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Chapter 533: Have These Shoes Been Worn by Another Man?

At this moment, a melodious ringtone sounded; it was the rich kid's call.

The rich kid quickly took out his phone and pressed the button to connect. Soon, his father's curses and cries came through, "You ungrateful child, have you offended the top tycoon, Mr. Crawford, outside? Just now, Secretary Yarrow from The Crawford Group called, saying The Crawford Group has officially acquired our company. Hayden Crawford has already kicked me off the board, telling me to pack up and leave immediately."

"Moreover, someone just audited our accounts, and there are problems. An investigation team has already been sent down; they're going to take me away."

"You ungrateful child, of all people to offend, you offended Hayden Crawford, the King of Hell whom no one dares provoke. If he stomps his foot, it's like an earthquake. Now look, the company is gone, the family is gone, we're finished!"

With a "smack," the rich kid's phone fell to the ground. His father's words, "the company is gone, the family is gone, we're finished," echoed incessantly around his ears like a curse, filling him with terror. He was now frightened out of his wits.

The rich kid never thought... he would one day fall at the hands of Hayden Crawford.

"Mr. Crawford, it's all my fault. Please be the bigger person and forgive me, I'm so sorry..." The rich kid's legs went weak, and he directly knelt in front of Hayden Crawford with tears and snot running down, crying and pleading for mercy.

Hayden Crawford didn't even glance at this rich kid. His deep, narrow eyes landed on Serena Sterling's stunning face. She said a lot just now, except she didn't say who her man was!

Hayden Crawford's handsome brows were clouded. He grabbed Serena Sterling and walked towards the car.

The man's strides were long, and Serena Sterling stumbled along behind him. She looked up at the firm and broad shoulders of the man in front of her. He easily held Caden in one hand and held her hand with the other, appearing to outsiders as a close family of three.

But only Serena felt his anger and gloom. He was so rough that he had already turned her small hand red.

Opening the rear door of the Rolls Royce Phantom, Hayden Crawford pushed both the little boy and Serena Sterling inside, then returned to the driver's seat and drove away.

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Inside the Rolls Royce Phantom.

The silent and luxurious carriage felt a bit eerie and oppressive; no one spoke.

Serena Sterling broke the silence first, "Mr. Crawford, let me off here. We're not going the same way, I'll take a cab home myself, you take Caden back."

Little Caden quickly clutched Serena Sterling's clothes and silently said, "Fairy Teacher, we agreed before that I'd go to your house for dinner tonight."

Then little Caden looked at his daddy in the front seat, "Daddy, you drop me and Fairy Teacher home, then you go back yourself."

Hayden Crawford glanced back through the rearview mirror. He saw little Caden's lip movements and frowned just once, then his deep, displeased gaze fell upon Serena Sterling's face.

Serena Sterling really didn't know Hayden Crawford would return today, which is why she agreed to Caden's request to visit her home. She even said she would cook personally.

Now...

Serena Sterling looked at little Caden by her side. His small hand tightly clutched her clothes, looking at her with hopeful eyes, fearful she'd go back on her word and leave him behind.

Serena Sterling straightened her slender, graceful back, "Mr. Crawford, Caden and I had prearranged this. How about this: I'll take Caden to my place for dinner, and once we're done, I'll bring Caden back to your door. Does that work for you?"

For Caden, Serena softened her tone and humbly negotiated with him.

Hayden Crawford pressed his thin lips together and, after a few seconds, said, "Your address."

Serena Sterling and little Caden both lit up; he agreed!

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Soon, the Rolls Royce Phantom stopped below the apartment building. Serena Sterling did not live with Leah Thorne but returned to her apartment from three years ago.

The luxury car stopped, and Serena Sterling opened the rear door, taking little Caden out. Out of courtesy, she waved at Hayden Crawford, "Goodbye, Mr. Crawford."

With that, Serena Sterling took little Caden and turned to enter the apartment.

In the elevator, little Caden looked up with his big, grape-like eyes at Serena Sterling, "Fairy Teacher, are you afraid of my daddy?"

Serena Sterling's heart skipped a beat. Was it that obvious?

She and Hayden Crawford were history. Now Hayden had many women around him, and Serena temporarily didn't want little Caden to know about her past with Hayden Crawford.

Little Caden was still young and couldn't understand adult matters. For now, the most important thing was to get him to speak.

"Caden, your daddy seems like a very tall and excellent man, so Ms. Sterling is a bit... respectful towards him," Serena Sterling tried to phrase it.

So that's how it was. Little Caden had been afraid that Fairy Teacher didn't like his daddy. Now he was assured.

After reassuring little Caden, the two of them reached the apartment door. Serena Sterling took out the key and opened the door, leading little Caden inside. She was about to close the door.

But then, a big hand suddenly pressed against the door.

Who?

Serena Sterling's bright eyes quickly flashed with alertness. She turned her head and saw Hayden Crawford's tall and imposing figure come into view.

Hayden Crawford arrived!

Serena Sterling's tense nerves quickly relaxed, but she looked puzzled at the man outside the door. Why... was he here?

Hayden Crawford stood outside, pressing his big hand against the door, and then he stretched his long legs, stepping his tall and straight figure directly inside.

"Mr. Crawford, why did you... come?" Serena Sterling looked at him.

Hayden Crawford, with one hand in his pocket, looked down at Serena Sterling, "My son is here, of course I need to come as well, or else I wouldn't be at ease."

"..." Well, this reason left Serena Sterling with no argument.

Serena Sterling took out a pair of slippers from the shoe cabinet and gave them to little Caden to change into, "Caden, go play in the living room for a while."

Little Caden nodded and ran into the living room.

Serena Sterling then took out a pair of dark blue slippers from the shoe cabinet and placed them at Hayden Crawford's feet. She squatted down to change his shoes, a natural action, just like when they lived together here three years ago.

Hayden Crawford looked at the girl squatting by his legs, pursing his thin lips, "Are these slippers new? If another man has worn them, I won't wear them, I have a cleanliness habit."

Serena Sterling's actions paused. Only then did she realize how abrupt her squatting down to change his shoes was. She quickly stood up, "Mr. Crawford, wear them if you want."

After speaking, she left him and went straight into the kitchen.