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"Do not talk! I'm driving. Don't say anything that will upset me now. Just sit tight and I'll explain everything in a bit, okay?"

Theo stared at the road ahead, firm and serious, and coaxing a child.

Ellinor was a whirlwind of emotions, silently leaning against her seat, her gaze fixed on the rapidly passing scenery outside the window,

her voice gone.

In the middle of Donebridge.

A black business sedan parked by the roadside, its hazard lights flashing.

Theo drove past the car, then pulled over

Even though Ellinor had no intention of getting out of the car, Theo took the initiative to unbuckle her seatbelt.

'Daydreaming? Get out!'

With a resigned sigh, she had no choice but to follow him out of the car.

As soon as they stepped out, Patricia came up to them, coughing weakly: "Theo, you're here!"

Theo nodded at her, then turned to Balfour who was standing by their car, asking. "What's up with the car?"

Balfour slapped the hood, "Might be water in the engine from that puddle we just hit, it just died on us."

Theo tossed him the car keys, "Take my car, get Patricia home."

Balfour caught the keys, paused for a second, then laughed, "Thanks, sorry for dragging you into this."

Then Balfour glanced at Ellinor who was standing silently, a touch of admiration for the girl who seemed to have Theo wrapped around her finger.

In the past, Theo would never have allowed him and Patricia to leave alone.

Upon hearing this, Patricia said anxiously, "Theo, if you give us your car, what about you? We could all go together, you know."

"No, we were just about to take a stroll by the river" Theo said, patting Ellinor's head for emphasis.

Ellinor was speechless.

Who said anything about taking a stroll with him? He really likes to make plans on the fly!

Patricia's eyes darkened, but she quickly brightened up again and said, "It's windy by the river, Ellinor might catch a cold. I think we should stick together."

"It's cool, someone will pick us up soon. And aren't you feeling under the weather? Stop hanging around here, get in the car and go home with Balfour." Theo took off his coat and draped it over Ellinor.

Patricia said, "But Theo..."

Theo didn't spare Patricia another look, instead turning to Ellinor, "Let's go, I've got something to tell you."

With that, he gently put his arm around Ellinor's shoulder, leading her away along the edge of the bridge ...

Patricia stood rooted to the spot, watching them walk away together, her teeth clenching in frustration.

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Balfour's car trouble was her doing she had sabotaged it while he was getting drinks.

She had thought that as long as she called Theo, he would prioritize her health and let Ellinor fend for her self, then personally escort her home to rest.

But to her surprise, Theo chose to walk on the bridge with Ellinor, leaving her to Balfour.

"Patri, stop staring, let's go."

Patricia snapped back to reality, nodded, and got into Theo's sports car with Balfour.

Sitting in the car, she was still struggling to accept what had happened. So, she sent another message...

"Theo, I'm sorry for dragging you out here. Did I upset Ellinor again? I didn't mean to, I just felt so awful just now! Could you explain it to her for me, so she won't be angry with me?"

on the other side. Ellinor's phone rang twice.

Ellinor glanced at the message notification on the screen, then handed the phone to Theo, "Again, it's another message from Ms Howard."

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Theo took one look, then pocketed his phone, completely ignoring it.

Ellinor leaned against the steel railing of Donebridge, her hair billowing beautifully in the river wind, looking incredibly elegant.

She looked out at The Bund of Trent River, where she could see the tallest skyscraper in Greenhaven....

"Watch it, don't fall off!"

The man behind her grabbed her collar, just like he was grabbing a little rabbit.

In three seconds flat, the man ruined Ellinor's beautiful moment.

He lifted her off her feet, making her feel incredibly uncomfortable...

Sometimes she really thought the man treated her like a helpless child, always managing her like this, it was so annoying!

"Let go of me! I'm not stupid, I wouldn't let myself fall off!"

Theo put her down further from the bridge, letting her feet touch the ground.

Then, Theo looked down at her, "You think you're not stupid?"

"Of course I'm not stupid!"

"If you're not stupid, why can't you understand anything?"

"What don't I understand?"

"Think about it yourself." The man looked disappointed.

Ellinor thought he was really boring: "When is your person coming to pick us up?"

Theo put his hands in his pockets and looked out at the river: "No one's coming to pick us up."

What?

Didn't he just tell Patricia someone would pick them up later?!

**No one's coming? So we have to walk back?"*

"What's wrong with walking? Don't you young people like to walk when you're in love?"

"You're so out of touch. Who likes to walk these days? What's so good about it, inhaling car exhaust together?"

Just as Ellinor was laughing at how out of touch the man was, she suddenly realized something was off about what he said....

He had just mentioned being in love....

Why was he comparing their current situation to being in love?

As she was pondering over his words, unsure if she had misunderstood....

Theo leaned over to look at her, "So how do you young people date these days, can you teach me?"

Ellinor snapped back to reality, his words felt even more off, and she forced a laugh, "Nothing much, just eating, drinking, gaming. playing escape rooms, and so on."

Theo frowned, besides eating and drinking, everything else seemed like a waste of time to him.

"Do you also like to participate in these activities?"

Ellinor nodded, "I've been with my classmates before, it's quite fun!"

"Are you talking about male classmates or female classmates?"

Ellinor felt a bit flustered, it felt like when she was young, returning home after playing with friends and being interrogated by her

parents.

She thought about it, she was not a child, she had nothing to fear, so she replied: "Both male and female classmates have been there together!"

He was accused of being out of touch?

Theo's face darkened a bit, clearly trying to hold back his annoyance.

At this moment, Ellinor's tummy growled. She was hungry

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Seeing Ellinor's sympathetic expression, Theo's anger disappeared, "Okay, then let's have something to eat first, what do you want?"

Theo's words made Ellinor feel a bit awkward. She was a bit puzzled, it couldn't be what she was thinking, could it?

She didn't dare to ask, afraid that he might think she was overly sensitive.

She rubbed her empty stomach, turned her face away from him, "I just don't want to walk anymore, I'm too tired, anything will do."

After saying this, Theo suddenly picked her up.

Ellinor was stunned, her face turned red in shyness, "Mr. Blanchet, what are you doing?"

Theo carried her, moving along the edge of the bridge, he looked down at her, "Didn't you say you didn't want to walk?"

"I was hoping you could call someone to pick us up, not carry me!" Ellinor's face was full of helplessness.

The man continued to stride forward, casually saying, "Isn't your goal just to not walk? What's the difference between me carrying you and taking a car?"

Ellinor was speechless. This man was a logic freak! how did she not realize before?

"Mr. Blanchet, this is really embarrassing for me! This is Donebridge, every car that passes by us, they all give us strange looks, and maybe even take sneaky photos of us, don't you care about your image?"

"We're legally married. Why are you shy?"

"But I feel so embarrassed!"

"Don't worry, any video or photo that captures my face, without my permission, won't get published."

Even if they can't publish it, this situation is still embarrassing, right?

Ellinor couldn't break free, so she just buried her face in his chest, let him be the one to feel embarrassed

As long as she doesn't show her face, the embarrassment is all his!

Feeling the wind around them lessen a bit, Ellinor cautiously peeked out, sighed in relief, they finally left Donebridge!

"Mr. Blanchet, I'm really grateful! You've carried me for so long, so you must be tired! Let me down, I want to walk on my own now!" She tried to negotiate with him.

Theo looked down, put her down, a hint of mockery in his eyes, "You're light as a feather, do I look tired?"

"Does a feather in your house weigh over fifty kilograms?" Ellinor glared at him unhappily.

The man chuckled, "Yes, mine does."

Ellinor was taken aback, her face turned red.

What was he implying? This Theo was really good at flirting!

Luckily she was rational enough, otherwise she would have been attracted by him...

Ellinor looked around, "I don't think this place is suitable to call a taxi, there should be a subway station ahead, let's go, we'll take the subway to the restaurant."

The man had no objections, followed her on.

In the subway station.

When it was their turn, Ellinor was about to buy tickets, but Theo beat her to it and worked the ticket machine with ease, his nimble fingers buying two subway cards that pass through the city's business district.

Watching the man's proficient operation, Ellinor couldn't help but recall the last time they took the subway due to the traffic jam and he had to call Collin because he didn't know how to buy a ticket.

"You seem to be very familiar with the subway routes now?"

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"Since I took the subway with you last time, I have a little understanding of the city's subway line planning." Theo bent down to retrieve his subway card from the ticket gate, then took Ellinor's hand, turning her around to swipe his card and head towards the waiting area very naturally...

Ellinor, a little puzzled, even ignoring the fact that her hand was being held by a man, asked, "Why would you need to know all this? With your status, you have a private car for transportation, it's not necessary, is it?"

"I remember a girl tell me last time she wanted me to kick my lavish lifestyle to the curb?"

Ellinor was speechless.

She recalled that she did say those words. It was during their last encounter at the horse field.

At that time, she was just trying to contradict Haillie, to make a point. She didn't really want him to change anything!

"I was just speaking off the cuff then, you seriously decided to experience regular folks' life because of what I said in passing?"

"Am I not a regular folk?"

"Of course not, you're the greedy businessman type!"

"Did I exploit you?"

Theo chuckled at her words.

"Of course you did!" Ellinor declared confidently, "You exploited three precious months of my time and got me tangled up in all sorts of trouble!"

Theo suddenly stopped in his tracks and turned to look at her, "I'm sorry."

His sudden serious apology made Ellinor feel a bit uncomfortable.

"Err... let's forget it. I kissed you first, then you exploited me. We're both to blame. As long as you stop exploiting me once the three months are up, that's all that matters!"

"No can do."

**Didn't we agree to end it once the three months are up? You're not thinking of extending it, are you?"*

"Are you that scared of an extension?"

"Of course! I can't possibly be stuck with the Blanchet family forever, taking orders from you, right? I expect you to keep your promise and give me back my freedom when the time comes!"

"Ellinor, I'm letting you go now and giving you your freedom." Theo's gaze darkened.

Ellinor's eyes lit up, "Really?"

"Mm-hmm."

"Thank you, then I'm leaving! We might never see each other again!"

She eagerly broke free from his grasp and turned around to make her escape....

But her wrist was firmly caught by him and she was pulled back!

He frowned at her, "Did I say you could leave?"

"Didn't you say you were letting me go? You've already gone back on your word this fast?" Ellinor looked puzzled.

"I'm letting you go, no longer forcing you to play the role of Mrs. Blanchet. But, I hope you would consider becoming the real Mrs. Blanchet

Ellinor stared at him in shock, questioning whether she heard wrong. Did he just ask her to become the real Mrs. Blanchet?

If she's not misunderstanding, is this gentleman indirectly proposing to her?

"Are you spacing out?" Theo rubbed her stunned face, hoping to get her attention back on him and stop her daydreaming.

Ellinor snapped back to reality, but still seemed a bit dazed.

“Weren’t you just asking me why I wanted to learn how to take the subway?”

“I’ll tell you now. It’s because I’m worried that you might leave me one day, taking the subway alone. What if I can’t catch up with you because I don’t know how to buy a ticket?”

As he spoke, Theo tightly held her hand, as if truly fearful that she might leave him at any moment...

Ellinor’s heart was instantly touched. Every word, every action of Theo’s left her confused, at a loss...

She even instinctively looked around, wondering if the elders of the Blanchet family were watching them, which is why Theo was putting on this show with her...

Seeing Ellinor looking all around, Theo knew she must be imagining some irrelevant things again.

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He gently adjusted her face, leading her forward to catch the next subway.

As they walked, Theo called her name seriously again.

“Ellinor, let’s start over.”

“How to start?”

Ellinor tilted her head, raised her eyebrows, and looked at him puzzled.

“Start with dating. Would you reconsider me?”

Ellinor frowned slightly, and without much thought, she said, “I think we’re not...”

Before she could finish ‘suitable’, she was interrupted.

“Don’t reject me so quickly. Give me a chance to pursue you again. Don’t worry, I won’t just make you adapt to my life, I’ll also adapt to your habits. You like taking the subway, eating at roadside stalls, and going to escape rooms. I can accompany you. Of course, I’ll also take you to enjoy top-tier gourmet food, let you enjoy the highest quality of life, and give you the best this world has to offer. As long as you like it, as long as I have it, I’m willing to give it to you.”

These words spoken in a deep, cello-like voice by a handsome man, and which girl could resist?

Ellinor’s heart raced, but she smirked sardonically, “Don’t you feel embarrassed saying this? You were just with Ms. Howard not too long

ago...”

Her words were drowned out by the subway’s arrival.

The subway rushed into the station, bringing the whistling noise, until it stopped.

Theo didn’t know if he heard her words, he didn’t respond, just holding her hand, they boarded the subway together.

It was rush hour, and the subway was very crowded.

There were no seats on the subway, only standing room.

Theo's tall figure and demeanor stood out in the crowded subway.

Female passengers in the car kept stealing glances at him.

And Ellinor was squeezed against Theo, with no room to move.

Their bodies pressed together, they could even feel each other's heartbeat.

Ellinor felt a bit uneasy and wanted to move away a bit to keep some distance.

But she was surrounded by male passengers, and under Theo's watchful gaze, how could he allow his girl to be in physical contact with

other men.

His arm tightened around her, pressing her against him as he gently ordered, "Don't move."

Ellinor was not happy, but then the man explained in a whisper in her ear, There's nothing between Patricia and me, she's just someone who saved my life. I told you, she once saved me, and her health deteriorated for it. I owe her, so there are some situations where I can't ignore her."

So he did hear her words before they got on the train, this was his response....

"She saved you, so you decided to marry her?"

"What nonsense are you talking about? She was only ten years old then, how could I marry her?"

'She's grown up now, and you can marry her now!'

Theo knew Ellinor was just talking angry nonsense, and he felt a bit happy that she would get angry. He smiled.

Being angry meant she cared about him.

Theo rubbed her head with his chin, "Do you want me to marry someone else that much?"

"Do whatever you want. I can't control you!" Ellinor grumbled.

"Then I'll marry you, my body, my heart, all for you, do you want them?"

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In the middle of a crowded subway, Ellinor was completely swayed by Theo's words...

Even though the subway was super noisy, he spoke so softly, it felt like she was the only one who could hear him.

Yet, she was blushing and feeling shy!

Without looking up at Theo, she chuckled softly, 'I didn't save your life, you don't have to thank me.'

Theo held her tight, "Who said you didn't save me? You did, that rainy night, I know you were saving me."

Ellinor froze for a moment, feeling awkward again when he brought up that night...

"That day I got kidnapped, didn't you risk your life to save me? So, we're even, you don't have to feel responsible for me!"

She was still trying her best to clarify their relationship, sometimes Theo thought Ellinor was too smart for her own good, other times she was so naive it drove him crazy.

"You're so naive, but you're a good kid, always acting so cold!"

Theo scolded her gently while ruffling her hair, "You're making light of it now, but I know you struggled a lot at the time to save me, night wasn't easy for you, it's my fault you had to suffer."

Ellinor was taken aback, her nose suddenly turned sour.

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No one had ever understood her feelings like this before, trying to figure out how she was feeling, seeing through her facade, and not mocking her.

Growing up, some people thought she was beneath them, they took joy in humiliating her when she couldn't fight back, completely ignoring her feelings.

Now that she's grown up and can protect herself, everyone thinks she's so strong that she can't be broken, that she doesn't have a vulnerable side.

This often led her to ignore her own feelings, fooling herself into thinking she had no fears, no weaknesses.

This man, he shattered that protective layer in her heart....

The man sighed suddenly, whispering. "Looks like, I'm just not cut out for romance. The flower field I prepared for you that day went to waste, you barely looked at it before you left. Instead, I ended up confessing my feelings in this noisy, casual setting."

Ellinor looked up in surprise, "What? The tulip field at Pearl Moon, that was for me?"

"Who else would it be for?"

"Hmph, don't lie to me, how could that field of flowers be for me? That day in your public confession at the Bund of Trent River, you even said Patricia's name!"

"That wasn't me."

Theo didn't get angry at the misunderstanding, instead he patiently explained to her.

"I've been investigating the matter these past few days, trying to figure out who was behind all that stuff that made you misunderstand"

me.”

Ellinor listened, blinking...

The man lowered his head, whispering seriously in her ear, “You need to understand, my situation is complicated. I can’t make a public confession, I won’t make a public confession to anyone. That’s just revealing my weakness, putting the other person in danger of being kidnapped and used against me. So, I would never do something like that.”

Ellinor finally understood, she had been kidnapped last time and used to threaten Theo.

“I’ve found out the truth about that matter, there happened to be someone with the same name in the LED advertisement on the Century Bank building that day, it was all just a coincidence and had nothing to do with me. If you don’t believe me, I can take you to see their order.”

So that’s what happened?

“When you were sitting alone at the Bund that day, looking at all that, were you cursing me in your heart?”

Ellinor felt embarrassed, then nodded honestly.

Yes, she had cursed him.

That day, she thought Theo had called her to Pearl Moon to watch him confess to Patricia, it was so unfair!

Now that she knew it wasn’t true, she felt a bit ashamed.

Theo could understand Ellinor’s feelings, but he also felt helpless, reminding her, “Next time if I do something that makes you upset,

you need to ask me directly, don’t make assumptions on your own.”

Ellinor knew she had misunderstood Theo, she stopped being stubborn, “Okay, I got it.”

After clearing up the misunderstanding between them, Ellinor finally stopped resisting and being wary of him. Theo breathed a sigh of relief.

That day in the tulip field, she had disappeared quietly from Pearl Moon and he couldn’t reach her.

He had spent the whole night searching for her in Greenhaven, her phone was unreachable, her cellphone was left at the police station, she hadn’t gone home, there were no clues.

He was always worried that she would disappear one day.

Theo pulled her head into his chest, wishing he could hold her inside his body, not giving her a chance to leave.

After all, it is not a suitable place to talk on a crowded subway. Once they reached their stop. Theo took Ellinor's hand and led her off the subway, planning to take her to get something good to eat.

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Ellinor picked a fast food joint nearby because she was starving and wanted to wolf down some food as soon as possible. Theo thought the grub was nothing but junk, but he went along with her, figuring she needed something in her belly pronto. Ellinor ordered a combo meal and added a few more a la carte items. Theo didn't eat, he just picked up the tab.

While she was chowing down, Theo just sat across from her, watching her in silence.

When Ellinor was almost done with her meal, she sipped on her soda through a straw and asked:

**Theo, when you decided to marry me, was it because you saw that I was capable, that I could take care of myself and wouldn't put you in a tight spot easily, right?"*

Theo was taken aback; she had nailed why he'd originally chosen her.

"Indeed, I didn't want innocent people to get dragged into this. My original choice couldn't make it because of a flight delay due to weather. You, on the other hand, showed guts and practical skills, so I thought you were the perfect fit. Don't worry, though, I will protect you."

Ellinor wasn't worried, just curious.

"You're chattier than usual today, are you parched?"

With that, she offered her soda to Theo....

Theo was surprised. She was offering him a sip of her soda! He took the straw and drank.

Ellinor retrieved her soda and continued drinking, acting as if nothing was amiss.

Theo felt a warm glow. Looking at her, he asked, "Do you not dislike me anymore?"

"Disliking you won't do any good, like you said, we're already entwined!"

"So would you give me a chance, can we start over?"

"Let's give it a shot!" Ellinor raised her eyebrows.

"Give it a shot?"

**See if we can really get used to each other. If we can, we stick together, if we can't, we stick to the original plan and call it quits when time's up! Theo, some things seem simple when you think about it, but when you actually do it, it's a whole different ball game. We grew up in different worlds, there's a generation gap, we might not be the perfect match! So let's leave some wiggle room, save ourselves from awkwardness later!"*

Theo reached out and playfully pinched her chin, "So during this trial period, can I kiss you?"

"Cough, cough, that depends on my mood!" Ellinor blushed.

"How's your mood now?"

"So-so."

"Why so-so?"

Ellinor huffed, "I just got out of the police station in handcuffs, would you be in a good mood if you were me?"

Hearing this, Theo felt a pang of guilt. He took her hand and checked her wrists to make sure the handcuffs hadn't left a mark. Seeing her allergic reaction had completely subsided, he was relieved.

At that moment, Theo's phone rang.

He glanced at it, it was a call from Collin.

After picking up the call and listening for a few seconds, his face changed dramatically, "When did this happen?"

Ellinor noticed his strange reaction and looked at him with concern.

Theo quickly stood up and said to her, "I need to step out to take this call, I'll be right back. You stay here, don't wander off, eat some more."

Ellinor nodded, but she was even more curious about what had happened on the other end of the phone call, was Patricia feeling unwell again?

With Theo gone to take the call, Ellinor sipped her soda and watched the street scene outside the window, feeling bored.

Just then, a couple walked by her, discussing the latest news...

"I can't believe there are girls like her in our society! So young, instead of looking for a decent job, she tricks people with her elderly family member!"

"That's right! They don't have to worry about being punished for making such improper money!"

"Wait a minute! Look at that person... it's her, right?"

"Yes, that's her!"

"Everyone, look! The female scammer that's trending online is right here!"

Before Ellinor could even react, she was surrounded by a crowd of people in the restaurant. They all took out their phones and started taking pictures of her....

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Ellinor frowned, calmly looking at the people surrounding her, utterly puzzled.

“Why are you taking photos of me? Delete them immediately, you’re invading my privacy!”

Disgusted glances were thrown her way...

“Someone like you has the nerve to talk about privacy!”

“How could she be ashamed? She’s got other people in trouble and she’s in the mood to enjoy her drink here!”

“This kind of person is inherently bad and has no empathy!”

“I think so too! So heartless!”

Ellinor had no idea what they were talking about. She tried to reach for her phone to film them back, only to find her pocket empty – her phone was still with Theo....

Without her phone, she had to stay calm: “Are you sure you’re not mistaking me for someone else? I’m neither an influencer nor a celebrity, why are you taking photos of me?”

“We’re not mistaken! It’s you! You’re young and pretty, but you’re a fraud, tricking people!”

Tricking people?

When did she ever do that?

“Look at her clueless face, must be years of acting experience, huh?”

“She’s such a good actress. Why not become an actress? Maybe she could even win an award!”

The more Ellinor listened, the more confused she got, “I don’t know you guys, why are you taking photos of me?”

An angry onlooker turned his phone screen towards her, “Take a look for yourself! Are you saying the girl in this video, who’s accompanying the old man hitting a car, isn’t you?”

On the man’s phone was a video...

The video was of the night she met the blind old man at The Bund of Trent River.

The old man was blocked by a car parked on the pedestrian path. She tried to help, but the grumpy old man used his cane to smash the car’s window!

Then, the old man had an argument with a purple-haired female streamer. Not being able to stand it, she aided the old man, but the streamer played the victim and live-streamed that they intentionally hit the car...

The streamer’s live didn’t attract much attention at the time.

However, now the video has been edited in a leading way and uploaded online, making it look like she and the old man planned it....

Moreover, the old man's face was blurred in the video, and the female streamer didn't need to hide her face as she was live-streaming. Only her face, an innocent passerby's, was zoomed in for a close-up, her nose and eyes clearly visible!

No wonder these onlookers recognized her right away!

Who uploaded this video online?

She remembered the well-

known female streamer's phone was taken by Balfour as evidence of her collusion with Zachary and handed to the police, right?

So, was this Balfour's doing? To protect Patricia, he intentionally edited the video to slander her?

If that was the case, it's overkill!

She had helped his family before, but he's being so ungrateful!

Is this the way of the noble Howard family?

Lost in thought, Ellinor was suddenly splashed with Coke. He yelled:

"You shameless woman, you dare to bully my favourite streamer Adelina! You've really done her in!"

People around started to echo him....

"Exactly! Adelina is an inspirational and sweet girl, but because of your actions, she was devastated. She even said she wants to quit the internet, no more live-streaming!"

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"Adelina's so screwed, all thanks to this con woman!"

"She's so selfish, no way good things will come her way!"

Ellinor snapped back to reality, took a deep breath, and wiped the drink off her face with a napkin.

Then, looking at those clueless people, she reminded herself to stay cool and try not to get physical.

She'd just stepped out of the police station, she didn't want to be a regular there because of fights!

Adelina, that must be the name of the purple-haired internet celeb, right?

Yet, one of the spectators not only threw a cup of drink at her, but also rallied everyone:

"Everyone, let's teach this con woman a lesson for Adelina, pour all your coke on her!"

"Yes! This fraudster is so annoying, I can't even finish my cokel"

"Me neither!"

"Drench her!"

Everyone started reaching for their cokes, ready to splash Ellinor....

Sensing the danger, Ellinor stood up quickly to dodge!

"I dare you!"

Suddenly a man's voice echoed, and the mood in the fast food restaurant hit rock bottom.

Everyone turned to see a tall handsome man standing there, with striking features and a stern face.

Damn, he's very good-looking!

The women in the room were all thunderstruck...

"You're here causing trouble and picking on a girl. If you don't disperse, no one's leaving, the police will handle you."

This man's aura was powerful, his composure and demeanor commanded respect.

Without realizing it, everyone retreated, clearing a path for him.

Theo looked at Ellinor, who was soaked with coke, his eyes filled with anger!

He'd only been away for a moment, and Ellinor was already wronged.

He couldn't bear it!

Theo calmly picked up the half cup of coke left on Ellinor's table, swung it, and splashed everyone present, all of them wore a face full of coke!

Then, he disgustedly tossed the cup away, cupped Ellinor's face with both hands, and wiped off the stains: "It's alright, let's go home." Ellinor didn't say anything, just nodded, and followed Theo out of the chaotic fast food joint.

She didn't want to argue with these people who didn't know the truth, after all, what they saw was all orchestrated by the puppet master. As everyone watched the powerful and handsome man lead away 'con woman' Ellinor, though they had objections, no one dared to stop them.

Even though

they were intimidated by the suddenly serious man, but as they didn't know Theo, they didn't know what to be afraid of... "Hey, was that guy with that woman? Why were we scared of them!"

"Right! We don't need to fear them! If they're in cahoots, we should take pictures of them together and expose them!"

Once someone took the lead, everyone else's courage also bolstered, and they went out again to film the two...

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Just as Ellinor stepped out of the fast food joint, she heard footsteps behind her. She turned around and sure enough, those guys were on her tail again, along with some nosey reporters lugging their cameras...

Hailing a cab wouldn't be a good idea now.

Given the whole extortion thing, taxi drivers might feel a bit too much solidarity, might not stay neutral. If they got all riled up too, then it would be a real pickle!

“We gotta leave!”

Ellinor grabbed Theo’s hand and they started legging it...

She wasn’t scared
of those guys, they were just a pain in the butt, tough to handle, and she couldn’t just start a brawl!!

Plus, Theo’s identity couldn’t be blown!

His identity was tied to the entire Blanchet Corporation, so she didn’t want to stir up trouble for him over something trivial.

They ran through the nearby alleyways, the spectators and reporters hot on their heels...

At a critical moment, Theo pulled her behind a pile of junk, hiding until those guys lost their trail.

Ellinor let out a sigh of relief, panting from the sprint.

Theo looked at her, “Why did we have to run? Exercising after eating, what if you get a stomach—ache?”

Ellinor blinked, feeling helpless, “What, were we supposed to duke it out with them?”

Theo gently scraped her flushed face with his finger, “You don’t need to get involved in a fight, just stay behind me.”

Ellinor frowned, “I don’t want you to get dragged into this...”

Before she could finish, someone shouted, “I found them, over there!”

“Chase them! Don’t let them get away!”

“Stop running!”

Ellinor realized they were in
a bind, “Oh no, we’ve been spotted! You go! I can handle them on my own!”

Theo frowned at her plan, “We leave together!”

Ellinor was out of breath, sprinting right after a full meal didn’t feel so great...

“I’ll stay and distract them! Stop dawdling, go!”

Theo frowned, he wasn’t happy with her decision.

What did she take him for?

Did she think he would just leave her and run away?

Ellinor was like a cat on a hot tin roof, pushing him away...

Just then, Collin pulled up in his car, screeched to a halt and rolled down the windows, “Hurry! Get her in the car!”

Theo, holding Ellinor's hand, walked swiftly towards the car and they hopped in.

Collin floored it, driving them away from that place...

By the time the crowd got there, all they saw was a high-end Maybach driving off, which only fueled their anger.

"Did that extortionist just get into a limited edition Maybach?"

"That woman can afford a luxury car and a hot young guy by extortion? This is unbelievable, is this fair?"

"This world is so unfair, a bad woman who makes money by extorting others' lives such a comfortable life, while we law-abiding citizens have to work our butts off!"

"We should post all the footage online, exposing their true colors!"

"Yeah! Let's also expose the hot guy she's keeping on the internet! Villains should get their comeuppance, we should use public opinion to take down their scam gang!"