## Chapter 221

How could Tom not know what the intermediary agent was thinking? But he didn't care. There were too many misunderstandings like this. He had already become numb.

The intermediary agent mumbled a few words but didn't say anything. Anyway, the customer was the most important, so he did whatever the customer said.

"In our H City, the best villa area is Dragon Bay. The average price is more than ten million dollars, and house in the best batch is more than thirty million dollars."

On the way back, the intermediary

agent was introducing some basic information. The more the intermediary agent looked at Tom, the less the intermediary agent thought he was rich.

Tom's answer was simple and straightforward. He nodded and said, "Okay, let's go and take a look."

Dragon Bay was indeed the best villa area in H City. It was famous in H City. Its location was good and the environment and equipment in it were also brilliant. The people who could live in it were either rich or powerful.

When Tom was still the live-in son-inlaw of the Scotts, the whole of the Scotts wanted to buy a house in Dragon Bay, but they couldn't afford it at all.

His mother-in-law, Elizabeth, in particular, had been nagging for a long time. She was the one who wanted to buy a house in Dragon Bay the most. At that time, Tom was blamed by her a lot. She said he was useless.

So back then, for a while, Tom was eager to buy a house in Dragon Bay.

He didn't expect himself to be able to buy a house in Dragon Bay now. Unfortunately, he had divorced Phoebe and left the Scotts. He had nothing to do with them and there was no chance to hold his head high.

Thinking of this, Tom was quite disappointed.

To be honest, after four years in the Scotts as a live-in son-in-law, Tom was extremely despised by the Scotts. Even the trash was not as cheap as him. In the past, he had no choice but to let it go. Now that he had successfully turned the table and became a big shot in H City, it was also a lie to say that he didn't want to hold his head high in the H City. After all, he was also a normal person. No matter how mature and stable he was, he still had his own emotions and desires.

As he thought about it, he was also in a daze and did not listen carefully to the intermediary agent next to him. His performance, in the eyes of the intermediary agent, became a sign of guilt, and the intermediary agent's attitude towards Tom became more

and more indifferent and contemptuous.

"Dragon Bay is here. Get out of the car." The intermediary agent said unhappily.

Tom came back to his senses. With an "Oh", he got out of the car.

When he came down, he saw that Dragon Bay was indeed extraordinary. It was completely different from other residential areas. Its gate was already majestic enough. When the intermediary agent saw Tom's gaze fall on the gate, he said proudly, "The gate of Dragon Bay is carved from all-natural marble. The price of the gate has reached three million dollars. It's very expensive."

Tom nodded and said, "Three million, not bad."

The agent said in his heart that Tom was pretending to be something.

When they went in, the intermediary agent tried to ask Tom what kind of work he did, but Tom never answered the intermediary agent's question directly, which made the intermediary agent more convinced that Tom was a poor man who could not afford to buy a house in Dragon Bay. This time, Tom came here mostly for fun. Tom would take a few photos and share them in his moments to pretend to be rich. Over the past few years, the intermediary agent met such a person very often.

Tom didn't know that he had been labeled like this by the intermediary agent. He carefully observed the villas inside to see if there was one he felt satisfied with. If there was, he would buy it on the spot in full payment.

With his current financial strength, it was so easy for him to buy a villa worth tens of millions. It was easier than buying a pack of cigarettes as ordinary people did.

"Take me straight to the most expensive villa in Dragon Bay."

Tom looked for a while, but found nothing satisfactory. He frowned and said to the intermediary agent.

The intermediary agent looked lazy

and said, "In order to prevent some people who can't afford to buy villas come here deliberately to see those villas they won't buy, the real estate enterprise here has made a rule. To look at the most expensive villas in Dragon Bay, one has to pay a deposit of 200,000 dollars. If one can't, then one can't see those most expensive villas."

"Is there such a rule?" Tom frowned. He had lived in H City for so long, and he had never heard that one had to pay a deposit first before looking at the house. And he had to pay two hundred thousand dollars in one breath. That was too much.

Tom's reaction convinced the agent that Tom was not a rich man, at least not rich enough to buy a villa. The corner of his mouth raised slightly, revealing a little sarcasm and sneer. "Yes, for some poor people, they deliberately use the reason of buying a house to take photos here to pretend to be something as they share photos of here in their moments. After all, Dragon Bay is the most luxurious and high-end residential area in H City, and living here is a status symbol. If any poor people can come in and visit, it will also affect the normal life of the owners here and make the Dragon Bay become lower in its level, right?"

In fact, the agency said both the truth and the lie. Dragon Bay was the most high-end villa area, there was indeed such a rule, but the deposit amount was much less than 200,000. 50,000 dollars was enough.

The intermediary agent said this just because he didn't like Tom and wanted Tom to back off.

However, he did not expect Tom to say without hesitation, "Okay, where can I use my bank card?"

When the intermediary agent heard Tom say this, he was obviously stunned. His eyes widened and he said, "Are you sure? You want to pay two hundred thousand at a time? You shall know that the Dragon Bay doesn't support credit cards!"

How could Tom not know that the intermediary agent was deliberately making him "shrink back from difficulties"? He was too lazy to explain

this kind of thing and he said impatiently, "Who said I will use a credit card? Take me to swipe my card. I'm in a hurry to buy a house these two days. I don't have time to delay."

The intermediary agent was retorted by Tom, and his expression was a little unpleasant, and he felt uncomfortable in his heart. He secretly cursed and then took Tom to the real estate agent to swipe the bank card.

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over to swipe the card. Before Tom could speak, intermediary agent glanced at the front desk of the real estate enterprise and said, "Arrange for this guest to pay a deposit of 200,000 dollars. He wants to see the 8th villa area of Dragon Bay."

The receptionist was very observant. She nodded, took out the POS machine, and swiped Tom's card.

However, just as Tom was about to swipe his card, a series of footsteps came from behind. The sound was accompanied by a familiar voice, "Honey, I really didn't expect to come to Dragon Bay to buy a house. It's great! It's my dream to live here. Thank you for helping me realize it!"

Then, there was another voice. "Yes, Glory. It's really her blessing that Grace knows you."

## Grace?

Hearing these two words, Tom was stunned. Wasn't Grace Phoebe's cousin?

He looked back curiously. Sure enough, he saw a group of people of the Scotts coming in.

At the same time, they also saw Tom...

## Chapter 222

Elizabeth had been very annoyed recently. Kenia had been showing off in front of her these days, saying that their precious daughter Grace had found a rich boyfriend who set up an Internet company and could earn twenty or thirty million dollars a year. It was more profitable than SK Lighting of the Scotts'. And he was going to buy a ten-million villa in Dragon Bay as his wedding room with Grace.

Kenia, the wife of James' younger brother Hugo, and also Grace's mother, was always in contact with Elizabeth. Elizabeth was a vain person. How could she stand it when she heard it? At least her daughter was now the chairman of SK Company. How could

she be looked down on by Kenia? So when Kenia asked her to come to Dragon Bay to select the house, she immediately agreed.

And she acted first before telling Phoebe then. It was after she came to the Dragon Bay with Kenia's family that she called Phoebe and told her to come to Dragon Bay and buy a villa.

When Phoebe heard it, she was dumbfounded. What was going on? They had a nice house in H City. There was no need to go to Dragon Bay to buy a house. Besides, even the lowest villa in Dragon Bay cost was tens of millions. How could their family afford one?

So she immediately said, "Mom, what

Phoebe's words were immediately heard by the Kenia family as Elizabeth turned on the loudspeaker. Then Kenia burst out laughing and said, "Elizabeth, you're from the countryside. You don't know that there's a difference among chairmen. Although some person is a chairman, she can't make much money. But some of the chairmen can make twenty or thirty million a year, just like Glory."

When Elizabeth heard that, her face darkened and she cursed in her heart. She turned off the loudspeaker and walked aside. She said to Phoebe, "I don't care. Come over now, or I'm not your mom anymore!"

After that, she hung up the phone.

are you thinking about? We have a house to live in. Why are we going to Dragon Bay to buy a house? There are all expensive villas over there."

Elizabeth said, "You are the chairman now, and you have the most shares. It's more than enough to buy a villa in there, okay?"

She said it very loudly on purpose and was overheard by the Kenia family. Elizabeth emphasized that her daughter was also a chairman and was no worse than anyone else!

Phoebe frowned and said, "The company has just returned to the track and is not profitable yet. Even if I have more shares, I can't afford a villa."

Phoebe felt rather helpless. Fortunately, she was not too busy today. Phoebe rushed over in case that her mother did something stupid.

Seeing Elizabeth coming over, Kenia said jokingly, "How's it going? Phoebe still can't afford to buy a house? But what Phoebe said is true. You have a commercial house that is less than 100 square meters in H City, which is enough for you four. After all, the villas in Dragon Bay are too expensive. One costs more than ten million dollars. Not everyone can afford it."

Grace immediately added, "Mom, that's not true. Now that Phoebe is the chairman of the SK Lighting, her status is very high! Even grandpa has to listen to her. She's so awesome. It's easy for

her to buy a villa in Dragon Bay, right? Auntie, do you think so?"

Grace's tone sounded sarcastic. The two people's ridiculed drove Elizabeth crazy, who gritted her teeth, snorted heavily, and said, "Of course, Phoebe is now the chairman of the board. It's easy to take out more than ten million dollars. On the other hand, if you come to Dragon Bay to buy a villa, wouldn't you get a mortgage like the poor?"

The issue really stumped Grace. Originally, they really planned to get a mortgage. After all, ten million dollars was not a small amount. Even her boyfriend Glory could not easily take it out.

However, she couldn't say that. She

had to maintain her dignity.

When Phoebe first became the chairman of SK Group, the entire the Scotts was inferior to her. During that time, Elizabeth was even more arrogant. Now, Grace found a rich boyfriend who was willing to spend money for her. Both Grace and her mother wanted to build a better image.

So she immediately signaled Glory. After getting Glory's permission, she said loudly and disdainfully, "Hehe, a mortgage? That's what poor people do. Glory doesn't need that. Auntie, relax. When Phoebe comes and she can't afford to buy a villa in Dragon Bay. You'll be a laughingstock."

Elizabeth snorted and said, "You don't

have to worry about it. We can definitely afford to buy a villa in Dragon Bay."

While Kenia and his family were walking in front of them, Elizabeth deliberately walked behind. She pinched James and scolded, "You useless trash, you wouldn't have said a word for your wife just now, allowing the Kenia family to mock me. Are you still a man?"

James was pinched so hard that he bared his teeth and said quickly, "I haven't blamed you yet. Why were you comparing with Kenia? Phoebe is right. We have a house in H City. Why are we going to Dragon Bay to buy a villa? There're only three people in our family, we don't need a big and

expensive house."

Elizabeth poked James's head hard and scolded, "You're so useless and have no ambition at all. You've been bullied like this, but you can still tolerate it! Besides, now that Phoebe is the chairman of SK Company, she can get tens of millions of dividends a year and buy a villa in Dragon Bay. That's easy for her."

James said, "That's right, but SK Company has just started its development. Phoebe can't get the money until the end of the year. It's still more than half a year away."

"I don't care. I must buy a villa in Dragon Bay today. I need to appear rich!" Elizabeth said.

Next, they followed Kenia's family to check the house. They roughly understood that the houses in Dragon Bay were very expensive and luxurious. Those who could live here were all high-ranking people.

Elizabeth and Kenia all became more and more fond of Dragon Bay after hearing the flattery of the agency. They also made up their minds that they must buy a villa in Dragon Bay!

Not long after, Phoebe arrived. When Elizabeth saw her coming, she immediately smiled excitedly and waved hard. "Phoebe, come here. Mom is waiting for you!"

Today, Phoebe wore a dress and

looked striking. With her beautiful appearance, Glory could not move his eyes off her. In contrast, Grace was obviously no match for Phoebe.

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Grace found Glory's eyes almost stuck on Phoebe. Suddenly, her face turned black. She pinched Glory hard and scolded angrily, "Where are you looking?"

Glory realized his impoliteness through the pain and quickly explained himself to Grace, but he couldn't help but look at Phoebe. Phoebe was really beautiful. As one of the top three beauties in H City, her beauty was unquestionable, especially after she became the chairman of the board during this period of time. With her firm and resolute features, she was more attractive to men.

Glory was a relatively successful

entrepreneur. He had played with a lot of beautiful women, but he had never met anyone like Phoebe, so he immediately became excited.

Phoebe walked over and said, "Mom, why did you think of buying a villa in Dragon Bay?"

Then, she saw Kenia and Grace and nodded.

Elizabeth replied, "Dragon Bay is the best villa area in H City. You are now the chairman of the SK Company. Your identity is different from before. Of course, you should live in the best house in H City!"

Kenia walked over and said with a smile, "Phoebe, you're here too.

Actually, Grace's boyfriend planned to buy a villa for her in Dragon Bay as the marriage room, I told this to your mother, then your mother also wanted to buy a villa in Dragon Bay. But, you just became the chairman of SK, can you afford so much money?"

Grace took Glory's hand and walked over, smiling and saying, "Mom, don't say this. Sister Phoebe is rich now. She has become the chairman of SK Company. The villa is just about ten million dollars. It's a piece of cake for Phoebe, isn't it? Phoebe, do you think so? It just so happened that my boyfriend and I like the villa in the sixth building plan. It wasn't expensive, just about 15 million dollars. You can buy one next to us. We can live together. It would be great to be neighbors then."

When Phoebe heard this, she finally realized that it was a matter of competition. To be honest, she hated this kind of thing the most. She couldn't help but glare at Elizabeth discontentedly. Besides, even if she wanted to buy it, she couldn't afford it!

"Really? Congratulations in advance. It's good news to buy a villa in Dragon Bay. But I'm not interested in Dragon Bay. It's too far away. I still like the city center and it's close to my company, so I don't plan to buy a villa in Dragon Bay." Phoebe said with a smile.

At this moment, Kenia said in a strange tone, "Phoebe, is that really the case? Just now, your mother said that she liked the villa in Dragon Bay very much,

and said that she must buy one in Dragon Bay. I think you can't afford to buy a villa in Dragon Bay, so you said that you are not interested in the villa in Dragon Bay, right?"

After hearing these words, Phoebe felt quite uncomfortable. She glared at Elizabeth fiercely, blaming her mother for always causing trouble for her.

Phoebe said, "You know my mother. She's easy to be impulsive. She likes the villa in Dragon Bay today, but she won't like it tomorrow."

Then she immediately winked at Elizabeth to remind Elizabeth of being clear-minded.

Elizabeth could understand Phoebe's

meaning. Even though she was unhappy, she had no choice but to say, "Yes, I suddenly don't like the villa in Dragon Bay. It's too far away."

However, everyone could tell from her appearance that Phoebe had no money and could not afford to buy a house in Dragon Bay.

Seeing this scene, Kenia and Grace looked at each other. They were happier. When Phoebe became the chairman of SK Company, they were not happy about it. Now they finally found the opportunity to take revenge. How could they let such a good opportunity go?

"Haha, sister-in-law, after all these years, your doesn't change at all. I think

you must still like Dragon Bay villa, but you can't afford it!" The smile on Kenia's face was especially sarcastic. She looked like a winner and looked at Elizabeth with pride and disdain, "That's true. Although Phoebe is the chairman of SK Company, SK Company can't compete with our Glory's company. I understand Phoebe can't afford it. After all, it's more than ten million dollars."

When Elizabeth heard this, she felt very uncomfortable, but Phoebe's eyes made her not dare to speak rashly.

However, Grace's words immediately made her lose control. "Of course, even though sister Phoebe is now the president, she hasn't even changed her car. She's still driving the same

Volkswagen as before. Glory drove a Bentley a few years ago."

Elizabeth was so angry that she stood up and said loudly, "What are you talking about? Who said Phoebe can't afford to buy a villa in Dragon Bay? We're just saving face for you! Since you've said so, we'll pay today and buy those two villas!"

Kenia and Grace were both stunned. They didn't expect Elizabeth to be so bold. At this point, Elizabeth dared to say such words, which made them feel guilty. Could it be that Phoebe was acting just now? Was it possible that Phoebe could spend over ten million dollars buying a villa?

For a moment, they did not dare to

speak anymore.

Elizabeth understood their reaction and immediately got up and said, "What? Why do you stop? I don't think you're the ones who don't have that much money out, are you? You just put on a good show. People who don't know the truth would think you find a sugar daddy."

Grace was also very unhappy at once. She pulled Glory aside and said a few words in a low voice. She acted coquettishly and pleaded, and agreed to some "excessive" requests. Finally, Glory gritted her teeth and agreed.

More than 15 million dollars was indeed a little too much for him, but not to the extent that he couldn't get it

out. Just a while ago, he had just made a big deal and got a large sum of money.

He also quite cherish his face, especially in front of beautiful women, and Grace gave him some exciting conditions, he couldn't help but be moved, gritted his teeth and agreed Grace's request.

Grace immediately smiled brightly and kissed Glory's face. She walked back and said to Elizabeth, "Okay, auntie, let's settle it today. Now we'll go to the real estate developer to pay the bill and get the formalities done."

Elizabeth snorted and said to Phoebe, "Phoebe, do you hear me? Let's go pay now and buy the villa. Then we can

decorate it in a very high-end way, like the palace!"

Phoebe couldn't stand it any longer. She said a little angrily, "Mom! That's enough. I told you not to buy a villa in Dragon Bay."

Elizabeth was scolded by Phoebe, feeling very embarrassed, and said angrily, "Hey, what's your attitude? Is there anyone who talks to mom like this? Mom raised you. Now you have money, then can't you buy a villa for mom?"

Phoebe saw that Elizabeth was already bewildered. Not to mention 15 million, now she couldn't even take out 5 million. She simply said, "It's not that I don't buy it, but that I don't have

money. How can I buy it for you?"

Elizabeth's face immediately turned green when she said this, and Kenia and Grace were gloating over Elizabeth and Phoebe.

Listening to Kenia and Grace's ridicule, Elizabeth felt like her lungs were about to explode with anger. When Grace saw this scene, she felt was extremely happy. She said loudly to Glory in purpose, "Honey, I really didn't expect that I could really buy a house in Dragon Bay. It's really great! It's my dream to live in Dragon Bay. Thank you for helping me realize it!"

Kenia also said, "Yes, Glory. Grace is really lucky to know you."

And just then, Tom, who was about to pay a deposit of 200,000 dollars, heard their voices, turned around and looked at each other...

## Chapter 224

Immediately, Kenia and Grace were stunned. Obviously, they didn't expect to meet Tom here.

Dragon Bay was a place that only rich people could come, and Tom was just a useless loser.

At the same time, Phoebe, Elizabeth and James also saw Tom. For a moment, the mood turned strange.

"Tom?" Kenia immediately called out.
"Why did you come to Dragon Bay?"

For a long time, the Kenia family looked down on Tom. In their minds, Tom was just a useless coward, and they despised Tom from their bones.

Even a while ago, they heard that it was Tom who invested 100 million dollars in SK Company so that Phoebe could be the chairwoman. They still looked down on Tom because they didn't think that Tom could afford that much money. Phoebe must have ridden on ZQ Media's chairman's coattail so that they could get this investment. Tom was just the blind.

So Grace immediately smiled and said, "Isn't it obvious? He must have come to Dragon Bay to work. Don't you see what he's wearing now."

Kenia said in a strange tone, "How can you say this? He just invested 100 million dollars in SK Company a while ago. Otherwise, you really thought that Phoebe could become the

chairwoman of SK Company. Ho ho."

They belittled Tom to the extreme.

After the agent who accompanied Tom heard them, he was more certain that Tom was poor and despised him even more.

Tom was immune to these cruel words. He looked directly at Phoebe. He did not except them to meet again so soon.

At this moment, Elizabeth and James also saw Tom, and their eyes changed.

"How unlucky to meet this trash here."
Elizabeth looked bad, and she complained. She especially disliked Tom because she later found out that the so-called 100 million dollars Tom invested in SK Company was from the

ZQ Media. So she thought that money had nothing to do with Tom but from chairman of ZQ Inc.

Now that Phoebe and Tom were divorced, she was terribly happy. So when she met Tom here, her mood turned bad.

As for Phoebe, something strange flashed in her eyes as she looked at Tom. She did not expect to meet Tom here either.

Could it be that Tom came to Dragon Bay to buy a house?

Now that she was confused about who Tom's identity, she no longer knew who Tom was. After returning from Wind Pavilion that day, she had gone to investigate that place, but the more she investigated, the more frightened she became!

She was getting more and more confused about Tom.

At this time, Kenia, Grace and Glory had already walked over. When they saw the bank card in Tom's hand, Grace said to Tom, "Oh, my dear brother-in-law, are you coming to Dragon Bay to buy a house?"

Tom could easily tell what Grace meant. He didn't bother to pay attention to Grace. He ignored her and looked away. He said to the receptionist, "Give me the POS machine. I'll pay now."

Grace was angry at Tom for ignoring her. She snorted and said arrogantly, "Hey, Tom, I'm talking to you. Are you deaf?"

She spoke very loudly on purpose, which made her the point here and immediately attracted the attention of everyone around.

Tom frowned and said unhappily, "Shoot."

"You!" Grace was wronged. She immediately shook Glory's arm and said coquettishly, "Honey, this guy humiliated me!"

Glory's face immediately turned angry. He looked up and down at Tom, his eyes unfriendly. "Who is this guy?" "Oh, that's what I told you before. Our the Scotts's useless uxorialocal son-inlaw. Over the years, he has disgraced our the Scotts all the time." Grace said loudly on purpose, and deliberately looked back at Phoebe.

When Elizabeth heard this, her face turned furious and she gnashed her teeth in anger.

Glory's eyes flashed through malice. He had just met Phoebe and found out that Tom was Phoebe's husband. He immediately became hostile to Tom. "So it's him. He looks like a shit."

"Haha, of course. Think about it. If he's capable, can he be in such terrible situation?" Grace laughed so happily that she pretended to apologize, "Oh,

brother-in-law, I'm sorry. I'm a straightforward person. Don't take it to heart."

Kenia turned to Elizabeth and said, "Aren't you going to buy a villa in Dragon Bay? Phoebe can't afford it. You can ask your son-in-law to help you."

Grace also said, "Yes, auntie, my brother-in-law is rich. A while ago, he took 100 million dollars from the ZQ Media to invest in the SK Lighting. I believe that the villa in Dragon Bay is only worth more than ten million dollars. He can easily afford it. Haha."

These two drama queen attracted everyone's attention in the hall.

Elizabeth gritted her teeth and tried to refute, but there was nothing she could say. What they said was truth?

When Tom heard this, he was a little surprised. Phoebe and her parent came to Dragon Bay to buy a villa?

What a coincidence.

Phoebe felt terrible. For some reason, ever since the divorce, she felt different when she faced Tom, especially not wanting him to see her in a sorry state.

So she couldn't stay any longer. She grabbed Elizabeth's clothes and whispered, "Mom, stop messing around. Let's go home."

Elizabeth's face turned to be ashamed.

It was very terrible for her to be defeated by Kenia and her daughter, but she had no choice but only complained bitterly. "It's all your fault. You have no money even if you become the chairwoman, which made your father and I be humiliated again!"

Seeing that they were leaving, Kenia immediately stopped them and said jokingly, "Hey, sister-in-law, aren't you going to buy a villa? Why are you leaving? Can't you really afford it?"

Elizabeth couldn't help but shout out, "Who said we can't afford it? We just don't want to buy it today. Can't we come to buy it tomorrow? It's none of your business!"

Grace simply said mercilessly, "Haha,

auntie, just admit that you can't afford it, why do you have so many excuses? Dragon Bay is after all the most highend villa area in H City, and not everyone can afford it."

Phoebe could not bear to hear this. She gritted her teeth. Originally, she was in a good mood. Even if Kenia and Grace were jibing, she didn't care. But when Tom appeared, she immediately lost her composure and said irritably, "Don't you just want to see us embarrassed? We can't afford it, so what?"

Her eyes were a little red.

Then she turned around abruptly, intending to leave quickly.

Kenia and Grace looked at each other. They were both extremely happy, as if they were winners.

But at this moment, a loud voice sounded, "Who said we can't afford it?"

It was Tom.

Then she winked at Glory. Glory nodded and said directly to the real estate agent, "The villa that we chose just now, arrange it for me. I'll pay now and you must deliver the house to me as soon as possible."

The agent of Glory was so excited that his face turned red when he heard this. He nodded quickly and said loudly, "Okay, okay, okay! Elliot, I'm going to arrange it now! Elliot, you're so generous. It's the first time I've seen such a forthright guest in all my years as a real estate agent!"

Then Glory came over and said to Tom, "Let's pay together."

He raised his eyebrows, his expression full of provocation.

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"Okay."

Tom agreed without thinking.

Glory was stunned by his agreeing so fast, but then he sneered, thinking that Tom was just playing tricks on him.

"Then there is no need to keep talking. Just pay." Glory also took out his bank card and was about to start paying for the 15 million dollars villa.

Tom smiled and said to Phoebe, "Which one do you like? Let's buy it directly."

Phoebe immediately pulled Tom aside and whispered, "Tom, what the hell are you doing? We have no intention of buying a villa in Dragon Bay!"

The smile on Tom's face didn't change a bit. "Then you can't let Grace and her mother look down on you for nothing, can you? You're also a chairman now. It's not good for your image if words spread out, is it?"

Phoebe bit her lips. "But I don't have the money."

"It's okay, I have." Tom smiled brightly. His smile made Phoebe feel a little special.

"Tom!" Phoebe raised her voice.

"We're divorced. Why are you helping me like this?"

She stared at Tom intently, trying to get some answers from Tom's expression,

but she was disappointed. Tom was very calm, still smiling, and nothing was unusual.

"We can still be friends after divorce."

"I don't have that much money to pay you back!"

Tom didn't answer back, but said directly to Elizabeth and James, "Dad, mom, which villa do you like? I'll buy it now."

Now that Tom behaved so naturally without a hint of guilty look, Elizabeth and James began to hesitate. A voice appeared in their minds. Could Tom really have money to buy it?

For a moment, there was some light shedding on the darkness of their despair.

Elizabeth said, "We'll leave it to you to decide."

James also said, "Right, it's your call."

After all, now that Tom had divorced Phoebe and had nothing to do with them, it was not reansonable for them to ask Tom to buy them such an expensive villa directly.

Seeing that they were still nagging, obviously stalling, so Grace said impatiently, "Hey, do you want to buy it or not? Don't waste time here."

Tom walked over again and said, "Of course we do. Why don't we? But these villas are not what we like."

Grace was suddenly amused and showed a disdainful expression. "Hehe, I knew you would say that. But it's quite normal. A villa worth more than ten million dollars is beyond your means even if you work for the rest of your life."

The people around them looked at Tom with disdain. For people in H City, 99 % of them could not afford to buy a luxurious villa in Dragon Bay. This was not a very embarrassing thing, but the problem was that Tom was a person who could not afford to buy it and still not kept his mouth shut, which was disgraceful.

Especially compared to a successful person like Glory, he was even more belittled.

In fact, it wasn't just them, even Elizabeth and James thought so, so they unconsciously distanced themselves from Tom.

Tom just smiled and ignored them. Instead, he said directly to the real estate salesman, "Where is your most expensive villa district?"

Everyone was stunned when they heard him say this, including the real estate salesman. After a while, the other party said, "It's the ninth project. The average price over there is more than 30 million dollars."

"Well, just take me there." Tom said with a smile.

Everyone thought he was crazy. He

couldn't take out more than ten million dollars but wanted to see the most high-end?

Grace and Kenia looked at each other and laughed. They thought that Tom was just trying to make a fool of himself, so they were not nervous at all. Instead, they were happier. They would just have to wait to see how Tom and Phoebe and her parents made a fool of themselves later.

Moreover, if this got back to the rest of the Scotts, it would be even more funny, enough to make Phoebe and her parents be disgraceful in the Scotts!

Thinking of this, they were even happier and more excited.

Tom was planning to buy the best villa in Dragon Bay anyway, but now he just got more attention and it didn't affect him at all.

Instead, Grace and the others' appearance made Tom feel quite interesting. He was a little looking forward to their wonderful expressions.

After four years as a live-in son-in-law in the Scotts, Tom had always lived a "Loser" life and was ridiculed by Grace and her family. Now that he had changed his luck, he had the opportunity to teach Grace and her family a good lesson. Of course, he would not let go of this opportunity. Moreover, this was also a chance to raise his position in front of Elizabeth

and James.

As a result, many people followed the real estate salesman to the ninth project.

It had to be said that as the most highend villa area in Dragon Bay, the ninth project was really the most luxurious, and it was not the same concept as the sixth project that Grace and others just saw.

After Grace and Kenia took a look, they immediately became uninterested in the sixth project. Grace secretly tugged at Glory's clothes and asked if he could buy one in the ninth project. On the spot, Glory glared at her fiercely.

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Immediately, everyone's eyes were on him.

Phoebe, who was striding away, heard this and her body suddenly trembled slightly. Tom's voice seemed to hit her heart directly.

Elizabeth was stunned for a moment. She turned around and saw Tom strode over with a smile on her face. He repeated, "Who said we can't afford it? It's just a house in Dragon Bay."

Just a house in Dragon Bay?

That was too much!

Not only Kenia and Grace, but also the

onlookers around them had a bad impression of Tom when they heard this. They felt that Tom was too arrogant.

They came to Dragon Bay to buy a villa in the form of a mortgage. They definitely didn't have such a big tone and said such big words as "Just a house in Dragon Bay!" Moreover, in their opinion, Tom was wearing a cheeky suit and two or three hundred dollars sneaker. He was just an ordinary salaried man. Such a person could afford a villa in Dragon Bay, and they would not believe it even if someone put a knife against their throats.

"Hahaha, what a big tone. Someone like you, dare not to take Dragon Bay

seriously? According to what you just said, you must be a billionaire." Glory immediately said loudly.

He was getting more and more annoyed by Tom now. Among his peers, he was an absolute success. He looked down on trash like Tom from the bottom of his heart, let alone the history between Tom and Phoebe.

His words were echoed by many people and they began to ridicule Tom.

"Yes, just a loser. What are you bragging there?"

"You really don't know who you are. How dare you say something like that about Dragon Bay?!"

"I think this guy is a clown. He's a show-

off. Look at him. He's a delivery boy at best."

"You have thought too highly of him. I think he is a worker at the construction site."

Many people began to laugh at Tom and became hostile to Tom.

That was quite natural, for Tom's words just now had offended them all.

If it were someone else, they would have panicked long ago, but it didn't matter to Tom.

He had already walked up to Phoebe and said with a smile, "Phoebe, you were naughty again just now. Didn't we agree to buy a villa in Dragon Bay? The money is in place. Why can't we

afford it? Weren't you lying to your mother and Grace?"

Phoebe opened her mouth wide and looked at Tom in a daze. She was a little confused about what Tom was doing. She immediately asked with her eyes, "Hey!" What the hell are you doing?

The smile on Tom's face remained the same, and he said to Elizabeth, "Mom, which villa do you like? We can buy it."

Elizabeth was a little confused. She didn't understand what Tom was doing. She looked at Phoebe, hoping to figure something out from Phoebe's look. But now Phoebe lowered her head and looked very complicated. She was also very confused.

Now that Grace realized it, she burst out laughing again. Holding Glory's arm, she walked over. "Oh, my brotherin-law is so awesome. He can afford to buy a house in Dragon Bay. How awesome!"

She said so, but her face was full of disdain. She clearly didn't believe that Tom had the ability to buy a house. At most, she thought that Tom was bluffing.

It was understandable for Tom had been a wimp since he joined the Scotts four years ago. He had never done anything worth mentioning. He didn't know how much disgrace he had brought to the Scotts. Especially Phoebe, his wife, because Tom, the useless husband, had always had a bad

reputation in H City.

Now that she would on no account believe that Tom could take so much money out to buy a villa in Dragon Bay. Even if he bought it on mortgage, he would have to take out millions at a time!

Kenia immediately joined in and began to despise and disdain Tom in a strange tone.

Elizabeth swallowed and asked Tom, "Do you really have money to buy a villa in Dragon Bay?"

Tom nodded and said with a smile, "Of course, when did I lie?"

Elizabeth thought about it carefully, and it seemed he was telling the truth.

Although Tom had been useless for so many years, he was still trustworthy. Tom really didn't seem to have lied to anyone.

But even so, she still felt uncertain.

After all, it was really difficult for them to buy a villa worth more than ten million dollars.

She thought to herself that since Tom had made the statement, she had already been embarrassed and it could not possibly get worse. At worst, she could let Tom take the blame in the end.

She understood and said, "Okay, if you can afford to buy one, mom will thank you later!"

Tom smiled and said to Phoebe, "Phoebe, you and mom can choose which villa in Dragon Bay you like?"

Phoebe bit her lips and didn't say anything. In fact, she was a little convinced that Tom could afford to buy a house in Dragon Bay, but they were divorced now. Even if he could afford it, it seemed that it had nothing to do with them...

So for a moment, she lowered her head and did not answer.

How observant was Tom? He naturally saw through Phoebe's complicated mood at the moment. To be honest, he was actually a little happy in his heart. After all these years of marriage, Phoebe had always looked down on

him, and now he finally had a chance to hold his head high in front of Phoebe!

Moreover, he felt that there was a hint of regret in Phoebe's expression now...

However, Grace and Kenia couldn't stand it any longer. They deliberately tricked Elizabeth and James to come to Dragon Bay to look at the house today, mainly to humiliate them and avenged their humiliation before. Now that Tom appeared and messed up their plan, how could they put up with that?

At this moment, Kenia said, "Well, since you can afford a villa, then don't talk nonsense. Pay directly!"

Grace also said, "Yes, come and pay. It's useless just talking."

She must be joking. The minimum price of villas in the ninth project was 30 million. Even if he sold everything he had, he still couldn't take out so much money. Even if he took out the mortgage, he would still be hard to pay it back.

"How's it going? You've seen so many. Haven't you found any one you like?" Grace said in a strange tone.

The real estate salesman also said, "Mr. Howard, which one do you like?"

For a moment, everyone's eyes were on Tom, and they were waiting for his answer.

Tom smiled and pointed to the most luxurious villa in front of him. "This one

then."

The real estate salesman said, "Mr. Howard, are you sure you want to buy this one?"

"Yes, is there a problem?"

"This is the most expensive villa in Dragon Bay. It covers an area of thousands of square meters and has a complete set of facilities. The villa is also the highest level of decoration. The total price is 38.99 million dollars." The real estate salesman explained. He looked at Tom with disbelief.

There was no way he could believe it. Tom was wearing too ordinary clothes now. People would rather believe he was a delivery man. How could he afford a house close to 40 million dollars?

As expected, so many people around them took a deep breath when they heard this number. They were shocked for this much money could even buy a large company!

Grace and Kenia were also very shocked and looked at the big villa with incomparable envy, but they did not dare to have any thoughts. Such an expensive villa was not something that a person of their level could afford. They were very self-aware about this.

Tom smiled again. Instead of answering the real estate salesman, he smiled at Phoebe and asked, "Phoebe, are you satisfied with this villa? If you are satisfied, let's buy it."

Phoebe did not answer. Her heart was beating faster for no reason.

"Stop messing around!" Phoebe said angrily in a low voice.

Tom just smiled and didn't say anything more. Instead, he turned around and said to the salesperson, "That's the one. I'll pay now. Get the paperwork done for me."

Grace and Kenia were both disdainful.

They didn't believe that Tom could afford a 40 million villa!

Suddenly, Tom thought of something and said to Grace, "By the way, Grace, you seemed to say that you want to buy a villa next to ours? Now I've decided to buy a large villa in the ninth project. Do you want to buy one too? A villa in the sixth project is still too small."

Grace asked Glory with her eyes. After getting Glory's permission, she said loudly, "Okay, we'll do it. But you pay first. If you have the ability to pay in full, we will pay immediately!"

How could Tom not know what Grace was up to? He smiled faintly and said, "No problem, but you'd better prepare the money in advance. In case you have no money to pay for it after I make the payment."

These words angered Grace and Glory.
Glory stepped forward and sneered,
"Don't worry about that. If you can pay,

I promise to buy it immediately! As for you, be careful not to make a fool of yourself when you couldn't bring out that much money!"

Tom did not refute. He spoke with his actions. Very soon, he went to pay the bill. The real estate company was quick in their work. It was only about ten minutes, and all the procedures were ready. As long as Tom could successfully pay, he could transfer the property ownership to him directly and Tom could check in tonight.

For a moment, everyone was watching Tom to see if he could really pay.

Tom took out his bank card, swiped it at the POS machine, and then pressed the password. After a while, he heard the machine announce, "Successfully pay 38.99 million dollars in full."

Immediately, the whole room was quiet, and everyone's expression became exciting.

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At this moment, everyone felt it was so unreal!

He actually paid thirty-eight million nine hundred and ninety thousand?

After almost five seconds, hundreds of people present came back to their senses, and then they gasped.

Tom himself was the one who broke the strange silence. He still had a faint smile on his face and said to the salesperson of Dragon Bay, "I've signed the papers. Go through the procedures as soon as possible. I'll move in tonight."

Tom's name was already signed on several contracts.

It created quite a stir.

"Damn it!!"

"Did I hear it right? The payment was really done? 389.99 million! This is nearly 40 million!"

"Hallucination, it must be a hallucination. This man looks like a delivery guy. How could he have so much money?"

"Maybe we are wrong about him? Maybe he's really a super boss!"

"I'm so jealous. I want to live in a villa worth 40 million too! Is this the most expensive house in H City?"

At this moment, the salespeople of Dragon Bay were all excited, especially

the saleswoman in charge of Tom's order. Now her face turned red in the blink of an eye. She was breathing quickly and was trembling.

She could get hundreds of thousands of commission!

Other salespeople's eyes were filled with envy and jealousy, especially the one who had brought Tom here. He was originally responsible for this order, but because he looked down on Tom, he actually lost such a big client...

With a bang, he slapped himself hard!

He then cried. He couldn't make so much money in a year. With this commission, he had money to buy a condo himself. At this moment, Elizabeth also came to her senses. She couldn't help but swear, "Oh my god! You bought a forty-million villa!"

She looked at Tom in shock, disbelief, feeling elated...

Tom was a little scared by her gaze. She looked as if she was about to pounce on him at any time. It was too scary.

James was also dumbfounded. He had never thought that Tom could afford such an expensive villa. He felt Tom was not what he used to be.

Seeing his ex-in-laws' reaction, Tom was very happy. He had been a good-for-nothing for so long because he had to hide his identity, but now he finally

got rid of the Howards and could show his prowess.

Phoebe gritted her teeth, but she didn't feel too surprised. She had seen Tom's extraordinary side before in Wind Pavilion, and it didn't seem too unusual for him to buy a villa of 40 million. However, she was still shocked. Tom obviously spent so much money to buy the villa for her... For a moment, her mind was in turmoil.

Of course, Grace and the other two people's expressions were the most dramatic. They were completely stunned and looked like they had seen ghosts. They had no idea why Tom had so much money!

It wasn't forty thousand, nor was it

four hundred thousand, but forty million! Even Glory's company was only worth around 40 million. But Tom took out 40 million to buy a house and paid it all at once.

He began to wonder if he was hallucinating.

Grace and Kenia's expressions were very interesting.

Tom smiled and said, "Grace, it's your turn now. Do you get the money ready? I took a look. The big villa next door is cheaper. 35 million will do."

Then, Tom said to the salesman, "Hey, miss, you can prepare the contracts for that villa. My relative's boyfriend is a big boss. 35 million is not a problem."

covers an area of 900 square meters and has a swimming pool and other facilities. It's especially luxurious. The decorating materials are high-grade. It's like living in the palace..."

The salesperson introduced a lot about the villa. In the end, she said, "The total price is thirty-five million eight hundred and eighty thousand. Do you use your credit card? As long as the payment is done, you can transfer the ownership in half an hour. You can also move in tonight."

All of a sudden, everyone looked at Grace and the two of them.

Grace and Kenia swallowed hard. Their brains were in a mess and they were completely out of their wits. They had

never encountered such a ridiculous thing in their entire life.

"Darling..." After a while, Grace began to shake Glory's arm and said coquettishly, while Glory's face was already livid!

Thirty-five million eight hundred and eighty thousand! Even if he sold his company immediately, he couldn't get so much money.

He immediately pulled his hand back, took out a cigarette, and started smoking, only to find that his hands were trembling a little.

Tom added, "What's wrong, Grace? Why didn't you pay? It can't be possible that you can't afford it."

Tom liked to do things like flogging the cur that had fallen into the water. He was never a kind person. Grace and her friends had mocked him a lot just now.

Kenia couldn't stand Tom's gloating face. She also said to Glory, "Glory, didn't you say you were going to buy Grace a villa in Dragon Bay?"

Glory still remained silent. His face was livid and he was in a panic. This time, he was really embarrassed.

Grace valued her dignity more than anything else. In this situation, she really felt very embarrassed and became irrational. She began to urge Glory to buy her a house.

However, this annoyed Glory. He

pushed her away and scolded, "No fucking way! How can I have so much money!"

After that, he stood up and walked away quickly...

Grace and Kenia were left, feeling embarrassed.

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Grace was dumbfounded. She didn't expect Glory to leave her. Before she came, she did everything to please Glory. Glory also promised her that he would buy a villa in Dragon Bay as their wedding house.

However, Glory suddenly left her behind, which was really beyond her expectations.

"Hey! Why did Glory run away?" Kenia shouted unhappily.

Grace ran out to chase after Glory, but she couldn't see Glory anymore. Now she was rather flustered.

Of course, Elizabeth would not let go

of such an opportunity to take revenge. She immediately seized the chance to mock Kenia and Grace.

"Oh, didn't you just say that you were going to buy a big villa? Why are you running away now?"

"It's only thirty-five million eight hundred and eighty thousand. It's not much at all. It's not as good as the thirty-eight million ninety-nine million one we just bought. Why can't you even pay for it?"

"Grace, what kind of big boss do you know? I think you've been deceived. How pitiful!"

After hearing those words, Grace was heartbroken and she couldn't stay any

longer. Then she burst into tears and ran out.

Kenia's face darkened. Elizabeth's words were a knife to her, which made her extremely embarrassed. After all, many people ridiculed her in public. Even if she was thick-skinned, she could not stay but ran away.

Elizabeth was contented. She walked up to Tom with a flattering smile and said, "Tom, when did you become so successful? You can even afford such an expensive villa. Mom is really proud of you."

Tom smiled and didn't say anything.
Then Phoebe came over and said,
"Thank you for helping me out. Now
that you've bought a house, there are

still a lot of things to do. We won't bother you."

After that, she pulled Elizabeth away.

"Hey, Phoebe, where are you taking me? We just bought a big villa and haven't gone in to take a good look." Elizabeth shouted.

Phoebe said, "Tom bought it. It has nothing to do with us."

Elizabeth was unhappy and said angrily, "Why? Didn't Tom just say that this big villa was bought for us and we can move in tonight?"

"Tom didn't mean it. His name is written on the property certificate. It has nothing to do with us!"

"Why? You're his wife..." At this point, Elizabeth suddenly stopped. She remembered that Phoebe and Tom were divorced now. Legally speaking, they had nothing to do with each other.

She was so excited just now that she forgot about it. For a moment, her expression froze and she felt especially uncomfortable. She felt that she had missed a big fortune.

"Well, although you are divorced, you can remarry..."

"Mom!!" Phoebe immediately glared at Elizabeth angrily. "What nonsense are you talking about? What kind of woman do you think I am!"

Elizabeth did not dare to look Phoebe

in the eye. She looked around and muttered in a low voice, "Why are you so fierce? I'm just telling the truth."

They spoke not far away. Tom had sharp ears and heard their conversation. The corners of his mouth rose slightly. Over the past few years, Elizabeth had been very dismissive of him. Now that she began to appreciate him, he was happy.

Phoebe bit her lip, looked back at Tom, and strode away.

In fact, she knew that she was not being polite. No matter what, Tom had helped them out, but she didn't even thank him. It was a little impolite to leave like this.

However, she really couldn't face Tom calmly, especially after she found Tom was so outstanding!

So the only thing she could do now was to leave Tom as soon as possible so that she could calm down.

Elizabeth was reluctant to part with the 40 million-dollars villa. She really wanted to live in it, but Phoebe had already left, so she had no reason to stay.

She stared at Tom and regretted what she did before. If she had known that Tom would be so rich and successful, she would not have agreed to Phoebe and Tom's divorce! Now she really wanted to go back and talk to Tom, please Tom, and let Tom and Phoebe

remarry. Therefore, she could have the luxurious villa, but she couldn't do so. After all, in the past, she really humiliated Tom a lot.

Alas! What a stupid mistake!

James was also regretful. The more he looked at Tom, the more pleasing he found Tom to be. When he got back, he was going to talk to Phoebe and see if she could remarry Tom.

After they all left, Tom looked back and was in a great mood. After all those years, he could finally be proud in front of the Phoebe family.

Next, he finished the procedure and moved in that day.

The villa had been renovated. The

furniture was ready and there was no smell of formaldehyde. He could move in immediately. The place was rather suitable for Tom's current situation.

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"Phoebe, How did Tom get rich? Why did he become so rich all of a sudden? He can even afford a 40-million villa."

When she got home, Elizabeth couldn't wait to ask Phoebe. What happened just now surprised her. She had never thought that a useless live-in son-in-law she had despised for so long would be so successful.

James also asked, "Phoebe, the last time Tom invested 100 million dollars in SK Company. It couldn't really be Tom's money, could it? But the money was from ZQ Media. When did Tom get in touch with the ZQ Media?"

Elizabeth added, "I really didn't expect that Tom would become a big boss from a loser. Oh, Phoebe, say something. Mom is curious."

Phoebe remained expressionless.

After changing her shoes, she walked to the room.

Elizabeth was not willing to give up, so she immediately chased after her, stopped her, and said, "You little girl, you are more and more disrespectful of me!"

"Now that Tom and I are divorced, does it have anything to do with us

whether he has money or not?" Phoebe said coldly.

"How come it doesn't matter? At least you've been married to him for four years. You've been sleeping with him for four years! So what if you get divorced? He didn't help us at all before. Now that he's rich, he has to compensate us anyway."

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Phoebe was irritated by Elizabeth's words. "Mom! What nonsense are you talking about? Tom and I have always slept in separate beds. You know that. He had never touched me. Strictly speaking, he and I are not husband and wife at all. He has no obligation to compensate us, okay?"

Elizabeth was speechless for a moment, but she was unwilling to be scolded. After a pause, she continued, "You've been married to Tom for so long. Why haven't you slept with him yet? You're his wife!"

Phoebe was enraged. "How can you say so? You taught me that! On the first night that we got married, you

kept telling me not to sleep with him. How can you say this to me now?"

"You..." Elizabeth was again at a loss for words.

James walked up and said, "Phoebe, what's going on with Tom? Isn't he a poor child from the countryside? How did he get so rich after he divorced you?"

Phoebe didn't know how to answer this question, and her mind was in turmoil. She said, "He said that he has a good relationship with the chairman of the ZQ Media. He asked the chairman of ZQ for the one hundred-million investigations in the SK Lighting."

"Is that true?"

to you, young master. Miss settled down in the Howards, intending to conceal her identity and not go back to the organization. Unfortunately, good times didn't last long. The organization found miss and asked her to go back. Otherwise, the Howards will be destroyed."

"Miss knew how dreadful the organization was. If she didn't go back, the Howards would definitely be destroyed. Therefore, in order to protect the Howards, miss must leave. Unfortunately, the old man found out about this and the organization was going to kill him! Miss stopped them in time, and finally miss could only do it herself..."

# Chapter 231

At this point, Master Chou stopped.

The huge gym seemed strangely quiet. Everyone left, leaving them alone.

Tom closed his eyes, his face expressionless. It was as if he had fallen asleep. He did not move, and even Master Chou in front of him could not feel the fluctuations of Tom's mood.

Time passed and it had been many minutes, but Tom was still like this. If it weren't for that Tom's breathing was still normal, Master Chou would wonder if Tom had really fallen asleep.

It was not until two shallow tears fell from the corner of Tom's eyes that Howards is not pure from the beginning."

Seeing Tom's expression, Master Chou suddenly understood everything. Tom did not find any evidence but just suspicious that he worked for Anna. If he refused to admit it, the Second Young Master would not think that he worked for Anna. It was just that he confessed it himself.

"Second Young Master, you're really good. I've been hiding for so long and even the old man hasn't found out who I am. How can you trick me into telling the truth so easily?" Master Chou smiled bitterly and admired Tom to the extreme.

Tom was not proud at all. Instead, he

laughed at himself and said, "Chou, you really give me a huge surprise! According to this, you come back to me not because of my grandfather, but because of my mother's order, right?"

Master Chou did not say anything and acquiesced to Tom's words.

As if thinking of something, Tom continued to smile, "I'm very curious now. Since my mother is not dead, why hasn't she come to me over the past four years? Am I just a tool in her mind?"

"No!" Master Chou said seriously,
"Miss is not such a person. She has
always loved you very much and you
are miss's most precious treasure."

## "Hahaha..."

As if hearing a big joke, Tom suddenly burst into laughter, "The most precious treasure? Chou, do you think I, Tom, am a fool and easily deceived?"

Looking at Tom's laughter, Master Chou fell silent. After thinking for a while, he continued to say seriously, "Young master, it's not like this. Miss really loves you. There's no doubt about that."

Tom said, "You call her miss. It seems that you have been her servant for a long time."

Master Chou nodded and admitted.

"You said she loved me very much. Then can you explain why she hasn't come to me for so many years and watched me be a live-in son-in-law of the Scotts?" Tom said coldly, his face expressionless now.

"Miss is protecting you." Master Chou said in a low voice.

"Protect me?" Tom raised his eyebrows and said, "What do you mean?"

Master Chou was silent and did not answer.

Tom said in a commanding tone, "Answer me!"

"Young master, I know you are very angry now, but please believe that miss is really protecting you. When the time is right, miss will come back to you."

Master Chou said.

When Tom heard this, his heart was filled with anger, making him clench his fists. His breathing was obviously much faster. He closed his eyes, took a deep breath, and tried to keep calm, not to vent his anger. After a while, he continued: "Then tell me why she married into the Howards and why she killed grandpa."

Master Chou lowered his head and did not answer for a long time.

"Answer me!" Tom said word by word. His eyes were fixed on Master Chou. His anger appeared on his face and his eyes were bloodshot. Master Chou could clearly feel the anger in Tom's heart. His anger was like a volcano, which was about to erupt at any time.

Even Master Chou could not help but fear Tom when he got anger. Nonetheless, he still gritted his teeth and said, "I don't know..."

As soon as he finished speaking, he was unched in the stomach by Tom. It hurt so much that he felt as if he had been hit by a car. He flew back and fell heavily to the ground.

He was also a strong fighter, but when he was punched by Tom, he couldn't help but cry out. His face was pale and he trembled with pain. It was so painful that he felt his intestines were broken!

Tom knew very well how hard his punch was. Even a cow could be killed by him. Even if Master Chou was much

stronger than ordinary people, it would be difficult for him to bear it. He would have to rest for at least a month to recover.

## Thud, thud...

Tom walked over slowly, grabbed Master Chou's clothes, picked him up and put him on the chair. He patted Master Chou's messy clothes, and said faintly, "Tell me where she is. I won't make things difficult for you."

Master Chou's breathing was quick and he gasped. Tom's punch was really too hard. He did not expect Tom to be so powerful. Indeed, he was miss's son.

"Young master, don't make things difficult for me. I really don't know."

Master Chou's forehead was dripping with sweat.

If this image was released, it would definitely cause a stir in H City. The famous Master Chou was abused by a young man.

Tom's eyes were cold, "Do you think I don't dare to kill you?"

Fear flashed across Master Chou's face and his muscles tensed up. Nonetheless, the next moment, he regained his composure and said, "Young master, I really don't know. If you really don't believe me, you can kill me."

He bravely looked at Tom with a look of desperation.

Tom could tell that Chou took death calmly. This showed that Tom's mother, Luna, was special.

After thinking for a long time, Tom still didn't do anything. He let go of Master Chou and turned to leave.

Master Chou was stunned. He didn't expect Tom to leave suddenly. He hurriedly asked, "Young master, where are you going?"

"Find her in my own way."

Hearing this, Master Chou immediately panicked. Ignoring the cramp in his stomach, he hurriedly chased after Tom and stopped him. He said, "Young master, you can't do this! You and miss will be in danger!"

Tom stopped and looked straight at him, "Then tell me who she is and why she did it."

Master Chou hesitated.

"Don't challenge my patience." Tom said coldly.

Finally, Master Chou made up his mind and said, "Actually, miss and I are both from an ancient and mysterious organization. This organization is too powerful for the Howards to resist. Miss is a very important person in this organization. When she came out to experience, she accidentally met her enemy and was almost killed. It was your father, Romain, who saved her life. Miss fell in love with your father because of this, and then she gave birth

Elizabeth and James were both

surprised. They knew that ZQ Media

was a big company with a market value

of billions, but they didn't expect Tom

to have such a friend.

Only Phoebe felt even more uneasy

when she recalled the night that she

took off the mask of the chairman of

ZQ and revealed Tom's face! And what

Tom said to her, telling her that he was

actually the chairman of ZQ...

In the past, she had never believed this

sentence, but now, her faith was

shaken.

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Bang! Bang! Bang!

In a mysterious gym, there was a young

man with a naked upper body. In front of him were three big sandbags, each weighing several hundred kilograms. However, he beat them up so hard that they wobbled, and the steel ropes creaked.

If a professional boxer saw this, he would be shocked and doubtful about this. How could there be such a strong man in this world? Even a heavyweight boxing champion might not have this kind of strength. Moreover, he punched very fast. He punched three sandbags at a time, and each sandbag swayed like a swing. It was astonishing.

In the end, he punched three times in a row and blew up all three sandbags, and the sand seeped out. There was applause.

"Second Young Master, your kungfu is even better."

A man clapped his hands and walked over. It was Master Chou, the king of the underworld in H City.

The topless young man was Tom. He had been staying at Master Chou's place for the past two days, training in seclusion.

Tom took the functional drink and finished it in a few seconds. He smiled and asked, "How about we fight and learn from each other?"

Master Chou smiled bitterly and said, "No need for that. I'm no match for you, Second Young Master." Tom smiled and didn't reply. He wiped sweat, stopped training, and walked to the balcony with Master Chou. Standing in the wind, he said, "This time, I went back to the Howards and defeated Owen. I have avenged myself."

"Yes, I heard about it." Master Chou nodded, his voice full of admiration and respect for Tom. When he knew about this, he was amazed! He was clear about how powerful the Howards was. It was no exaggeration to say that although he was now the king of the underworld in H City, he was really a nobody compared to the Howards. Owen was especially difficult to deal with.

But now, Tom went there alone and trampled on the Howards with his own strength, and he also taught the whole of the Howards a lesson. In fact, Chou didn't believe the news when he heard it.

When Tom said this, he paused and looked into the distance. His eyes were deep as if there were endless vicissitudes and secrets.

After a while, he said, "Chou, do you know about my mother?"

Master Chou was surprised, obviously not expecting Tom's question.

"She was a kind and generous person. She was gentle to everyone, like a spring breeze. She is the most motherly woman I have ever seen."

Master Chou said seriously.

Tom said with a smile, "I didn't expect you to think so highly of her. You even said the word motherly."

Master Chou sighed, "Unfortunately, good people don't live long. Madam died at a young age."

He said this with regret and reminiscence. Everyone would believe that he said it sincerely when they saw him like this, but Tom did not.

"Chou, you're so good at acting that you almost fooled me." Tom said with a smile and gave him a thumbs-up.

When Chou heard this, his pupils shrank visibly, and astonishment

flashed through his eyes. "Second Young Master?"

Tom stared straight into Master Chou's eyes, and the smile on his face gradually became cold. Finally, his expression became serious, and he said, "Tell me, who is she? Why did she do this?"

Master Chou's breathing hastened uncontrollably under Tom's gaze, and his expression seemed a little bit unnatural. He was the king of the underworld. His name scared a lot of people, but he was weak when facing Tom.

Yes, he was weak. His aura was completely oppressed by Tom's.

However, Master Chou was still somebody, and he had a stronger mind than normal people. He quickly returned to his natural state. He looked at Tom with clear eyes and asked doubtfully, "Second Young Master, forgive me for being stupid. I don't understand what you mean."

Tom stared at Chou for almost ten seconds!

And Chou faced his gaze.

"Chou, you don't have to hide it from me. I know everything. She had made my grandpa a vegetable." Tom said this expressionlessly as if it was someone else's story and had nothing to do with him.

However, Chou could still feel the anger and sadness in Tom's heart.

Chou was silent. After a while, he asked, "Second Young Master, how did you find out my identity?"

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Master Chou admitted it, but at the same time, he was confused. How did Tom see through him?

Indeed, he had been working for Tom's mother, Luna since his freshman year. Nonetheless, he was well hidden and no one in the Howards found out about his identity, including the deceased Anderson.

Now Tom found out about it. He thought that he didn't let the cat out of the bag.

However, Tom sighed deeply and said, "Chou, it really surprises me that you works for my mother. It seems that my mother's purpose in marrying into the

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At this point, Master Chou stopped.

The huge gym seemed strangely quiet. Everyone left, leaving them alone.

Tom closed his eyes, his face expressionless. It was as if he had fallen asleep. He did not move, and even Master Chou in front of him could not feel the fluctuations of Tom's mood.

Time passed and it had been many minutes, but Tom was still like this. If it weren't for that Tom's breathing was still normal, Master Chou would wonder if Tom had really fallen asleep.

It was not until two shallow tears fell from the corner of Tom's eyes that Master Chou realized that Tom was not asleep.

Then, Tom opened his eyes. "Is she okay now?"

Master Chou nodded and said, "Everything is fine except for the lack of freedom."

After a long silence, Tom said, "Is she happy every day?"

Master Chou smiled bitterly and said, "Young Master, I'm just a servant. I don't know that much."

"Can you tell me the name of this organization?" Tom continued to ask.

Master Chou thought about it seriously and finally decided to say,

"The name of the organization is Raoul."

Raoul, Raoul...

Tom said these two words and memorized them deep in his soul. Then he stood up and planned to leave.

Master Chou watched Tom walk to the door. Master Chou couldn't help but say, "Young Master, she really loves you. Everything she did was to protect you and the Howards. You shouldn't hate her."

Tom did not say anything, and then Master Chou said, "She is trying to get away now. As long as the time is suitable, she will come to you. You don't have to look for her."

been thinking about the authenticity of Master Chou's words.

After going through all of these and becoming what he was today, Tom would not easily believe anyone's words. He had to think about it himself. Even if it was said by Master Chou, he would not believe it totally.

Tom thought about it for more than half an hour seriously. His mind kept running like a supercomputer and analyzing the authenticity of Master Chou's words.

In the end, he came to the conclusion that the possibility of Master Chou's words being true should be more than 80%. First of all, he believed that his mother, Anna, was not a cold-blooded

Tom still didn't say anything. He nodded and left.

After confirming that Tom really left, Chou thought Master about carefully. He went back to his office, locked the door from inside, and took out a black phone that was not available on the market. Then he made a call. Not long after, the call was put through, and he said in an unprecedented respectful tone, "Hello, Miss, my identity has been exposed. The Young Master already knows..."

When Master Chou reported to Luna, Tom also returned to the ZQ Media. The information just now was a shock to him, and he needed time to digest it.

Sitting in the boss's chair, Tom had

person. As Tom recalled, ever since he was young, his mother's gentleness and kindness, the way she treated people, the way she did things, and her every move didn't seem to be deceptive.

He also believed that his mother came from a mysterious organization, and this organization was very powerful. Otherwise, his mother had no need to harm his grandfather.

If that was the case, then, strictly speaking, his mother could not be considered as the murderer who harmed grandpa!

But could it really be like this? No matter what, grandpa became a vegetable because of his mother!

Alas! Tom let out a long sigh.

Before that, he had never thought that the truth would be like this.

Raoul, Raoul... Tom couldn't help but say the name of the organization again. He was especially eager to find organization now!

As soon as he thought about it, he used all the information networks he had now and immediately called out to ask about the origin of the organization.

Unfortunately, the results disappointed him. No one knew anything about the origin of this organization.

This was what he expected. Otherwise,

Chou wouldn't have told him so directly.

However, he had a premonition that he would be able to meet this organization in the near future, because since that organization had already found his mother, then that organization also knew his identity. Perhaps, everything he did now was being watched by this organization!

This feeling was really unpleasant.

At this moment, someone knocked on the door and interrupted his thoughts. "Come in."

Immediately, the door was pushed open, and his assistant came in and said, "Chairman, the Chairman of the HY Media is asking you to dinner."

Only then did Tom remember that he had promised to have dinner with the Chairman of the HY Media. He asked, "When?"

"Tonight." The assistant said, "Chairman, are you going?"

Tom thought about it and agreed.

The surname of the Chairman of the HY Media was Nash, a very nice name. If one judged the Chairman only by the name, he would think that the Chairman of the HY Media was slim and the Chairman's figure was like a leaf. In fact, on the contrary, Nash was a very fat middle-aged man who probably weighed 200 kilograms.

He booked a restaurant in advance and was waiting for Tom. He had two purposes of asking Tom to have dinner together. First, he wanted to apologize to Tom because of Ashton. Second, he wanted to make friends with Tom.

During this period of time, he had been investigating Tom a lot. The more he investigated, the more frightened he became. It was because he also found out that Tom seemed to have something to do with the Howards!

It seemed that Tom was a male offspring of the Howards.

the Howards. It was the most powerful existence in H City. It was even stronger than Master Chou. If Tom really came from the Howards, then he

wanted to make friends with Tom more.

To show his sincerity, he had been waiting downstairs long ago.

Ashton was by his side, and now Wu basically knew who Tom was. He was so scared that he didn't sleep well for a few days in a row and lost a lot of weight.

"When you see the Chairman later, you have to apologize properly. Do you understand? Otherwise, it won't be as simple as being banned." Nash glared at Ashton and scolded him coldly.

Ashton shivered and said hurriedly, "I know! I know!"

In addition to Nash and Ashton, there

were several young and beautiful female stars, including Clarissa.

These were the most popular female stars in the HY Media. Every one of them was famous in the Entertainment Industry and had countless fans.

Nash brought them here to have dinner together. His intention was selfevident. He wanted to please Tom by using beauty.

He found out that Tom was still single and unmarried, which meant that Tom must be very dissolute. And these female stars in his company were all the best among women. He didn't believe that Tom wouldn't be tempted!

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"Mr. Howard is here, cheer up! If you can fawn on Mr. Howard, you will have nothing to worry about for the rest of your life. You will enjoy endless splendor, wealth, fame, and status. From now on, you will be a man of honor. Do you know!" Nash's tone was full of provocation.

When all the female stars heard his words, their eyes lit up, their hearts beat faster, and they were extremely excited. They wanted to immediately throw themselves at Tom and try their best to please him.

Clarissa also felt excited. She remembered Tom's face. She was a beautiful woman in the entertainment

industry, and she had never had any scandals. It didn't mean that she was not interested in men, nor did it mean that she didn't want to find someone to rely on. She had been rolling around in the entertainment industry for many years. She knew the complexity of the entertainment industry. If she hadn't had enough talent, she wouldn't have known how many times she would be bullied by now!

She also knew that now that she could protect herself, it didn't mean that she could protect herself in the future. When she became not that popular, someone would definitely intend to make dirty trade with her. By then, she might not be able to protect herself. And if the president of ZQ Inc can protect her, then no one would dare to

bully her. This was also an important reason why she came with Nash to receive Tom.

Tom was not so handsome, but he was not ugly. He was very attractive, and his temperament was very good. The big reversal that day left Clarissa a great shock. She had never seen such a thing before.

Women tend to be like this. When a man whom she had disliked or even despised turned out to be a super big shot, this man would leave a deep impression on her.

On the contrary, if a man thought he was a big shot at first and was found out that he was just a nobody, he would be disgusted by women.

Now Clarissa had a very positive impression of Tom. Although she was not a gold digger, she could not help but think of Tom these days.

She wondered why Tom had friends like Kili even though he was the president of ZQ Inc. Judging from the performance that day, Tom and Kili were good friends.

With this kind of emotion, Clarissa wanted to see Tom again and find out what kind of person Tom exactly was.

Not to mention these female stars like Clarissa, even Ashton intended to kneel and lick Tom and develop a romantic relationship with him. If Tom had that kind of hobby, he would not hesitate to give himself up.

Finally, under the attention of so many people and Nash, Tom's car arrived, and they were all excited.

"Mr. Howard, you're here. Welcome."

Nash walked up quickly and said with a flattering smile on his face. Behind him, it was Ashton and Clarissa. This scene was grand. If someone filmed it and posted it on the Internet, it would immediately cause a sensation and became the top trending research at an extremely fast speed!

Here were the most popular stars in the HY Media. They were at least middling stars and some were in the first rank of celebrity, such as Clarissa and Ashton who had a lot of fans.

Usually, they rarely gathered together. Only when they attended some big award ceremonies would they attend together. Now, they gathered here to welcome a person, with a humble and flattering attitude, which was incredible to their fans.

Tom came to the banquet by himself. The company gave him an assistant, but he didn't come with him because Tom always liked to be alone. As for bodyguards, it was even more unnecessary, because there was no bodyguard in the country who was as good as him.

Ostentation was even less important. Tom was a low-key person by nature. Now that he saw Nash bringing so many people to greet him, he was a little uncomfortable and felt it was too high-profile.

When Nash and the others saw that Tom actually came by taxi, they were shocked! In their minds, they couldn't understand why a big shot like Tom would take a taxi when he went out.

Ashton was dumbfounded. He could not understand Tom's behavior at all.

Clarissa's eyes flashed, and she became more interested in Tom.

Tom walked over, glanced at those stars, smiled and said, "Mr. Perez, why did you call so many stars over for dinner? Are you trying to intimidate me?"

When Nash heard this, his face immediately changed. He quickly shook his head and denied, "Of course not. Mr. Howard, you're joking at me. How dare I make you trouble? I was afraid of neglecting you, so I called some celebrities to accompany you."

He took the word "accompany" seriously, and there was a profound expression on his face. His intention was obvious.

Tom was a man. How could he not know what Nash meant? Nash was trying to curry favor with him.

Thinking of this, Tom also laughed. This was the society. Once a man had

power, there would definitely be many people fawning on him, and he had to face many temptations.

"Really?" Tom smiled faintly, with a mysterious expression on his face. It was hard to guess what he was thinking, whether he liked it or not. But Nash wasn't worried, because he didn't believe that rich and powerful bachelors like Tom would refuse this. There must be a lot of women around him.

The other female stars who came together saw that their boss was so respectful to Tom, and their eyes looking at Tom were full of desire and invitation.

They thought Tom must be a middle-

aged man with a big belly, but they didn't expect Tom to be so young and maintain such a good figure, which was extremely attractive to them.

As female stars who had been rolling around in the entertainment industry for so many years, they had seen too many fat, middle-aged bosses with big bellies. It was the first time they had seen such a boss as powerful and young as Tom. Certainly, they fell in love with him.

Nash coughed softly. Ashton immediately walked over with a fawning and respectful expression on his face. He said to Tom, "Mr. Howard, the last time was my fault. You are so tolerant and kind. Can you forgive me this time? I promise this will never

happen in the future!"

However, Tom didn't even look at him. Instead, he smiled at Nash and said with a straight face, "Mr. Perez, it seems that your purpose in treating me to dinner tonight is not pure."

Nash's heart skipped a beat when he saw Tom's expression. Knowing that Tom would not forgive Ashton, he quickly thought about it. Then he gritted his teeth and kicked Ashton on the waist, and scolded, "Get out of here! From now on, don't try to make a comeback in the entertainment industry!"

Ashton was like a man losing his parents. He knew that he was completely finished. He wanted to

struggle a little more. When he saw Nash's murderous eyes, he shivered and endured it, because he knew that if he continued, he would end up worse.

Other female stars, seeing this scene, looked sideways and looked at Tom even more excitedly.

They were all smart people. How could they not see that Tom had a strong background? Even their boss had to be respectful to Tom!

In this way, they decided to hook up with Tom no matter what method they used!

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Nash spent a lot of money preparing tonight's banquet a few days in advance. Not only was the hotel the best, but the location was the best. Even the dishes were expensive and prepared in advance. He also invited the famous chef to cook the dishes in order to make a good impression on Tom.

Ever since Nash knew that Tom was most likely from the Howards, he was determined to ride on Tom's coattails.

Tom knew Nash's thoughts like the back of his hand, but he just smiled calmly and did not have any ideas.

However, Tom was quite happy to see

so many stars. There were two female stars who had been in the industry for a long time. A few years ago, he had seen these female actresses' movies and heard the songs they sang.

When Tom was a live-in son-in-law in the Scotts, these female stars were an unattainable existence to him, but now they all fawned on him and wanted to hook up with him. It was the wonderful feeling for him.

"Come on, Mr. Howard, let me toast you!" Nash stood up with his glass in his hand and toasted Tom.

The other female stars also stood up and toasted Tom. Tom smiled and drank.

After several rounds of drinking, Nash said, "Mr. Howard, I admire you from the bottom of my heart. At such a young age, you can make such amazing achievements. I have seen many big shots, but I have never seen anyone as young and powerful as you. It's really awesome!"

Nash gave Tom a thumbs-up, and Nash's face was full of admiration. Nobody knew if he really admired it or not.

A plump and charming female star immediately followed, "Yes, Mr. Howard, you are really amazing. You have achieved so much at such a young age. You are the genius protagonist in the movie. It's my honor to have dinner with you tonight!"

Tom knew this female star. Her name was Laurel. She was a famous female star in the amusement circle. She was famous for her hot figure and was once called the goddess of men. Her figure was so hot and she even was the dream lover of many men.

Tom had to admit that she was in great physical shape, which made people have a primitive impulse to look at her. It was not too much to say that she was a beauty. Tom had seen a few movies of Laurel before and liked her quite a lot.

Tom smiled and said, "Haha, Miss Foster, you do me too much honour. I'm just an ordinary man. And I'm just lucky to make some money. I'm not the protagonist. But you, the big stars, are

the winners in life. Everyone in the country knows you. Seeing you guys makes me thrilled."

Laurel said, "Mr. Howard, may I ask if you've seen my movie?"

She stared straight at Tom with some nervousness and anticipation in her eyes. A few years ago, she was a hot shot. There were so many fans in the country that many people would not hesitate to spend millions just to have a meal with her. However, in the past two years, too many celebrities appeared and snatched her light, making her look much dimmer.

Tom said with a smile, "Miss Foster is a big star. Of course, I've seen your movie. By the way, I'm still half your fan."

This was not a lie. Tom was indeed a fan of Laurel. To be exact, Phoebe was a fan of Laurel and watched Laurel's movies and TV shows a lot, and even variety shows.

However, when Laurel heard this, she immediately smiled brightly and bloomed like a flower. "Really, that's great! Mr. Howard, you are the chairman of ziqiong. You must understand acting very well. I happen to have some doubts about acting. Why don't I ask you for advice tonight?"

She bit her lips gently, her eyes glistening, and she stared straight at Tom. The meaning of the look in her

eyes spoke for itself, and anyone who was not a fool could see it.

The other female stars present, including Clarissa, were particularly unhappy. They all secretly scolded her a shameless fox.

Tom smiled faintly and did not respond.

When Laurel saw Tom's reaction, she was at a loss. She didn't know what Tom meant.

Immediately, another female star seized the opportunity, picked up her glass, went straight to the seat next to Tom and sat down. She smiled at Tom and said, "Mr. Howard, let me toast you. I wish you good health and everything goes well. There will never

be a shortage of beautiful women around you."

This actress had a tall figure. She was a singer with a particularly strong soprano voice and had a great reputation in the country. Recently, she had been on a lot of variety shows. She was very popular and younger than Laurel. She was the kind of innocent looking person who usually had an innocent persona on screen, but now in front of Tom, she was acting very active which and sexy, was heartwarming.

Tom immediately smelled a fragrant breeze, which was particularly tantalizing, and she was so close, it was impossible to say that he didn't feel anything at all. He was a man of

vigorous blood, and his Qi and blood were more vigorous than ordinary people.

No wonder men were easy to go bad when they had money. This temptation came to him automatically. It was not easy to resist it. Most importantly, he was single now and there was no need to resist!

At that moment, Tom hesitated.

Fortunately, his determination was excellent, and there was a moment of turmoil in his heart. The next moment, he regained his composure and smiled as he picked up his glass to clink it with the other party. "I also wish you a higher career and eternal youth."

After clinking the glasses, she simply sat down next to Tom and was still very close, and the fragrance kept drilling into Tom's nose.

Next, a few other female stars toasted Tom one after another, trying their best to please Tom, and gave him the eyes.

Clarissa was the last one to toast Tom, not because she was arrogant and didn't like Tom, but because she had the thinnest face and was the least good at doing these things. She had always wanted to speak, but she was always cut off by other female stars and had no chance to speak. Finally, with Nash's help, she had the opportunity to toast Tom alone.

"Mr. Howard, let me toast you, too."

Clarissa stood up and toasted Tom
with a clearly nervous expression on
her face.

There were a total of six female stars in the audience, each with their own merits. They were all first-class beauties and had countless fans. But if it was true, Clarissa was the highest in terms of appearance. She was on the same level as Phoebe and Kaylie.

Tom naturally saw her nervousness. In fact, that day on the set, Tom felt her indifference and contempt for him.

"Yes." Tom did not embarrass her, but he did not say much. He gently touched the glass and took a sip before he stopped looking at her. When Clarissa saw him like this, she bit her red lips tightly. For some reason, she felt especially aggrieved, and her nose was sore. She actually had the urge to cry!

As a top-tier star in the entertainment industry, she was so talented and had so many fans that many men went to great lengths to get a smile out of her. A casual appearance by her could cause a million people to cheer, and an autograph was worth a thousand dollars. However, in front of Tom, she had become nobody, and Tom did not even look at her.

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Clarissa was a very proud person. The success of her career over the years had somehow nurtured her cold and narcissistic character. It was not until she met Tom that she realized that she was just an ordinary person. In front of a real big shot, she was not worth mentioning.

This strong contrast made her unable to accept it for a short time.

She knew that under such circumstances, she could not show any aggrievances, but she really could not control it. Her eyes suddenly turned red. She knew that she could not hold it in anymore. If she stayed, she would continue to make a fool of herself.

So she stood up again and said, "I'm sorry. I'll have to use the bathroom. You guys keep talking."

After that, she left without waiting for Tom's answer.

Nash was a little embarrassed by her departure and quickly explained, "Mr. Howard, Clarissa is thin-skinned. You must not get angry with her."

Tom was also a little surprised. He didn't expect Clarissa to leave like this and judging by Clarissa's expression just now, she seemed to be quite aggrieved? Was it because he was cold to her?

Shaking his head, Tom didn't think much and said that he was fine,

indicating that he would not be offended by Clarissa.

Laurel and the others all had some surprises in their eyes, and they were especially happy. Originally, Clarissa was the most outstanding among their group of female stars. Now that Clarissa left first, it was good news for them, at least one strong competitor was gone.

Especially for Laurel, she was even more excited. Of all the female stars, Clarissa was the only one who could surpass her in terms of beauty. Now that Clarissa was gone, she was the most competitive one. If she could successfully win Tom over, then she wouldn't have to worry about it in the entertainment industry in the future!

So, she tried her best to please Tom, and her body was about to stick to Tom.

Because of his status, Tom was becoming more and more pleasing to her eyes. She wished she could win Tom's favor right away.

To be honest, Tom was a little embarrassed. It was the first time he had been surrounded by so many women, and all kinds of temptations made him a little overwhelmed. Although he had been married for four years, he was not good at dealing with girls. Facing these mature women like Laurel, he really couldn't bear it.

So he quickly coughed twice, kept his

distance from Laurel and the others, and ate as usual.

His maintaining physical distance, in the eyes of female stars such as Laurel, became a test and they put in more effort.

During this period, they never stopped flirting with him, which made Tom feel like he had fallen into the country of women. Now he regretted coming to dinner with Nash tonight. This temptation might be too much for him.

Fortunately, he could really drink. Laurel and the others toasted him continuously, but he was still not drunk. Instead, they got a little drunk themselves.

Nash asked, "Mr. Howard, I am a little curious. Don't you need a bodyguard when you go out?"

This question was indeed troubling Nash. Was a capitalist like Tom not afraid of being kidnapped?

Laurel and other female stars also looked at Tom curiously when they heard this question.

Tom smiled and said, "I'm not used to bringing bodyguards."

"Mr. Howard, forgive me for taking the liberty. A boss like you, who has over ten billion dollars, isn't afraid of being targeted by bad people?" Nash asked.

Tom continued with a smile, "You may find it hard to believe. I'm a martial arts

practitioner and I'm better than many bodyguards, so there's no need for me to hire bodyguards."

"Uh..." Nash was stunned on the spot. Obviously, he did not expect to get such an answer. Among the rich people he knew, there were no people who did not hire bodyguards, nor did they say that they were martial arts practitioners, that they were better than bodyguards. He carefully observed Tom and found that Tom's body could only be said to be uniform but not strong. He was just an ordinary person. He would never believe that Tom was better than a bodyguard physically, so he finally concluded that Tom was joking.

Nash was also a person who was good

at dealing with people. He immediately gave a thumbs-up and agreed with Tom, "Mr. Howard is really a badass. I didn't expect you to be a martial arts practitioner. I am completely impressed by Mr. Howard!"

Other female stars also felt that Tom was joking. They didn't believe that Tom was a martial arts master. How could a rich man like Tom practice martial arts and fight people?

Tom smiled without further explanation.

It had been more than ten minutes, but Clarissa still hadn't come back. A female star brought this up and said, "Hey, why did Clarissa go to the bathroom for so long? Is everything okay?"

After this female star finished speaking, she was immediately glared at by other female stars, blaming her for talking too much. They wished that Clarissa would never come back, so that they would have one less competitor!

Tom also noticed this. He had a bad feeling and said to Nash, "Mr. Perez, why don't you call Miss Brown?"

Nash nodded and made the phone call. However, he waited for quite a while but no one answered it.

"Strange. Why didn't Clarissa answer the phone? She couldn't have fallen drunk in the bathroom, could she?" Nash asked curiously.

Not long after that, Nash's phone rang. It was Clarissa who called back. After Nash answered the phone, he immediately heard Clarissa's crying, panicked and helpless voice. "Chairman, save me..."

Nash was stunned. When he hurriedly spoke again, he found that Clarissa had already hung up.

Tom's hearing was very good. He heard Clarissa's call and had a bad feeling in his heart.

"What's going on?"

"Clarissa, something seems to have happened to her. She just called me for help." Tom said in a low voice, "Call her back."

At this moment, Tom was taking control. Nash obeyed him and quickly dialed back, but he couldn't get through.

The other female stars were all confused and did not understand what had happened.

Tom immediately stood up and said, "Let's go find her."

"Okay!" Nash nodded hard, stood up, and walked out with Tom.

The other female stars had no choice but to follow them out.

Logically speaking, this was a five-star

hotel and the security must be beyond reproach. There would not be any robbers. Plus, Clarissa was a public figure. As long as it was not someone crazy, no one would dare to do anything against Clarissa in the public.

Clarissa's panic and helplessness on the phone just now didn't seem to be fake.

Strictly speaking, Tom and Clarissa were not even friends, but in any case, Clarissa's departure just now had something to do with him. If something really happened to Clarissa, he would still be blamed for it in some ways.

After coming out, Tom asked the waiter in the restaurant if he saw Clarissa.

The waiter didn't even know that Clarissa was eating here because Clarissa was wearing a mask and sunglasses when she went out just now.

Laurel and a few female stars went to the ladies' room to take a look, but they didn't find her, as if Clarissa had disappeared out of thin air.

In this case, Tom first thought of checking out the surveillance of the restaurant to see where Clarissa had gone.

At this moment, Tom's ears moved slightly. He heard a loud voice coming from the box in front of him. Vaguely, he seemed to hear Clarissa's aggrieved

voice.

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Something did happen to Clarissa.

After she came out of the private room, she went to the bathroom first. The more she thought about what happened, the more aggrieved she became. She could not figure out what she was aggrieved about. She and Tom were not even friends. Besides, wasn't it normal for a man like Tom to have a lot of beautiful women around him?

However, she was very uncomfortable. She had never been ignored by men since she was a child, not especially after she became a big star. Tom's indifference to her just now hurt her self-esteem. If Tom was a nobody, she wouldn't be so unhappy. But he was a

big shot that she always looked up to, which made her feel especially uncomfortable.

In the end, she even cried out aggrievedly. After hiding in the bathroom for a while and pulling herself together, she prepared to go back to the private room.

But when she came out of the bathroom, she met three men. When they saw her, their eyes lit up and they were amazed by her gorgeous face.

"Oh, isn't this big star Clarissa?"

The man in the middle whistled and stared straight at Clarissa and said in a disrespectful tone.

The other two men also looked at

Clarissa in an indecent manner and looked up and down at Clarissa's body.

Clarissa panicked. She had come out so quickly that she forgot to put on her mask and sunglasses. Now she put them on quickly and said, "You've mistaken me for someone else. I'm not Clarissa."

As she spoke, she was about to bypass them and leave.

But now that she was found out, how could they let her leave? The man in the middle grabbed her wrist and said, "A big star is really different from an ordinary woman. She's really beautiful and smells so good."

When Clarissa was grabbed, she

panicked immediately. "Hey, what are you doing? Let me go!"

"Don't be afraid, superstar. We're all your fans. Come and sign for us." The man said in a disgusting tone. He leaned very close to Clarissa and smelled the fragrance of her body. His face showed an intoxicated expression.

As a big star, Clarissa had never been teased like this. Every time those fans saw her, they treated her like a goddess. Now this man's filthy behavior made her especially angry. "Enough! If you don't let me go, I'll call the police!"

However, when they heard this, they were not afraid at all. Instead, they seemed to have heard a big joke and burst out laughing. "Call the police? A big star can be so naive? Do you believe it?"

"I'm afraid you don't know who I am. Do you think the police can scare me? I can make you unable to continue working in the entertainment industry with just one phone call." Then the man laughed.

"Matteo, just let her call the police and see if it's useful."

There was no fear on the faces of the three men. Instead, they smiled playfully and happily as if they were cats playing with a mouse.

Clarissa's heart skipped a beat, and she had a bad feeling. She had been in the

entertainment industry for a long time and had seen many big shots, so she was kind of insightful. Now she could see that these three men were not ordinary people especially the man in the middle. Although he looked like a hooligan, there was a noble aura and confidence between his brows. The clothes he was wearing were also famous brands, so they must have a strong background.

"What the hell do you want?" Clarissa asked in a low voice.

The man in the middle said, "I didn't want to do anything. I said I was your fan. It was destiny that made you and I meet today. I wanted to invite you to the private room for a drink and sign for me. Isn't that too much?"

As he said this, his eyes were still on Clarissa, especially on her chest. Those filthy eyes made her especially uncomfortable!

Clarissa said, "I'm sorry. I came out to dinner with the chairman of HY Media tonight. He's waiting for me."

She said Nash's name, wanting to scare them away.

However, the man did not take it seriously but said, "Then let him wait.

Have a drink with me first."

"No, I don't drink." Clarissa shook her head and said before she tried to leave.

The other man's face immediately darkened and he scolded rudely, "F\*ck!

How dare you refuse Matteo? You're tired of living, aren't you? Do you know who Matteo is?"

Clarissa was put on a pedestal by many people, and all the men she met before were respectful and polite to her. She had never been scolded like this. Now she was about to explode. Her face immediately darkened. "Mind your language, or I'll sue you for insults."

Her words made the three men laugh again. The man who was called Matteo said, "That's enough. I don't have much patience. Go and have a drink with me. I'll let you go. Otherwise, it's not just drinking."

Clarissa knew he was threatening her, and she was extremely flustered. She

planned to turn around and run away, but they found about her plan. Before she could turn around, she was held back. "You really want it the hard way? Good."

"What are you doing? Let go of me! Help! Help!" Clarissa shouted. People around them heard he. But when they saw Matteo's face, they pretended not to hear it and left.

When Clarissa saw this, she realized that she was in danger and her heart kept sinking.

Fortunately, she reacted quickly. She knew it was useless to shout now. This person named Matteo was not simple. In a hurry, she made a decision which was to do as he told her first. When she

found the opportunity, she called the chairman and asked him to come to save her.

She believed that the man would give the chairman face no matter what.

After figuring this out, she didn't resist. She took a deep breath, regained her composure, and said, "Okay, I'll go drink with you and sign for you, but you can't touch me."

Matteo let go of Clarissa, put his hand behind his nose, sniffed it, and said with a smile, "That's good. Don't worry. I just want to have a drink with you. I won't do anything else."

The other two men put on a wicked smile.

Clarissa was very uneasy, but she had no choice. Now she regretted it. If she had put on her mask and sunglasses, she wouldn't have encountered such a thing.

But now that she calmed down, she didn't panic too much, because she began to realize that this was a five-star restaurant, and there were full of cameras. They didn't dare to do anything to her.

When she found the opportunity, she would send a message to Nash and ask Nash to come over.

However, she was too naive. When she went to Matteo's room, she found that there were a lot of people in it. All the seats were taken, and they were all

men. When she arrived, everyone shouted in excitement, which made her especially nervous and afraid.

"Wow, isn't this big star Clarissa?"

"She is so beautiful. Matteo, is this your new girl?"

"Brother, you are so good. Even a big star is willing to be your girl."

When they saw Clarissa, they all said those disrespectful words, which made Clarissa very uncomfortable. She felt that she was a sheep into a pack of wolves, and then she was plied with drinks, making her dizzy.

Moreover, Matteo couldn't keep his hands off her. She was really scared in the end and began to call Nash for help...

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"You refuse a toast only to drink a forPhoebet! How dare you!"

With a bang, Matteo suddenly slapped the table, then he picked up a glass of wine and threw it on Clarissa's face. Clarissa was shocked. She wore a thin dress, which became translucent and faintly visible with the infiltration of wine.

Clarissa's eyes immediately turned red. Ever since she became famous, she had never suffered such grievances.

She was sexy. Now that her clothes were wet, she was even more tempting. Soon, many men in the room whistled and stared at her unwillingly.

All kinds of unpleasant words reached her ears. She was so aggrieved that she could not help but cry.

"Oh, you cried. So vulnerable, hahaha."

"It's fun. I like to see women cry the most, especially beautiful ones. It feels great to bully them."

"Haha, you're such a pervert. You should like to watch women cry. I feel the same!"

"She is a superstar with tens of millions of fans. I didn't expect her to cry so sadly. Tsk tsk, wouldn't it be more exciting to see her cry in bed?"

"That's for sure. With Matteo's physique, he could torture the big star to the extreme."

Clarissa could not stay any longer. Her body was wet by the wine and she felt herself shivering among a group of mashers. Those men's lusty eyes made her extremely nervous and afraid. She had never experienced this kind of situation before, and she felt that she was about to be eaten by those men at any time!

And she had no doubt that they could do such a thing. Now she was really regretting it more and more. If she had known this, even if she had just been humiliated in the box, it would have been a hundred times better than now!

If she was really raped by these people, she would not want to live.

She tried to escape. However, as soon as she stood up, she was stopped, "You want to run? Let me tell you, none of the women can run from me!"

As he spoke, he reached out and touched Clarissa, intending to take action directly.

The other men in the room began to cheer for Matteo.

"Let me go. Let me go!" Clarissa was completely panicked and she struggled desperately. However, she failed to escape and cried incessantly.

She felt desperate now. How she wished that there was a Mr. right to save her. But she knew that it was impossible. She was not filming a

movie but was suffering in reality.

There would not be such a Mr. right,
unless there was a miracle.

Just then, the tightly closed door of the box was suddenly pushed open and a group of people came in. It was none other than Tom, Nash, and a group of female stars like Laurel.

When they came in, they were also surprised to see this scene.

Their arrival startled everyone in the room and they all looked over. Mark, who had already grabbed Clarissa and was about to take advantage of her, was also stunned for a moment. His hands loosened a little. Clarissa seized the opportunity and quickly broke free and ran over.

She was really scared now. She was rather panicked. Nash and Tom's arrival brought her hope and saved her. She quickly rushed over.

However, since she was too flustered and ran too fast that she tripped and fell forward. Moreover, she wore high heels. If she fell like this, she would definitely have a heavy fall and her face would break.

She cried out in panic and was about to fall to the ground. At that moment, she felt someone moving. It was Tom who moved very quickly. In the blink of an eye, he came to Clarissa and held Clarissa's body in time. Then he spun half a circle to cushion the momentum. He held Clarissa firmly in his arms and

saved her.

However, embarrassingly, Clarissa struggled for a moment in panic and shifted slightly, causing Tom's arm to touch her chest.

#### Tom got nervous!

Clarissa also felt it. Her pale face immediately flushed and her heart beat faster.

Although she was a top star in the entertainment industry and had shot a lot of movies, all her kissing scenes were finished by stunt actresses. She herself had never had such intimate contact with men. She was a very shy person, so her face reddened with embarrassment now!

But it was strange that she didn't find Tom's touch annoying. Instead, she had a sense of security that she had never felt before. She could feel that Tom's arms were strong, and this feeling was something she had not felt in other men.

Laurel and the other female stars saw this scene, and their faces darkened. They were full of envy, jealousy and hatred, wishing they were Clarissa.

"Well." Tom did not take the opportunity to take advantage of Clarissa. He quickly straightened Clarissa up and let go of her. He looked at Clarissa briefly and found that her upper body was wet. His eyes did not linger on Clarissa. He took off his coat and put it on Clarissa. He then asked in

a deep voice: "What happened?"

Clarissa didn't come back to her senses until she felt the remaining warmth in Tom's coat. Tom's gentleness made her shy as well as pleased.

Before she could speak, someone in the room immediately slapped the table and stood up, cursing, "Who are you? You don't want to live anymore, do you? How dare you break into our room?"

All of them came back to their senses. Their faces darkened, staring at Tom and the others.

Mark twisted his neck. He stood up and said in a low voice, "How dare you break into my place?" When Nash heard the word Mark, his facial expression changed a little. He took a step forward and said, "Excuse me, are you Mark from the KL Group?"

Mark wrung his neck again, revealing a teasing smile and said, "Oh, you know me? It seems that your identity is not bad."

Suddenly, Nash looked panicky. He hurriedly walked up and said obsequiously, "So it's really Mr. Mark from KL Group. It's a pleasure to meet you. I'm the chairman of HY Media, Nash."

Mark said, "HY Media, I see. You're the boss of the superstar Clarissa. Great. Your star made me unhappy. I'm going to sleep with her tonight. Do you agree

or not?"

### Chapter 237

"Well..." The corners of Nash's mouth twitched. Mark was disrespectful to him.

However, Mark indeed didn't need to be respectful to him. KL Group was a very powerful company in H Country, which had a market value of tens of billions. As just the boss of the HY Media, he could afford to provoke him.

And Mark was a notorious playboy, very arrogant and domineering. He had hooked up with many women.

Nash had heard of Mark's name before and understood that he could not afford to offend such playboy since he was just the boss of the HY Media. For a moment, he was in a dilemma. If it was not Clarissa but another female star, he would directly agree to Mark.

But Clarissa was different. Clarissa was now the most popular star in the HY Media, who was even popular than Ashton and was the cash cow of the HY Media. If Mark touched her and others found that, it would be a devastating blow to Clarissa's career.

Moreover, Clarissa was different from other female stars. She had been in the entertainment industry for so long but was still pure and innocent. She definitely didn't want to be tarnished by Mark. If he forced her, she might do something unexpected.

But he couldn't offend Mark, so he was

in a dilemma.

When Clarissa heard Mark's words, her face turned pale again and she said hurriedly, "Chairman, I don't want to be touched by him! I would rather die!"

The Other female stars like Laurel were watching the show. Clarissa's becoming popular in the past two years had an impact on them. Clarissa had good resources but they lost a lot. They were competing with Clarissa.

Tonight, they came to curry favor with Tom. Their hostility towards Clarissa was even greater. If Clarissa was really forced to sleep with Mark, then it could be said that she would be completely out of the play.

Tom frowned slightly. He didn't expect to meet such an event. He had heard KL Group, which had a market value of 34 billion dollars and was a famous domestic logistics company, and was still rising. In the future, their market value would be even greater.

But Tom had not heard much about Mark. According to Nash's fear, he thought Mark must be the son of the chairman of the KL Group or the executive. He must be a typical playboy.

With Tom's power, he didn't need to be afraid of the KL Group. Not to mention Mark, he did even care about the boss of the KL Group.

What really interested Tom was that

Mark was not only an ordinary playboy, but he was also a trained man, and his skills were not bad. Moreover, Tom could tell Mark was full of confidence. It seemed that Mark's identity was not just as simple as the son of the chairman of the KL Group. That was interesting.

Tom did not say anything. He watched from the side. Clarissa was originally Nash's staff. It was not his turn to come forward and take the lead.

"Why, you don't want to agree?" Mark seemed to be smiling, but a terrible pressure emanated from him, which immediately made Nash panic. Cold sweat broke out on his forehead and he hurriedly explained, "Mr. Ma, you misunderstood. That's not what I

meant... I don't know what did Clarissa do. I'll apologize to you on behalf of her. Mr. Ma, please don't take it seriously."

As he spoke, Nash bent down and lowered his head. He went to pour the wine for Mr. Ma, picked up his glass, and apologized to Mark.

However, Mark ignored him and did not even move at all. He stretched his neck again, showing a creepy smile, and he said, "So you look down on me?"

As he finished his sentence, all the other men in the room stood up and walked forward together to surround Nash.

At this moment, Nash felt unprecedented stressed. The cold

sweat on his forehead flowed down, and his face turned pale. The fat meat on his face was trembling.

As the chairman of HY Media, Nash was also a big shot. He had billions of dollars and had experienced many big scenes. Logically speaking, his mental state was very strong. However, the pressure he was facing now was beyond his limit, which made him panic and scared.

Because, he found that not only Mark, but also the other people here were the rich second generation, all of whom had extraordinary backgrounds. The combined power of these people was not something that he could defeat.

# Gulp!

He gulped his saliva heavily and said, "Boss ma, you misunderstood. I didn't mean that. You're a big shot. How dare I look down on you? The point is, Clarissa is in her period..."

Without saying anything, Mark slapped him in the face and slammed him to the ground.

After all, he was the chairman of HY Media who had cultivated several stars. He was a successful entrepreneur anyway, but Mark actually slapped him in front of so many people. He was too arrogant!

The other female stars were all frightened. They had never seen their

chairman being humiliated.

Tom frowned slightly. He was not very surprised. He had felt the inflated confidence of Mark and knew he did not take Nash seriously. Otherwise, he would not say he wanted to sleep with Clarissa in front of Nash.

Now Tom was even more curious about Mark and the one behind him.

Nash was also extremely angry when he was slapped. Mark had gone too far. No matter what, he was the president of a public company, and he was slapped!

"Mark, how dare you slap me? I..."

Nash was furious. After he fell, he wanted to get up and call others for

revenge. If he didn't take revenge and others knew that, he would be laughed at for the rest of his life.

However, just as he was about to get up, Mark came over and kicked him over, and stepped on his chest, making him unable to move. Mark stared at him condescendingly, "Fat pig, I respect you so I asked you. Do you really think I need your agreement? I can make you bankrupt with a word, do you believe it?"

When Mark said this, his face was full of arrogance and disdain, and he looked down on Nash from the bottom of his heart.

Nash was afraid. He felt Mark's disdain and knew he was not joking.

Nash's mouth trembled and he wanted to say something, but in the end, he didn't say anything. He lowered his head and compromised.

Mark cursed him, then let go of Nash and walked straight to Clarissa.

Clarissa trembled in fear. She quickly hid behind Tom, grabbed Tom's hand tightly, and pleaded helplessly, "Mr. Howard, help me, please..."

# Chapter 238

At this time, Tom was the only one Clarissa could count on.

She was not stupid. Judging from Nash's fear of Mark and Mark's arrogance, she knew that Mark was definitely a big shot that she could not afford to offend!

Although she was a big star, she knew very well that there were still too many people who were more powerful than her. In the eyes of capitalists and big shots, she was just a toy.

She had seen a lot of actors and actresses being very humble and submissive in front of those bosses and big shots with her own eyes.

If she hadn't been talented enough and kept a low profile, with her reputation and good look, she would have been played by many capitalists.

She didn't want to live like this at all!

The thought of having sex with those potbellied, even 60 and 70 years old men made her nauseous.

Although Mark was a young man, he looked like he had a filthy mind. And she couldn't accept doing it with him at all! Moreover, she knew very well that Mark would share her with other men.

She would rather die then.

Under such an urgent circumstance, she could only count on Tom! If she

really had to sleep with someone, she would rather choose Tom. At least Tom was a gentleman and she didn't hate him.

However, she also knew that she and Tom were not close, so Tom did not need to offend a big shot like Mark for her.

Mark just looked at Tom faintly and then moved his eyes away. He didn't take Tom seriously at all. In his opinion, Tom was just a sidekick.

He stared at Clarissa with a wicked smile and said, "Superstar, I told you I'm your fan and will be very gentle to you. I didn't have your autograph. When we get to the hotel, you give me your autograph. As a courtesy, I'll sign

on your body too."

As he spoke, he walked over to grab Clarissa.

Clarissa was so scared that she grabbed Tom tightly, like a drowning man clutching at the buoy, unwilling to let go even if he died.

At this moment, Tom moved. He grabbed Mark's hand and smiled faintly, "Friend, you're going too far."

Mark was obviously stunned by his move because he didn't expect Tom would dare to stop him.

In his eyes, Tom was not even a person, but a statue. In the end, the statue actually moved and grabbed his hand. It was quite surprising to him. Clarissa was also stunned for a moment. Then, she was extremely moved and tears flowed down her face.

At this moment, she was really grateful to Tom!

"F\*ck!" Mark's face darkened immediately. He then raised his leg to kick Tom!

It was a fast and powerful kick, and it went straight to Tom's lower body. He was going to hurt Tom's private part.

He was so cruel! Tom didn't offend him, but he was trying to do this to Tom. It was conceivable how many bad things he had done and how many people were hurt by him.

Tom's eyes flashed with coldness and he snorted heavily.

Originally, he didn't have much hostility towards Mark. At best, he just didn't like Mark, but now, Mark's action made his heart cold.

Laurel and the other female stars saw
Mark trying to kick Tom's lower body.
They widened their eyes and
screamed. In their eyes, Tom would
definitely be "crippled"!

Mark also sneered, and he felt especially happy. There was nothing better than destroying a man's private part.

However, at this moment, the sneer on his face froze and he looked in pain. The strong impact made him step back.

If someone behind him hadn't held him
in time, he would have fallen down
now!

It turned out that at the critical moment, Tom took the initiative, raised his left foot, and kicked directly into Mark's stomach. He had exerted much strength.

At this moment, Mark felt as if his intestines were churning. His stomach hurt as if there was a knife scraping it, and the pain was killing him.

Tom's martial arts were frighteningly good now. Even a strong man like Master Chou couldn't stand a punch from him, let alone a playboy like Mark.

Even if Mark practiced martial arts too, he was just an ordinary practioner. He was no match for Tom.

Originally, Tom didn't want to be so ruthless. It was this guy named Mark who was pushing too far and trying to destroy his private part. No man could endure such a thing, let alone a ruthless person like Tom.

Everyone present was stunned. They didn't expect Tom to fight back in this situation and made Mark step back so many steps.

"Ouch! It hurts so much. It hurts so much... I'm going to kill you. I'm going to kill you!" Mark covered his stomach, his face distorted in pain, and he kept gasping, scolding, and crying in pain.

His men did not expect Tom to dare to fight back. This man was too bold!

Clarissa was stunned for a moment. Then, she became extremely excited and felt an unprecedented sense of safety again, many times stronger than Tom's timely embrace of her just now!

Laurel and other female stars were also looking at Tom with admiration, and their eyes were shining. Tom was too cool and handsome when he kicked. He was like the male lead in the movie!

"Why are you still standing there? Beat him! Kill him!!!" Mark cursed angrily. He had never been so humiliated and aggrieved since he was born. Ever

since he had a new boss who was a real big shot and came from a mysterious and powerful organization, he had been running amuck in the circle. No matter how big a mistake he made, his big boss could help him settle it.

Now, he was actually beaten up by a seeming good-for-nothing. He was so angry!

He swore that he must let this little person die miserably, or else it would not be enough to relieve his anger!

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His followers followed his orders and rushed up together immediately. Several of them were good at fighting. Instead of hitting their enemies empty-handed, they grasped bottles of wine on the table and used them as weapons.

It had to be said that this scene was frightening. At least thirteen adults rushed forward fiercely. If it were ordinary people, they would have been scared out of their wits.

In fact, it was true. Besides Tom, Clarissa and the others saw this situation, and they all screamed in horror. They were big stars, but they were also ordinary people. They were

physically very weak, and the people they met were all civilized people. They rarely quarreled with others, let alone encountered this kind of trouble.

Nash's expression was also very ugly. He was extremely panicked and regretful. In his opinion, Tom must be doomed this time! And Tom was invited by him to have dinner. If something happened, he would definitely be responsible.

If he had known this, he shouldn't have invited Tom over for dinner tonight, and this wouldn't have happened.

Now his heart was filled with regret. Whether it was Mark or Tom, they were people he could not afford to offend.

Mark stood up again. He sneered. He was very relieved and happy as if he had seen Tom being beaten up and kneeling on the ground begging for mercy!

However, he soon saw that Tom did not show any timidity in the face of such danger, but showed a disdainful expression.

Tom was indeed very disdainful. With just a dozen useless people, did they think he could get hurt? If this happened, he was not worthy of being the best man of the Howards.

As they swarmed up, Tom moved. He put one hand around Clarissa's waist and whispered, "Close your eyes." Then

he started to fight back.

Clarissa was originally very frightened and nervous. She was in a daze and was suddenly held by a strong arm. She was completely stunned. How could she close her eyes? Next, she saw the shocking scene.

Tom hugged her with one hand and fought against more than a dozen people attacking them. Tom didn't panic at all. Tom fought back leisurely and kept kicking. His every kick could kick one person away. He looked very relaxed, but her speed was very fast. She kept spinning in Tom's arms and her feet left the ground several times. She felt as if she was flying!

Bang. Bang...

Tom soon beat more than a dozen playboys to the ground, and he was not hurt at all. The series of movements were extremely elegant and natural.

The room suddenly quieted down. Everyone opened their eyes wide and looked at Tom in disbelief, especially those female stars like Laurel. They were completely in a daze and couldn't close their mouths! They never expected Tom to be so good at fighting. He could take down more than a dozen people with one person in his arms. This was the martial arts master that only appeared in the movie!

Clarissa was even more stunned. Now her mouth was opened wide enough to put in an egg. She looked up at Tom in a daze, full of shock and admiration. Just now, she had been hugged by Tom, and she could feel the feeling of "flying" the most!

Nash had just got up. When he saw Tom like this, he almost fell down, and the expression on his face was indescribably funny!

Now he suddenly remembered what Tom had just said. He said he was very skilled and there was no need to hire bodyguards. At that time, he thought Tom was joking. Now it seemed that he was not joking at all, but was serious!

As for Mark, his pupils also contracted violently, thinking that he was hallucinating. How could this country bumpkin fight so well?

Tom's face was calm and expressionless. He didn't feel proud or excited at all. He just did something not worth mentioning. He let go of Clarissa and said, "Miss Brown, I'm sorry. The situation was urgent just now. I was impetuous."

Clarissa left Tom's arms with a sense of loss!

This made her blush. She shook her head hurriedly and said, "No, it's okay. I should be the one thanking you. Thank you for saving me."

Tom smiled and said, "I just lift a finger."

When Laurel and the other female stars saw this scene, they came back to their senses and were about to die of jealousy! They kept scolding Clarissa in their heart for being foxy and stealing their man. Yes, now they all regarded Tom as their man. That was right. He was rich, had a good figure, could fight, and was so polite. He was the legendary prince charming!

Tom was not good-looking? Bullshit. Tom's appearance was not as good as Ashton's, who was a pretty boy, but he was definitely a handsome man. The more one looked at him, the more one felt him charming. He was full of masculinity. In the age of Little Fresh Meat, it was precisely this kind of tough man who was the rarest!

So they all had some feelings for Tom now.

Tom ignored this and walked up to Mark.

Mark was a little afraid of him. He took a few steps back, hit the wall behind him, swallowed his saliva, and said harshly, "You, what do you want?! I warn you, don't mess around. My father is the Chairman of the KL Group, Kiwi!"

Tom ignored him and continued to walk towards him until Tom looked at him coldly face-to-face. Tom said, "Is it glorious to bully a woman?"

Mark gritted his teeth and a little embarrassment flashed across his face, but immediately he snorted heavily and said, "It's none of your business. You have no right to teach me what

should I do."

Tom smiled, and then he slapped Mark on the face. With a loud slap, Mark was bleeding.

"You..."

Mark was angry and wanted to fight back. He was originally a rebellious man. He had never been beaten since he had grown up. He could be said to be arrogant and domineering. Now the slap Tom gave him made him angry, but before he had the time to fight back, Tom slapped him again.

This slap was even heavier than before.

Mark began to fight back, but he was no match for Tom. He was stunned as he was hit by Tom. Knowing that he had met a tough guy this time, he quickly begged for mercy, "Stop, stop. I was wrong..."

His pleading voice was already filled with tears.

Everyone in the room was shocked to see this scene. The arrogant Mark was like a child in front of Tom. Mark could only be slapped and had no ability to resist!

Especially for Clarissa, this left an indelible impression on her heart!

## Chapter 240

Tom did not go too far.

"In the future, If you dare to bully women in the future, I will teach you more lessons." Tom said in an elder's tone, "Do you hear me?"

Mark was now quite afraid of Tom. When he heard Tom's words, he shrank. In front of Tom, Mark recalled the fear of facing his teacher when he was a child. He nodded quickly and said, "I heard it. I won't dare to do it again!"

Tom turned around and said to Nash and the others, "Okay. Let's go back for dinner."

Nash and the others still hadn't come to their senses. What happened just now was unreal to them, especially Nash. He knew Mark who was the son of the KL Group, and that few people dared to provoke him.

Now that Tom hit Mark like this, it was equivalent to slapping Kiwi on the face. With Kiwi's character, he would definitely avenge his son!

Nash's mouth moved and he wanted to say something, but he didn't say it in the end.

He believed that people at Tom's level must have their own principles and not just acted according to their own hobbies. Since Tom knew Mark's identity and dared to teach Mark such a lesson, then it showed that Tom had something or someone to rely on!

As he gradually came to his senses, he thought of Tom's background. Since Tom was from the Howards, he had no need to be afraid of Kiwi.

When they returned to the private room, the atmosphere immediately changed. They did not speak and stared at Tom with various expressions.

Tom was so busy drinking that he didn't eat anything. After solving the trouble just now, he was a little hungry. So he didn't think about dining etiquette too much and began to eat. What he cared about now was to fill his stomach.

Soon, he realized something was wrong and looked up, "Why don't you eat? What are you looking at me for? Is there something on my face?"

Nash quickly poured wine for Tom, hesitated for a moment, and then asked, "Mr. Howard, you just hit Mark. Aren't you afraid of his father, Kiwi, taking revenge?"

Tom smiled and said, "Do you think I should be afraid of Kiwi?"

Nash hurriedly shook his head and said, "No, no, no! I didn't mean that, but Kiwin is the chairman of the KL Group. He tends to bear a grudge. I'm afraid that you would be hurt in the future."

Tom naturally understood these things.

Kiwi was the chairman of the KL Group and had a lot of power, but to Tom, it was nothing. Originally, he didn't want to hit Mark. After all, he was a low-key person. Just now, Mark was bullying him. If he didn't fight back, he would be insulted by Mark. In his current status, he definitely couldn't accept this kind of thing.

Since that was the case, it was better for him to hit Mark first. And in this matter, once he did it, he became the enemy of Kiwi. Since he was already his enemy, then it might as well be a little eviler to beat up the stupid Mark.

Besides, he looked down on a playboy like Mark, who had fun bullying women. He was a scumbag.

Tom smiled and said, "I can't just watch Mr. Perez and Miss Brown being bullied, can I?"

Nash was a little touched. He punished himself and said, "Mr. Howard, it's all my fault. You've been implicated!"

Tom waved his hand and said, "You are too serious. It's not a big deal. I don't care Kiwi at all."

Hearing this, Nash's eyes lit up and became even more determined to curry favor with Tom!

Clarissa bit her lip and offered a toast to Tom. She thanked him sincerely, "Mr. Howard, you saved me from what happened just now. Thank you! If Mr. Howard needs me in the future, just

tell me. I will definitely satisfy Mr. Howard's request!"

Seeing Clarissa's beautiful and charming face, Tom suddenly became a little mischievous and blurted out, "Any request can be satisfied?"

Clarissa was stunned. When she saw Tom's expression, she immediately thought about sex. There were two faint blushes on her face. After hesitating for a while, she nodded hard as if she had made a major decision and said, "Yes! Any request can be satisfied!"

Tom was just teasing. He didn't expect Clarissa to be serious. Tom's heart beat faster, and he couldn't help but look at Clarissa. It was undeniable that Clarissa was a beauty with an attractive face and charming figure, and she was a big star who can be often seen on the Internet, which added her charisma invisibly. In an instant, Tom really had some romantic thoughts in his heart.

Fortunately, these thoughts were quickly suppressed by him. He smiled, "It's just a joke. Miss Brown doesn't have to take it to heart. Mr. Perez is my friend, and you are his person. So I'm responsible to save you."

Tom was serious. He really didn't have any feelings about Clarissa. The reason why he had saved her just now was because of Nash. Secondly, he was a person with a sense of justice, which made it impossible for him to watch the weak being bullied.

However, he did not expect Clarissa to misunderstand him. She was so anxious that she quickly explained, "Mr. Howard! You misunderstood. Boos and I didn't have any other relationship. There is absolutely no sexual relationship between me and him!"

"Uh..." Tom was a little surprised. 'What was going on? I didn't say you and Nash had any secrets.' He thought.

Nash touched his nose. He was also a little embarrassed. To be honest, as the chairman of HY Media, he had indeed had sex with many female stars, but he really didn't touch Clarissa.

After coughing twice, he explained, "This is the truth. There is only an employment relationship between Clarissa and I. Don't worry, Mr. Howard."

Tom rolled his eyes. "What's the matter? I don't care if you guys have that kind of thing. Besides, even if you don't say it, I can tell that because I do have eyes."

However, he was too lazy to explain this kind of thing. He showed his agreement and just let it go.

Then, he ate for a while, and after feeding himself, he was ready to go back.

When Laurel and the other female

stars saw that Tom was leaving, how could they let this opportunity go? They quickly stood up and said that they would personally send Tom home.

It was late at night. Tom knew their intentions very well.

Tom didn't have feelings for them. He came to dinner tonight just not to embarrass Nash. Now that Laurel was so enthusiastic, he really couldn't bear it.

In the end, he had no choice but to say casually, "In that case, just bother Miss Brown to send me back."

Tom would rather let Clarissa send him back because compared to Laurel and others 'excessive 'enthusiasm', Clarissa was reserved so that he could get away easily.

When Clarissa heard this, she was stunned. The next moment, her face turned red immediately!