a shameless person. Just as he was about to retort, Kelton saw another person walk over.

"Some things are still certain." Hearst strode down the steps and finally stopped in front of them. "At least it's impossible for Anaya to remarry you."

The moment he heard Hearst, Joshua was annoyed, and his expression was ferocious.

"Hearst, don't be too arrogant. Even if you get married, you can still divorce. What's more, you and

Anaya are not married yet."

Hearst put on a faint smile, while he looked overbearing.

"You can still divorce after getting married. Mr. Maltz, are you talking about yourself?"

Some simple words directly provoked Joshua.

Hearst calmly continued, "Mr. Maltz, you aren't capable of protecting your wife, but we are different."

Hearst's calmness completely infuriated Joshua, and he shot daggers at Hearst.

Hearst ignored his gaze, walked around the few people, and sat down beside Anaya.

The seats at the scene were all numbered. Everyone had a fixed seat, and Hearst's seat was on Anaya's right.

Anaya was not in a good mood when she saw Joshua.

Seeing that Hearst deflated Joshua, Anaya could not help but laugh...

In the past, Anaya thought that Hearst would rather act than speak, but recently, she realized that he also had a glib tongue.

And Hearst was as good at annoying people as Anaya.

Joshua saw her smile and felt even more awkward.

It was like laughing at Joshua.

Then Joshua walked forward with a gloomy face.

Others thought that Joshua left and did not pay much attention to him.

Kelton still had work to do, so he also left. Only Danielle stood alone in the aisle.

The seats at the banquet were arranged in advance according to the list. Danielle came in temporarily, so there was no seat for her.

"Are you still not leaving?" Anaya looked up at Danielle.

"Actually, I'd like you to do me a favor." Danielle raised her hand and pointed at a director in the front rows. "Did you see that person? I heard that he's casting for a new movie. Why don't you let Aracely introduce me to him?"

Danielle's tone was clearly commanding.

Anaya leered at her and said coldly, "If you want to know him, do it yourself."

Danielle's face changed instantly. "I asked you to bring me in, but you refused. Why don't you do me a little favor right now?

"Aracely is a Tarleton. Wouldn't it be easy for her to get someone into the crew? Can't you just help me out here?"

Danielle lost her temper, and she did not hide her purpose at all.

She came here just to connect with that director. Just now, Danielle asked Kelton, but he did not intend to help her at all.

Danielle could only count on Anaya now. She did not expect Anaya to have the same attitude as Kelton. Danielle was certainly angry.

"It is indeed not difficult for Aracely to get someone into the crew." Anaya smiled, but her voice was cold. "But why should she help you?"

"I'm your cousin!" Danielle raised her voice. "Aracely is your friend. Shouldn't both of you help me?"

"Am I your mother? Why should you take it for granted?"

"You!"

Danielle's chest rose and fell rapidly with anger. But she still left as she couldn't deal with Anaya.

After sending two troublemakers away, Anaya was in a good mood.

Hearst couldn't help but smile when he saw Anaya's smile.

Yet, Hearst's smile faded a little when he saw a person walking towards them.

When the man was only three seats away from them, Hearst deliberately asked, "Are you happy to drive Joshua away?"

Anaya answered without hesitation, "Of course I'm happy. If that asshole doesn't pester me, I'm. really excited."

"I'm really sorry. I seem to have to disturb you again."

Joshua's voice sounded from the left. Anaya turned around and looked up, only to see Joshua looking down at her, unfriendly.

Before Anaya recovered from the shock, Joshua directly sat down next to her.

"Is this your seat?" Anaya frowned.

"Yes." Joshua asked as he looked into her eyes, "Is there a problem?"

Joshua left just now to find the organizers to change seats.

Anaya pursed her lips and wanted to ask him to leave, but she did not have the right and could only give up.

She turned around and chatted with Hearst, ignoring Joshua. Anaya didn't look at Joshua anymore.

As the awards ceremony started, the well-dressed celebrities competed with each other. They all looked stunning.

The lights at the scene were a little dim, and only a beam of light fell upon the actress who was speaking on stage.

Perhaps because the lights were dim, Joshua thought of Anaya sitting next to him, and he was turned on. He wanted to do something to attract her attention.

Joshua heard that physical contact could enhance relationships.

So, he casually moved his legs to touch Anaya next to him.

Strangely, it felt stiff.

It seemed to be covered with muscles.

Joshua frowned, raised his hand, and touched again to confirm.

It was indeed quite strong.

It wasn't like a woman's leg.

"Mr. Maltz." Hearst's voice was indifferent, and he sounded unhappy, "My leg... Does it feel good?"

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When Joshua heard Hearst's voice, Joshua's entire body quivered, and Joshua immediately

withdrew his hand.

Joshua turned his head. Although the lights on the scene were dim, he still saw Hearst's face clearly.

The moment Joshua thought about how he had just touched Hearst's thigh, Joshua felt a wave of discomfort.

Hearst looked at Joshua with light mockery hidden in his eyes.

"I didn't expect you to have such a hobby, Mr. Maltz."

Joshua blushed.

Joshua was angry.

However, Joshua could not say that he originally wanted to touch Anaya's legs.

Joshua was afraid that if anyone else heard this, they might mistake him for a shameless pervert.

"What are you guys talking about?" Anaya turned to look at Joshua and Hearst.

Hearst had a calm expression. Just as he was about to speak, Joshua hurriedly interrupted, "Nothing, I just accidentally touched Hearst's leg."

Joshua said anxiously, and he emphasized the word "accidentally".

The mockery in Hearst's eyes became more and more obvious, but he did not make things difficult for Hearst.

Anaya noticed that there was something wrong with Joshua's voice, and she thought that Joshua. disliked Hearst sticking close to him, so Anaya raised the armrest in the middle of the seat. "Jared, move over here. There is something dirty over there."

Joshua was annoyed to hear what Anaya said.

And Joshua was even angrier to see Anaya and Hearst sitting so close.

However, Joshua had no position to ask Hearst to stay away from Anaya. As a result, Joshua could only stare at the two of them furiously.

After the ceremony, the staff began to organize the people in the field to leave.

Anaya stood up and said to Hearst, "I'm going to see Kelton. Do you want to join me?"

Aracely had previously told Hearst that Anaya was going to formally introduce Hearst to Kelton and take Hearst into her circle.

Hearst did not refuse. "OK."

Anaya and Hearst went backstage to find Kelton.

Kelton had just changed into casual clothes and was still chatting with his peers. When he saw Anaya and Hearst come in, he said something to the people around him and then walked to the two of them.

Kelton sized up Hearst from head to toe and praised, "The last time we met, I thought you were quite outstanding, but I didn't expect you to still be so eye-catching among all those stars today."

Hearst furrowed his brows and said politely, "You are flattering me, Kelton. Just now, when you were up there on the stage, everyone around me was speaking highly of you."

People all liked hearing nice words. Kelton was no exception. Although he had been used to all the praises, he would still be happy to hear that.

Kelton smiled and said, "How sweet! You are much better than Joshua, that jerk."

"I will go and have a few drinks together with some of my friends later. It's my treat. Why don't you come with Anaya?"

"Of course," Hearst replied...

Aracely was also backstage together with some other friends who Kelton had invited. And Anaya was also acquainted with them. After some discussion, those guys decided to go to Night Pub together.

The group walked to the door and Danielle came over.

"Kelton, why did you leave me alone just now? I didn't find a seat inside. I stood in the corner with the security guards for more than three hours. My feet hurt..."

As Danielle said this, she pouted with some grievance.

Kelton said coldly, "I said I could bring you in and I don't think I said I would also find you a seat."

Danielle noticed the displeasure in Kelton's voice and shut up resentfully.

Danielle glanced at Anaya, who was walking in the middle of the group, and jealousy flashed in Danielle's eyes.

Danielle thought, we are both Kelton's relatives. Why does Kelton treat Anaya so much better?

Danielle pulled Kelton's sleeve and asked delicately, "Kelton, where are you going now? Can I join you?"

Aracely said with a smile, "We're going to the toilet together. Do you want to go with us?"

Danielle noticed that Aracely was deliberately making things difficult for her, and Danielle's face darkened as she cursed, "How vulgar!"

Kelton pulled back his sleeve and said, "Since you think it's vulgar, don't mix with us. Your mom asked me to tell you to go back early after you're done."

Danielle didn't give up. "Kelton, why do you always take Anaya with you instead of me?

"Today, I asked you to introduce me to that director, but you refused. I heard that you even had a falling out with Addisyn because of Anaya...

"Do you think Anaya is more important than me?"

"How dare you compare yourself with Anaya?" Kelton still had no expression on his face. "I thought you should know that fairly well."

Kelton knew that Danielle always liked to make things hard for others behind their backs, but he just didn't say it out.

A selfish person like Danielle might make a false counter-charge to a person at will no matter how close she used to be to the person.

Kelton thought it was not worth it to share his goodwill with an ungrateful person.

"Kelton..." Danielle's eyes reddened.

Kelton interrupted Danielle, "Your mom just called and asked you to go back early. If you are afraid back alone, I can ask my assistant to send you."

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"Well, I'll go back by myself."

Thus, Kelton withdrew his gaze from Danielle and continued to walk forward with the others.

As the group walked further and further away, Danielle could still hear Kelton's words of concern. for Anaya.

"Are you cold in such a thin coat? Do you want my coat?"

Anaya replied, "No need, I have thick clothes inside."

"The heating in the venue was so high just now. Didn't you feel hot? But I don't think you took off your coat just now."

"Well... I'm both resistant to cold and heat."

With the voice fading away, Danielle clenched her hands more and more tightly. She stood in place for a while before leaving.

The people who went to the pub together were all acquaintances of Anaya. Along the way, a few of them asked Anaya if she had started dating Hearst. Anaya admitted it honestly.

Those guys congratulated Anaya and wanted to joke with Hearst.

However, when those guys saw Hearst's cold and reserved face, they instantly gave up.

Those guys thought it didn't look like they could afford to joke Hearst.

The few of them looked at each other, pretending that nothing had happened, and continued to joke with Anaya.

The group walked to the bar and sat down in the booth.

Kelton gestured for the bartender to come and then asked what those guys would like to drink.

Since the last time Anaya got drunk and made a scene, she had not drunk for a while.

Hearst ordered a non-alcoholic drink for Anaya.

As soon as Anaya heard what Hearst ordered, she changed the non-alcoholic drink to a glass of wine at a higher degree.

Hearst looked at Anaya, his brows slightly furrowed. "Didn't you say you wouldn't drink again?"

"I suddenly feel like drinking today," said Anaya as she averted her gaze.

Since Anaya wanted to have a drink, Hearst didn't stop her. Instead, he got up and followed the bartender to the bar counter.

"Anaya, why do you always keep your coat on today?" Aracely asked as she approached Anaya.

Actually, Aracely had already vaguely guessed something.

"To keep warm," Anaya argued.

Aracely couldn't help but laugh obscenely, "You wouldn't be wearing the dress I got for you, right? Or something even more awesome?"

"Get lost," Anaya pushed Aracely's face away.

"It seems I guess right." The smile on Aracely's face grew even more flamboyant. "Tell me honestly, are you going to go further with Hearst tonight? If you need any help, I can..."

"Help her with what?"

Before Aracely could finish her words, Hearst had already walked back and sat down beside Anaya.

Aracely chuckled. Just as Aracely was about to speak, Anaya gave her a warning look and pretended to be calm. "Kelton's new movie is about to start shooting. Aracely said that she could help me get some investment."

Hearst believed what Anaya said and didn't ask any further.

The bartender brought the prepared wine over. Anaya raised her glass and drank the wine all in one gulp.

After a glass of wine, Anaya chatted with the others for a long time but did not feel intoxicated at all.