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Chapter 941 I'll Give You a Reward Tonight

The netizen who discovered it first thought they had read it wrong. After rubbing their glasses and refreshing the screen to look again, the post that had just been updated was still there. Yes, it was still there!

This netizen was so excited that they didn't care about the content at all and only wanted to quickly tell everyone that Toby had updated his Facebook. He was someone who was inactive all year round, and his Facebook only had two posts since it was created, with one of those posts being a notification after creating a new account. Hence, it was surprising that he had suddenly posted again. When the netizen was spreading the news, their hands even trembled excitedly while they typed on the keyboard.

Their effort paid off. Soon, the entire internet knew that Toby had posted on his Facebook and it even began trending in the top five searches with the tag 'Fuller Group's President's Facebook Post.' Clearly, Toby's popularity did not lose out to those so-called celebrities in the entertainment industry. Even as those celebrities watched as their searches were buried by Toby, they didn't dare to get angry. After all, Toby was a powerful person, and he would always be on the top.

After Toby's Facebook began trending, people finally began to pay attention to the content of his Facebook post. It was a short post, with only a brief sentence. 'Don't call me that. I'm not your husband. I'm only "Paradigm Co. Sonia's" husband, and she's the only one who can call me that. The rest of you should just forget about it. Please be noted!'

This was obviously a warning to everyone, but in the eyes of the netizens, not only did it not make them feel unhappy and uncomfortable, but they began excitedly praising Toby for being a good man. As a result, after being titled as the Nation's Husband, Toby gained another hilarious title, 'The Male Standard.'

At the same time, the people who envied Sonia increased. Everyone knew that the netizens only called Toby their husband as a joke and it couldn't be true, and Toby himself must've also known this.

There were many male celebrities in the entertainment industry who were called husbands. Whether they were single, had girlfriends, or married, many would still call them that. The celebrities knew that it was just a joke as well, so they always readily accepted it. They had never come forward like Toby to warn against calling them their husbands, including their girlfriends and wives, because they knew it wasn't true. However, even though he knew it was a joke, Toby still came forward to tell the netizens not to call him their husband, which was enough to prove how much he loved Sonia.

Even if he knew that Sonia might not care or get angry that the netizens called him by that name, he still cared about her feelings and was afraid that she would be unhappy, so he came forward to ask the netizens to stop and seriously stated that he didn't like others to call him as their husband, and that he only wanted to hear Sonia call him that. How could a man who was so assertive, dedicated, and so attentive not touch the hearts of the netizens? In an instant, his popularity soared to unprecedented levels, making the celebrities in the entertainment industry extremely jealous.

In Paradigm Co., Sonia still had no idea about the craze Toby had caused on the internet as she was swamped with work at the moment, painstakingly processing the documents from her staff. It wasn't until Daphne handed her the fund statement she had prepared and told her what happened that Sonia realized what Toby had done.

When she saw what Toby had posted, Sonia was extremely moved and joyful, and her eyes watered. "This guy..."

"Chairman Reed, President Fuller really treats you well," Daphne said with an envious look as she stood across her desk.

Sonia nodded and clutched her phone tightly. "Yeah. After we got back together, he's been nothing but kind to me."

Now, he even warned the netizens on her behalf, which was not something he would have done in the past. But, it was adorable. It was so silly that it was adorable!

"Chairman Reed, President Fuller tagged you and even said all of those heart-fluttering words. Aren't you going to reply to him?" Daphne urged excitedly as she looked at Sonia's phone.

Sonia rolled her eyes at her. "You just want to snoop around our relationship, don't you?"

"Hehe." Daphne giggled embarrassedly. "You guessed it right, Chairman Reed."

"Of course I did." Sonia said, not knowing whether to laugh or cry, "Even though you look like a strict and uptight headmaster, you're just as lively as those young female graduates in the company who like to gossip around."

Even though she usually wore a serious expression on her face, Daphne couldn't help but blush as Sonia saw through her true personality.

Sonia flicked her hand. "All right, you can go and focus on your work. You're affecting me too much by being here, and I don't even know how to reply to him. If you want to know, you can just look on the internet yourself later."

Daphne's eyes brightened. "You're right, Chairman Reed. In that case, I'll be leaving first."

"Go ahead." Sonia waved her hand.

After Daphne turned around and left, Sonia turned on her phone again and looked at the post Toby had tagged her in, her red lips curling upward slightly.

To be honest, when she saw that the netizens were calling Toby their husband, she was surprised at first, but at the same time, she found it a little funny and even wanted to see what he looked like when he saw so many people calling him their husband. She didn't know what his reaction would be like. As for her, she truly wasn't jealous or unhappy. She knew that it was just a joke made by the netizens, and they weren't taking it seriously. She wasn't petty enough to start a fight with the netizens for a small issue like this.

However, she didn't expect that Toby would take it seriously and explain that the netizens were not allowed to call him that way, and even state that he would not be their husband, while she was the only one who could call him that. His behavior truly moved her. Now, people on the internet were probably even more envious of her, especially those women whose husbands were also being named as the netizens' husbands like her.

Thinking of this, Sonia couldn't help but stifle a laugh. She then shared Toby's post and typed a reply. 'You're smart. I'll give you a reward when you come back later at night!'

The moment she sent the post, her face immediately flushed red as she turned her phone off while her heart raced. Her words were very bold and suggestive, and anyone who read it would know what the so-called reward was. It was the first time she hinted at something like this to Toby, and she had even done so for everyone to see. She had no choice either. After all, his behavior today made her feel extremely satisfied and happy. If he could do this, she thought that she should be bold and reward him sometimes, because he deserved it.

Toby had his notifications turned on for Sonia, so the moment she shared and replied to his post, his phone immediately rang, and he hurriedly picked up his phone to check. When he saw what she had posted, his pupils suddenly shrank, and his expression was in slight disbelief. This was really a reply from her. However, as he looked at the post, he quickly calmed down and laughed under his breath before replying 'Okay' under her comment section.

She had never been this bold, as he had always been the one to take the initiative in these areas. Given she was being proactive now, and announced to everyone that she would reward him at night all of a sudden, she was probably moved by his actions. Now, he was pleased and glad he made that post. Otherwise, he wouldn't have gotten such a satisfactory reward.

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Chapter 942 The Lively Internet

The netizens had not expected that Toby and Sonia would actually flirt openly on a public platform. In the public's eye, they were big figures that were out of reach to ordinary netizens like them, to the point where the netizens didn't even understand them and only felt that they were unattainable figures that they could only look up to.

However, watching them acting so down-to-earth on the internet and showing their affection in public like ordinary people, and even flirting in front of everyone, the netizens instantly felt that the big figures they thought were out of their reach were actually not as unattainable as they'd thought. They realized the couple could also say and do ordinary things just like everyone else.

After that, the netizens suddenly felt that the two of them got along well, and their affection for the two rose all of a sudden. Some bold netizens even dared to joke under their comment section, asking if they could be invited to peek from under their bed. Unexpectedly, Toby replied to one of them, 'Never! Keep dreaming!'

Although he had not held back on his words, not only did he not make the netizens angry, but on the contrary, they nearly fainted with excitement. He had been noticed by a big shot. A big figure actually replied to him! He was probably the first to receive this honor. Just as this netizen was happily jumping around in excitement, other netizens were envious when they saw this. They wanted to be noticed too.

All of a sudden, Toby's comment section turned lively and cheerful as joking comments continued to appear. Probably because he wasn't as cold as the netizens thought he was in the past, and he also had a side to him that was down-to-earth, Toby was now very popular with the netizens, and Fuller Group's stock prices had even risen a little.

After Tom found out, he couldn't help but feel that Toby really deserved his position. Just by expressing his love to Sonia on the internet, he was able to make a fortune. As expected, this was why Toby could become the boss while he could only remain as his assistant.

On the other side, Sonia had also seen the news of the changes in Fuller Group's stocks. After knowing the reason, she didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Obviously, she didn't expect that she would cause such a commotion just because she wanted to show off his gifts in Paradigm Co. However, at least it wasn't a bad thing. She indirectly helped Fuller Group to make more profits, no?

"Haha." Sonia couldn't help but laugh out loud.

However, the aftermath of this incident was not over yet. The netizens were still happily leaving comments for Toby and Sonia, and the entertainment industry had begun to stir.

The girlfriends or wives of male celebrities who were called husbands by the netizens became envious of Sonia after seeing Toby's warning to the netizens, and they also began to tag their boyfriends or husbands, wanting them to do the same.

Then, some smart male celebrities really did as they said, learning from Toby and also posting some "harsh statements" to the netizens. There were some male stars who weren't as tactful, but had skilled agents supporting them, and they began to follow Toby's example at their agents' suggestions.

However, after these male celebrities did this, not only were they not scolded by their girlfriends or their fans, but they were praised for their sense of responsibility and their tactfulness. In short, these male stars also got the praise Toby had received after following his actions.

As a result, in this entertainment industry that had always been a mess of fights between fans, the atmosphere suddenly changed and became more harmonious than it had ever been before. The various fans stopped picking fights with each other and laughed together under their favorite celebrities' comment sections, and the internet had become so peaceful that it made people speechless.

After that, some media outlets began expressing their amazement. It was as expected of a big shot. Just by being in a relationship and showing his affection, not only did he increase the stock prices of his own company, but he also eliminated the bad behavior of fans in the entertainment industry and changed everything. This statement naturally received a lot of approval from countless netizens.

Of course, there were also some people who sourly said that there was nothing great about this. Among them were Zane and Charles, two pitiful men who could only look but never get what they wanted.

This also included Titus of Triforce Enterprise, who was still working hard despite his illness and pain. Because of the commotion on the internet, even Titus, an old man who didn't pay attention to the recent trends, heard a little about what was happening. After finding out that Toby's gift to Sonia had gotten on the news, he clicked on the news and checked the details with the intention of understanding his enemy. When he saw the pictures of the gifts that were listed out by the netizens, his face that was originally morbidly pale turned red.

"Toby, that b*stard. When he was with Tina, I never saw him giving her anything. The only thing he was going to give her was the Ocean's Heart, but he let that brat Sonia take it away in the end. He was so cruel to Tina, but he's extremely generous to that brat Sonia, enough to give her tens and hundreds of millions worth of gifts for no reason." Titus cursed under his breath as he squeezed the mouse tightly with a glare.

Julia, who was sitting next to him, had been worried about his health recently and stayed with him all the time, commuting to and back from work with him. When she

heard Titus' complaint, she should've joined in, but for reasons unknown to her, she defended Sonia instead.

"That's not true. Wasn't Toby hypnotized by a person Tina found, which was why we thought he liked her? However, he never did. The person he likes has always been Sonia, so it makes sense that he never gave Tina anything and only gives presents to Sonia."

Titus widened his eyes in disbelief. "Honey, why are you taking Sonia's side? Don't tell me you still think Sonia is our daughter?"

Julia's eyes flashed, and she lowered her eyelids. "No, I'm just talking based on the facts."

There was one more thing she didn't say. Although she didn't think Sonia was her daughter anymore, in her heart, she had always been very concerned that Sonia was not Henry's biological daughter and was extremely aware of the scar on Sonia's wrist. She always felt that she had missed out something, but she couldn't tell what it was. Most importantly, her disgust for Sonia didn't run as deeply as before. However, she couldn't say this out loud.

"Hmph, what facts? I say he's just being stingy." Titus let out a scoff.

In fact, he knew in his heart that what Julia said was the truth, but he just didn't want to admit it.

"All right, darling." Julia snatched the mouse from Titus' hand. "Don't look at these things anymore. The more you look at it, the angrier you'll get, and it isn't good for your health. All you have to do now is to calm down, recuperate, and wait for a kidney donor. After you replace your kidney and recover, it'll be time for us to take revenge."

Titus rubbed his temples and nodded wearily. "Yeah, when I get better, I won't let both Toby and Sonia go. I must make her die, or when she eventually finds out what I did to Henry, it'll be me who will die by then."

As he spoke, a fierce light flashed quickly in his yellowed pupils. "If my body weren't this weak, how could Sonia be able to act so arrogantly until now?"

In the past, Julia might have nodded in agreement. Now, however, she just massaged Titus' shoulders silently without answering. Her mind was in a mess. On one hand, she knew that the Gray Family and the Reed Family were mortal enemies. More than 20 years ago, Titus plotted against Henry and caused one of his staff to end their own life, which almost caused the Reed Family to go bankrupt.

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Chapter 943 Connor's Plan

In order to fight back, Henry stole her daughter and threw her into the river. At this point, the two families had completely become mortal enemies. After that, because of Mia Murray, Titus' mother, the Reed Family and Gray Family did not continue to fight, and their hatred seemed to subside. However, she knew Titus had never forgotten that Henry killed their daughter, and he had never given up the idea of taking revenge.

Three years after Mia's death, which was also six years ago, Titus not only bribed Sandra to give Henry a drug to weaken his mental state, but he also secretly set a trap for Henry and made him fall for it, causing Paradigm Co. to make a grave mistake that couldn't even be fixed by selling all the shares they had. Finally, Titus ordered people to tell Henry things that encouraged him to take his own life. Under Henry's weakened mental state, he was naturally convinced and jumped off a building in despair.

Even if Sonia didn't know the true cause of Henry's death, she still blamed it on the Gray Family. After all, to her, Henry took his own life because they plotted against Paradigm Co. and left him with nothing. Hence, she felt nothing but hatred toward the Gray Family. Later, Tina got someone to hypnotize Toby and stole him from Sonia, then she and Titus plotted against Sonia several times. All of these grudges piled up made it so that the Gray Family and Reed Family were destined to be unable to coexist.

Now, Julia felt some compassion for Sonia and didn't really want her to die, but she was still a part of the Gray Family and was Titus' wife, so she could only side with the Gray Family and hope that they would win. After all, while Sonia did have some of Rina's characteristics, at the end of the day, she was not Rina.

As Titus and Julia schemed about their future plans, in a hotel, Connor had naturally also seen the commotion on the internet. Sitting on the sofa and looking at the laptop in front of him, he rubbed the cane in his hand as he fell deep in thought.

Behind him, Xander pushed his glasses and said, "Mr. Salzburg, Toby gave Sonia so many valuable gifts and even showed his sincerity to her in front of the entire internet. It seems that she is indeed very important to him. Maybe we can restore our plan to use Sonia."

It sounded good, but Connor shook his head. "Just these things alone can't fully prove that Toby takes Sonia very seriously, so we can't reuse that plan for the time being."

"Isn't it enough proof?" Xander was shocked.

Connor put his cane aside and picked up his drink on the coffee table to take a sip before he said lightly, "You haven't dated yet, so you wouldn't know. Some seemingly affectionate actions are a piece of cake for men, and it's not enough to prove their sincerity. Toby has a net worth of tens of billions, but the gifts he gave Sonia is nothing more than a few million. This small amount of money isn't even worth mentioning to

him. His presents are just like feeding a beggar. You've been working for me for so long, so you've seen people who date others for money, right?"

Xander nodded profusely. "Yes, sir."

Connor smirked. "Which of those people aren't generous and able to casually give their lovers gifts that are worth millions? Cars, houses, planes, cruise ships; as long as their lover makes them happy enough, wouldn't they give it out like it's nothing? But, does this mean that they love those women?"

Xander shook his head. "That's not true. If they loved them, they wouldn't just throw money at them; they would give them a proper status instead."

"That's right. So, can these gifts Toby gave to Sonia prove that he loves her enough to give up everything for her? Which one of his gifts can't be offered by any man who's slightly rich and fools around with women? Besides, his presents aren't even as surprising as the cars and houses that those men give to their lovers. At least cars and houses can show his feelings more clearly. What use do these useless luxury items have?" Saying that, Connor put down his cup.

Xander couldn't come up with a reply.

Connor grabbed his cane and continued, "As for the statement he posted, ha, that's even more ridiculous. For any man within the circle, as long as he has a woman by his side, which one of them hasn't sweet talked them? In the end, they're just words. Anyone can learn how to say them. For instance, those young couples on the streets. They always say they love each other, but do they mean it? Can they prove their feelings with just one sentence? It's only young people who have not faced any difficulties who think that they can take these sweet nothings seriously."

The young Xander, who had never faced any difficulties, felt his mouth twitch and fell silent. He had just taken it seriously earlier and thought that with Toby's identity, being able to say such things in public on the internet must mean that he truly loved Sonia. However, after Connor's analysis, he realized just how naive he had been.

That was right. Those young masters and bosses in the circle did often call their lovers with endearments and bombard them with sweet words, but in reality, it was all just a game. They could say the same sweet nothings to another woman, even if they weren't the same words. Hence, it was indeed a little ridiculous to prove someone's sincerity only with words.

"Mr. Salzburg, doesn't that mean that Toby's feelings for Sonia aren't actually that serious?" Xander frowned.

Connor narrowed his wrinkled eyes. "Maybe. It's been a day since I asked someone to snatch Sonia's company's spare parts, so she's probably feeling extremely anxious and

is trying to figure out how to solve this matter. If she can't get the parts back within three days, she knows clearly what Paradigm Co. would face, but she didn't tell Toby. It's clear she knows that he still has some reservations toward her and might not help her. Of course, this is not absolute. Maybe she didn't tell him because she didn't want him to help and wanted to solve it herself. After meeting her last time, I can tell that Sonia is actually a very tough woman, and it's possible that she would do this."

Xander didn't care what kind of woman Sonia was. Hearing that Toby's feelings for Sonia might not be serious, he felt unhappy. "Mr. Salzburg, Toby possesses and commands great wealth and power. If we want to deal with him, we must target his weakness. Only by doing so can we succeed. We should probably forget about Old Mrs. Fuller for now. She wouldn't leave the Fuller Residence easily, and it's impossible for us to use her to deal with him. Secondly, his stepmother and her son are probably not his weaknesses either. After all, they're only his step family, so they might not feel strongly for each other, and a cold and powerful person like Toby may give up on them at any time. Excluding these three, we're only left with Sonia."

"I know what you mean. This may not be able to test Sonia's position in Toby's heart, but it doesn't matter because I still have another solution." Connor suddenly grasped his cane as his voice turned cold, completely devoid of the gentleness he had at the beginning; it made him seem a little terrifying. He was like a hissing poisonous snake, sending a chill down people's spines.

Xander's eyes brightened. "Mr. Salzburg, what do you plan to do?"

Connor shot him a look. "You'll find out later."

He didn't seem to have any intention of saying more, so Xander tactfully stopped asking as well.

Meanwhile, in Paradigm Co., Sonia had no idea that people were plotting against her behind her back. She was sitting in her office chair right now, talking to Grace on her phone.

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Chapter 944 Grace's Reminder

Grace liked to use social media in the first place, so it was impossible for her to miss the current trending topics. Seeing Sonia and Toby openly show their love on the internet, she was honestly shocked. After all, she knew that Sonia had a gentle personality and didn't like to show off too much in public. It was basically impossible for her to do something like showing affection on the internet.

As for Toby, the chances were even slimmer. He was always busy managing Fuller Group, so he wouldn't have time to entertain the netizens on the internet. Besides, Toby

was cold and arrogant, and he was not someone who would do something like this. However, the two who seemed least likely to show their affection were the ones who did.

Because of that, Grace was utterly surprised and quickly made a phone call to Sonia.

“Sonny, you and Toby really caused a huge commotion. Not only are the stock prices of the company rising, but the entertainment industry has also turned lively. Your display of affection really shocked the world.” Grace laughed.

Sonia’s face flushed red as she said a little embarrassedly, “I just wanted to show off the gifts he gave me to my employees, but I didn’t expect everyone to post it on the internet and turn it into such a big deal.”

“But on the bright side, letting everyone know your feelings with Toby appropriately can serve as a deterrent to people who have ulterior motives. Just some time ago, I heard Charles talk about the person who tried to steal your husband and then apologized to the whole internet...”

“Anya,” Sonia reminded her.

Grace hurriedly nodded. “Yes, yes, that’s her. You can let her and the other women who are aiming for Toby see how good your relationship is with him, and they can never stand a chance.”

Hearing that, Sonia laughed. “I didn’t think that far, but now that you’ve said it, I guess it really is a good thing.”

“Of course it is.” Grace scoffed. “There’s something I haven’t told you. A while ago, when I went for afternoon tea with some other ladies, Mrs. Wallace, whose family runs a seafood market, knows that I’m close with you, so she was trying to pry on your relationship with Toby from me.”

“Something like that happened?” Sonia was stunned.

“Of course.” Grace pouted. “Mrs. Wallace has a daughter who is about your age. Recently, I heard that there’s been a problem with the Wallace Family’s seafood market. Apparently, they’re being investigated by the authorities for substituting fresh fish with stale fish. In order to solve this matter, the Wallace Family asked about young men in the circle who were not married yet, and they wanted to marry their daughter off so that their in-laws could help them out. Let alone Seafield, who else is better than Toby in the country? So, they were eyeing him and wanted to make a move on him through me.”

Sonia pursed her red lips as her expression sank. She felt disgusted, as if she had swallowed a fly. No one would feel happy thinking about the possibility of their lover being snatched away.

Grace continued, "After I found out about Mrs. Wallace's plans, I couldn't tell her honestly, of course. If I did that, I'd be betraying you. So, I refused and gave her a piece of my mind. You have no idea how terrible she looked back then."

Saying that, she covered her mouth with a hand and laughed.

Sonia smiled as well. "Thank you, Mrs. Lane."

"What are you thanking me for? Anyone who encounters this kind of thing would hate it." Grace waved her hand. "But, Sonny, I don't think the Wallace Family will give up just like that. In the past two days, they've been asking around about invitations to the business banquet within the circle."

"Invitations to the banquet?" Sonia frowned.

Grace hummed in reply. "That's right. This time, the people invited to the business banquet are the ones who have more power in Seafield."

"I know." Sonia nodded. "I received an invitation too."

Logically speaking, with Paradigm Co.'s current state, she wasn't supposed to receive an invitation. However, she had already gotten back together with Toby at that time, so the Lore Family would naturally not forget about her. In other words, she only got the invitation because of her relationship with Toby.

Speaking of which, she had also commissioned a custom-made dress from a designer for this banquet. At first, she had already gotten her dress, but it was ruined by that woman, Anya. Thinking about it now, she started fuming again. The most disgusting one of them all was still that short-sighted man, Connor.

Grace didn't know what Sonia was thinking, but she was not surprised to hear that she had also received the invitation. After all, with Toby there, it would be surprising if she didn't receive it.

"The Wallace Family isn't on the invitation list this time, so they've been looking for connections in the circle for the past two days in order to get one. At the same time, I also heard that they've found a well-known stylist to dress their daughter up. I'm guessing the Wallace Family just wants to take their daughter to the banquet to find a target. Toby will definitely be going this time, right?" Grace asked.

Sonia nodded. "He will. He didn't want to at first. With his status and the strength of the Fuller Group now, there's no need for him to take part in this kind of banquet that isn't of any help to him and the Fuller Family. He's mainly going to accompany and support me. After all, I need to get an exhibition platform in the Lore Family's mall this time."

When Grace heard what she said, her expression immediately turned serious. “I knew it. The Wallace Family will definitely make a move on Toby when the time comes. Even if they don’t target him, they would still go for other young men. Sonny, you have to take good care of Toby when the time comes. I’m afraid that he wouldn’t be able to stand the temptation. After all, men will always be men. You can’t guarantee that they’d be able to hold out when someone offers themselves to them.”

“I will.” Sonia clenched her phone and squeezed out a smile before she replied, “But, I trust that he wouldn’t do anything to hurt me.”

Although she trusted that Toby would not betray her, she still hated it when people tried to snatch him away from her. She hoped that the Wallace Family would know their place and find another man. As long as they didn’t make a move on her husband, she would turn a blind eye to it. However, if the Wallace Family really dared to snatch her man away, she wouldn’t hold back. The Wallace Family was not as powerful as Paradigm Co., so it wasn’t impossible for her to deal with them.

“I know you trust him, and I do as well, but there are some things that just having trust wouldn’t be enough. Anyway, just be careful,” Grace advised with a sigh.

Sonia nodded. “All right, thank you for your reminder, Mrs. Lane.”

“Still, the Wallace Family is really ridiculous. Even I, a woman who doesn’t understand business, know what this banquet represents, but the Wallace Family is trying to use this occasion to find a man for their daughter without even being afraid of offending the Lore Family.” Grace’s face was full of contempt and ridicule.

Sonia knew the reason and replied indifferently, “That’s because this is the only opportunity for the Wallace Family to reach out to many young men and top families at once, so of course they wouldn’t want to miss it. They’d rather risk offending the Lore Family just to give it a try. If they succeed, they wouldn’t have to worry about the Lore Family dealing with them and they can just ask their daughter’s family to help them settle things. After all, the people who can receive invitations from the Lore Family are on the same level as them, and the Lore Family will not truly become enemies with a family that is almost as powerful as them, so they can only bear it.”

“So that’s the case. I was just wondering.” Grace came to a realization.

Sonia turned the pen in her hand. “But it’s only on the condition that they succeed. If they don’t, I wouldn’t be surprised if the Lore Family takes revenge on them.”

“Of course. Isn’t it a slap to the Lore Family’s face if they tried to sell their daughter off at their banquet?” Grace laughed.

Although Sonia also had a faint smile on her face, it did not reach her eyes.

"All right, let's not talk about these things. Anyway, Sonny, just take care of yourself by then," Grace reminded her worriedly.

It was only then that Sonia showed a sincere smile. "Don't worry, Mrs. Lane. I know when to stop."

"That's good. Oh, right." Suddenly recalling something, Grace asked in concern, "How is Daphne?"

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Chapter 945 Am I a Merchandise

After hearing Grace asking about Daphne, Sonia instantly became nervous. Initially leaning back in her chair, she adjusted her posture slightly and sat up, straightening her back. "Oh, Daphne? She's fine."

"Is that so? Well, good to hear that." Grace nodded. "I happened to meet her today while I was at the hospital for a checkup. At the time, I noticed that she looked somewhat pale while holding a thick pile of papers in her hand. I thought she was seriously ill, so I asked her immediately if she was alright, but she told me that she only had some problems with her neck."

Sonia bit her lower lip. "You mean you don't believe that she's got a problem with her neck?"

Grace nodded. "Of course. I've known that young lady for years, so I know her to a degree. She lowered her head and dared not look me in the eye when she answered my question, so it was obvious that she was lying. Since she lied without telling me what was wrong with her, I couldn't force her to tell me the truth, so I pretended to buy her story. We then had a little chat before she made an excuse and left in a hurry, as if she feared that I'd stop her. I was wondering why she was so afraid of me at the time. It's not like I'm a tiger that will eat her."

"I see." Sonia raised her chin at the revelation. Then, she asked tentatively, "In that case, Mrs. Lane, didn't you ask those at the hospital what was wrong with Daphne after she left?"

Grace shook her head. "No, I didn't. She didn't want to tell me about it, so how could I ask about these things? It'll be disrespectful toward her if I find out these things without permission."

"Oh, I see." Sonia patted her chest while breathing an inward sigh of relief. Luckily, Mrs. Lane is still unaware that Daphne is pregnant. Well, that's understandable. If she knew about it, she wouldn't have been so composed.

Suddenly, Grace asked, "Sonny, do you know about Daphne's illness?"

Sonia's eyes flickered as she answered guiltily, "Uh-huh. I know a little about it."

"No wonder you were so calm when I asked you just now whether Daphne was alright. You were unruffled even when I mentioned that I met her at the hospital. So, you've learned about it earlier on."

"Yeah, sort of." Sonia gave an embarrassed smile. "She's now my secretary, so she had to ask me for leave before going to the hospital to see a doctor."

"That's true. How could I forget about this?" Grace slapped her forehead. Then, she continued, "By the way, Sonny, Daphne didn't want to tell others what kind of illness she had. I noticed that she looked very unwell at the time, so I thought she was probably seriously ill. Moreover, she left in a hurry at the time. I guess she probably couldn't accept it and was devastated, so I'm worried that she might abandon herself to despair and refuse to receive treatment. Since you're her boss, you have to persuade her to receive treatment."

At Grace's words, Sonia didn't know whether to laugh or to frown. She never expected that Grace would misinterpret Daphne's 'illness' so badly, as though the latter was suffering from an incurable disease. She couldn't help but chuckle, but she could only hold back her laughter to avoid arousing Grace's suspicion. Tucking her hair behind her ear, she replied, "Alright, Mrs. Lane, I'll do that. Don't worry."

"That's good. Well, I've got nothing else to say. You haven't finished work yet, so I won't keep you any longer," Grace said after checking the time.

"Uh-huh," Sonia mumbled. After hanging up the phone, she opened her Messenger and sent Daphne a voice message to tell her what Grace had just said.

In the large office next door, Daphne listened to Sonia's words via the Bluetooth earpiece she was wearing. Knowing that Grace cared so much about her, she felt warm and yet conflicted inside, and her eyes moistened slightly. What a kind person Mrs. Lane is! Too bad that we're not meant to be close.

Having listened to Sonia's voice message, she sent Sonia a text message that read, 'Please say thanks to Mrs. Lane for me, Chairman Reed.' Then, she switched off her phone, put away her innermost feelings, and proceeded to bury herself in work, knowing that she couldn't allow herself to be moved too deeply, nor could she dwell too much upon it, or she would crave for more and become even more resentful and regretful.

When Sonia saw that Daphne had only asked her to thank Grace on her behalf without mentioning anything else in her reply message, she let out a sigh and shook her head.

Then, she started working again without replying to Daphne's message.

It was soon time to get off work. As soon as Sonia stretched after dealing with the last document, someone knocked on the door to her office. Thinking that it was one of her assistants or secretaries, she immediately sat up straight and straightened her clothes. Only then did she say in the door's direction, "Come in."

The knock on the door stopped. The next instant, the door was opened.

Surprisingly, the person who came in wasn't Sonia's assistant or secretary, but a certain man with the last name of Fuller. "Have you finished work?" he asked in a soft voice while looking at the woman behind the desk with a smile as he came in.

When she saw him, Sonia promptly stood up with a look of unconcealed surprise on her face. "Why are you here?" Soon after that, though, she recalled something, and the look of surprise on her face faded. Letting out a snort, she settled back in her chair and turned away, looking as though she didn't want to see the man because she was angry with him.

Toby was startled upon seeing this. "I'm here to pick you up from work. What's the matter?" He walked up to her as fast as his long legs could carry him. "Did I do something wrong that upset you?"

Still unwilling to turn to face him, Sonia let out another snort.

Toby came to her side and placed his hands on her shoulders before forcibly turning her around. "Look at me."

Sonia was unwilling to do so, though.

He let out a soft sigh. Then, he raised her chin to force her to face him. "Come on, tell me what I've done. If I did something wrong, I'll apologize to you for that, okay?" Despite saying so, he didn't think he had done anything wrong. However, if she firmly believed that he had done something wrong, he was willing to say he was wrong and apologize to her. After all, she was his woman, so he would appease her however he wanted to, as long as she was happy.

Upon hearing his words, Sonia finally turned around and looked him in the eye. She said jealously with a snort, "Congratulations, President Fuller. Someone has taken a fancy to you and wants you to be their son-in-law—again."

"What?" Toby was startled at first before his face fell. "That's nonsense. Why didn't I know about such a thing?" He had always known that many women in the upper-class circles were eying him covetously and that many families were seeking to establish a connection with him. However, ever since he threatened those in the circles many years ago, those women and families who were interested in him had never shown up before him and gotten in his way, fearing that he would pick on them in a fit of anger if they annoyed him. As a result, these people gave up on trying to become related to him over

time, which was why he thought it impossible when Sonia said now that someone had taken a fancy to him and wanted him to be their son-in-law. And besides, how could he possibly be unaware of such a thing if it was true?

“I’m not talking nonsense.” Sonia threw her hands up. “Mrs. Lane told me about this, saying that the Wallaces, who are in the seafood business, have their eyes on you and want to steal you from me. How does that feel, Mr. Fuller? You must be feeling smug now that you’re a hot item.”

Seeing how she pretended to make fun of him despite her apparent jealousy, Toby was inwardly delighted. The fact that she’s jealous means that she loves me, he thought. “That’s nonsense.” He released his grip on her chin and gently tickled her nose. “Why should I feel smug? Am I a merchandise that needs their appraisal? And besides, do I have to become their son-in-law just because they want me to? They’re belittling me,” he said. As he spoke of this, his face became visibly sullen, and the air around him turned frosty.

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Chapter 946 One Ought to Be Kind

“I know you won’t let them have their way by becoming their son-in-law, but it’s true that they have their eyes on you,” Sonia said, pouting.

Toby pinched her nose gently. “I’ve never heard of this before. From whom did Mrs. Lane hear about this?” It didn’t make sense that as one of the people involved, he would learn about something related to him later than others did.

“She heard it from the family that has their eyes on you, of course.” Sonia stopped keeping Toby in suspense and told him everything Grace had told her at the time.

Toby looked as black as thunder when he finished listening to her story. “What a nerve they’ve got, the Wallaces!” He knew the Wallaces, who ran a seafood business in Seafield. However, Seafield was a coastal city where many were engaged in the seafood business. Because of the fierce competition, the Wallaces were pretty much a nobody among them. Most annoyingly, they were dishonest in their business practices.

They often resorted to some dishonest petty means, such as passing spoiled seafood off as fresh ones or passing cultivated seafood off as freshly caught ones. As time went on, some people couldn’t stand it anymore, so they were reported to the relevant department. As a result, the Wallaces got into trouble. Many of their fishing quays were sealed off by the relevant department, and several of their seafood markets were closed for the time being. Naturally, they could no longer run their seafood business at present.

Toby had heard that the Wallaces had been pulling strings wherever they could to solve this issue and that they had been seeking to form an alliance with a family that had

some say in Seafield through marriage. However, he thought he had nothing to do with it, so he no longer paid attention to it after hearing about this. Still, he never thought he was the one whom the Wallaces targeted and wanted to form a marriage alliance with!

Ha! What a nerve they've got! There are so many prestigious figures in Seafield, and people who want to marry me are a dime a dozen. Which of these people isn't of higher standing than the Wallaces? But would they actually show up before me and propose a marriage alliance with me?

They wouldn't dare to, I'm afraid. Even if they have such an intention, they dare not show it, let alone put it into practice. The Wallaces are inferior to those families in every way, but they're even bolder than those families. Not only do they have the idea of forming a marriage alliance with me, but they even have the nerve to put it into practice by asking Mrs. Lane about my current relationship status! Do they really think that I won't get angry with them?

Noticing the man's sullen expression and the freezingly cold vibes emanating from him, Sonia had a rough idea of what he was thinking. He's probably thinking about how to deal with the Wallaces for targeting him. Looking at his frosty expression, she asked affirmatively, "You want to take action against the Wallaces?"

Toby patted her head without giving a definite answer.

Sonia shook her head, though. "You'd better not do that."

Toby frowned. "Why?"

"Because they haven't done anything yet so far, of course." Sonia took his hand off the top of her head and toyed with it. His hand was very warm, whereas her hands and feet were ice-cold in winter, so she liked to hold his hand and use it as a free human heater to warm her hands.

"The Wallaces do have such an intention, but they never really showed up or did anything in front of you. Even if you want to deal with them, you don't have a valid reason or proof for doing so. Won't you become a person who strikes and kills indiscriminately in the eyes of others by then?"

"I don't mind," Toby said impassively as his thin lips parted slightly. "If there's some scheme that's about to crop up, I'd rather nip it in the bud."

"I know that." Sonia released his hand and hugged him around the waist, burying her head in his chest. "But I don't want you to be spoken of like that. Your reputation in business circles is a bit unsavory in the first place. They say you're a cold-blooded and merciless devil incarnate and a detestable capitalist. Do these sound pleasant to you?"

Toby frowned slightly without saying a word. It wasn't that he was unaware of these nicknames, which were given to him by those in business circles. However, he had never cared about them. These were nothing but the products of the rage of incompetent losers, after all.

Sonia continued, "In any case, they don't sound pleasant to me. If you deal with the Wallaces right now, those in business circles will definitely give you some other offensive titles. After all, the Wallaces are only harboring such an idea. They haven't done anything specific yet.

If you deal with them, they'll find you terrifying, and those who have been distancing themselves from you will distance themselves from you even further. I know you're so powerful that you don't have to make friends with others in business circles, but being alone can sometimes put you at a disadvantage.

After all, however strong one might be, they're just a single person. Even the weakest of ants can devour an elephant if they come together. So, let's pretend that you don't know anything as long as the Wallaces don't really do anything specific. After all, didn't Mrs. Lane say that the Wallaces might also have their eyes on somebody else in Seafeld?"

Toby pursed his lips. "They might have their eyes on others, but I'm one of those they have their eyes on, after all. I can refrain from doing anything to the Wallaces for the time being, but don't you mind their presence?"

"I do." Sonia acknowledged her thoughts with a poised nod. "If I didn't mind that, I wouldn't have been angry with you just now. But I can't let somebody pay the price because I mind the fact that they have their eyes on you and want you to be their son-in-law, right? After all, they haven't done anything yet.

If they had, I wouldn't say anything, of course. But if they haven't, I won't really deal with them. The most I'd do is dislike them. And besides, the Wallaces aren't the only family that wants you to be their son-in-law. It's just that the Wallaces have now made their intentions known, whereas the others hide their intentions well. Surely I can't ask you to deal with them all as well, right?" If I really do so, both of us will be setting ourselves up against the entire world. By then, the winners will definitely be those people, not us.

Toby's eyes showed tenderness and a hint of helplessness when he finished listening to her words. "Little Leaf, being too kind and softhearted will sometimes put you at a disadvantage, you know?"

"I know that." Sonia smiled. "Still, I'd like to stick to my beliefs. As long as they haven't done anything, I'll pretend that I don't know anything, and I won't target them on my own initiative. If I take action like crazy just because they harbor such an idea, then what's the difference between me and those like Tina and Titus? I can't accept myself becoming like that. One would better be kind as long as they live."

Toby put his arms around her head and rested his chin on the top of her head as his Adam's apple bobbed up and down. Then, he replied in a gentle, husky voice, "Alright. You win."

Sonia glanced up at him, but she couldn't raise her head much as he held her head tightly. As a result, she could only raise her head a little and see his delicate jaw. "Still, you've got to watch out. Mrs. Lane said that the Wallaces had gone to great pains to get the invitation to the business banquet for the purpose of seeking a potential son-in-law.

Of course, it'll be best if they don't lay their hands on you. If they really target you, be sure to control yourself. Mrs. Lane said that men would easily lose control over themselves most of the time when women volunteered to sleep with them."

Toby was both vexed and amused upon hearing this. "That's sheer nonsense. Am I the kind of idiot who has no self-control and who only thinks with their lower half? Seriously, why would Mrs. Lane say these things to you? What kind of a person does she think I am?"

Sonia smiled at him. "She only went out of her way to say these things to me for my sake."

Toby pursed his lips in displeasure. "Even if she said these things for your sake, you mustn't take her words to heart. Just listen to it, but don't take it seriously. By the way, you're not taking it seriously, are you?"

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Chapter 947 Sonia's Playacting

Despite looking at Sonia, he was inwardly tense. She treats Mrs. Lane like her own mother, so she might take her words seriously and think that I can actually be a man who will lose self-control over a woman who volunteers to sleep with me. If that really happens, then Mrs. Lane has really made things difficult for me.

How could Sonia not know what Toby was thinking at the moment when she saw the apparent nervous look on his face? Her eyes flickered before she looked at him with feigned sternness without answering him.

Her silence caused his heart to start to sink. "Are you really taking it seriously?"

Sonia watched as the man looked more and more nervous until he almost got all worked up. Then, she wiped the stern look off her face and laughed. "How is that possible? I won't take it seriously, of course."

"But you just—"

"I did it on purpose." Sonia smiled smugly at him. "I did it on purpose to watch your reaction. Look how scared you are. It's fun."

Hearing her mischievous laughter, Toby let out a breath of relief. Luckily, she didn't take it seriously. But what a nerve she's got, scaring me on purpose! He pursed his lips before tickling her armpit.

Sonia was ticklish, so she recoiled when Toby tickled her. She dodged him while laughing, asking, "What are you doing, Toby?"

"Punishing you, of course. How dare you scare me on purpose?" Toby looked at her solemnly while tickling her armpit again.

Sonia dodged him even further, and her laughter was interspersed with shouts. "I was just kidding, okay? I know you're not that kind of person, so I didn't take her words to heart from the very beginning. But the sight of your expressionless face made me want to tease you on purpose. I don't mean anything else; I just want to know how you'd react when you saw that I took her words seriously."

"Can this kind of thing be joked about as you wish? Do you know that I have a heart condition?" Toby said with a frown. She really scared me just now. I really thought that after we'd been together for so long, she'd still think that I couldn't resist the temptation of the outside world like those vulgar men. Turns out that she was just kidding to try to scare me.

"Come on." Sonia grumpily rolled her eyes at him. "Your heart condition is a thing of the past. Your heart condition has been cured long ago." She poked him in the chest where his heart was with her finger.

Toby held her finger and lowered his eyelids to conceal his dark eyes. He argued in an impassive voice, "Still, you can't do that."

Seeing how serious he looked, Sonia became serious as well. "Do you dislike such jokes?"

Toby lifted her face and nodded solemnly to her. "Uh-huh. I don't like it. If you do so, you'll make me doubt that I don't make you feel secure enough. Also, you'll make me doubt that there's something I didn't do well that makes you feel that I might get seduced by others anytime."

Upon hearing him say so, Sonia finally realized that the joke was somewhat inappropriate. She quickly apologized, saying, "Sorry for my thoughtlessness. I won't do that again." Since she had done something wrong, she had to acknowledge her mistakes and apologize.

Toby stroked her hair. "It's okay."

“But please don’t blame Mrs. Lane for this. She doesn’t know you as well as I do, so it’s normal for her to think so. There are too many of such men, after all. She only said that for my sake.” Sonia looked at him worriedly, fearing that he would get displeased with Grace for this.

However, Toby suddenly let out a chuckle. “Of course, I won’t. I know she only said that for your sake, so why should I blame her?”

“Phew.” Sonia breathed an inward sigh of relief. “That’s good. I was afraid that you might think she was trying to sow discord between us.”

“I’d probably think so before meeting her. But now that I’ve met her last night and gave her so many presents, I know from her attitude toward me that she won’t do such a thing.” Toby caressed her tender cheek. “So, don’t think too much about it.”

“Uh-huh.” Sonia nodded with a smile while putting her mind at rest.

“Have you finished work?” Toby darted a look at the desk next to her, which had been cleared and tidied at this moment. Obviously, she had finished her work.

As he had expected, Sonia left his embrace and took the handbag that was hanging from the coat stand nearby. “Of course. And besides, you’re already here to pick me up, so how could I not go with you? Let’s go.” She stretched out her hand toward him.

Toby took her handbag from her while holding her hand before taking her out of her office.

Naturally, some secretaries and assistants saw them walk out of her office toward the elevator. They had gotten used to seeing Toby carry Sonia’s handbag for her. In any case, as long as he came here, he would definitely carry her handbag for her. Therefore, however funny he looked while carrying a ladies’ handbag, they would look as imperturbable as they were right now instead of laughing as they had at first. Having seen much of it, they thought nothing of it, even if it was funny. After all, they had grown used to it.

The only thing that remained unchanged was that they would always be awed by Sonia’s relationship with Toby. Seriously, they’re getting more and more lovey-dovey. They just had a public display of affection on the internet during the day, which was so sweet that it’d make people lose their teeth. Now that they’ve finished work, they’re being lovey-dovey here in front of us. Isn’t this inhumane?

Inwardly, the company’s employees were deeply resentful, clamoring that they didn’t want to see such public displays of affection. However, whenever Sonia and Toby showed up together, they would enjoy their public displays of affection with great pleasure. It couldn’t be helped. After all, the scene of them appearing together was simply too wonderful.

Soon, the elevator arrived.

Knowing that the secretaries and assistants were looking at them from the door to the large office, Sonia made a point of nodding to them with a smile before entering the elevator. After waving them goodbye, she finally entered the elevator with Toby.

After the elevator door closed, she turned to look at the man next to her. "What do you want to eat tonight?" she asked. "There's no food ingredients at home. We have to buy some at the grocery store."

Toby lowered his eyes to meet her gaze. "We're not gonna eat at home tonight."

Sonia tilted her head to one side. "You mean we're gonna eat out?"

"Uh-huh." Toby raised his chin. "And go somewhere while we're at it."

"Where are we going?" Sonia blinked her eyes curiously.

Instead of answering her question, Toby secretively kept her in suspense. "You'll know it once we're there."

Sonia gave him a dirty look. "Well, if you're not gonna say it, then don't."

As soon as she finished her sentence, the elevator stopped all of a sudden. Then, its door opened with a Ding!

Seeing the couple in the elevator, Asher was startled for a moment with a look of unconcealed surprise in his eyes. Obviously, he didn't expect Sonia and Toby to be in the elevator, nor did he expect he would run into them by such coincidence.

Sonia also didn't expect the person outside to be Asher. She was surprised for a moment, but she came to her senses soon afterward and nodded to him impassively. "President Dafoe, are you getting off work too?"

Asher came to his senses as well. Surprisingly, he gave Sonia a benign smile, which startled her. However, she soon figured out the reason behind it. It's probably because he saw Toby next to me, which is why he doesn't behave as peculiarly as he usually does when he sees me.

"Yeah, that's right. You're getting off work with President Fuller, aren't you?" Asher replied while turning to look at the tall man next to her. "President Fuller, are you here to pick Sonia up from work?"

Toby darted an impassive glance at Asher disinterestedly.

Asher's eyes flickered for a moment, but he wasn't angry.

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Chapter 948 The Date of Our Wedding Has Been Decided

Thanks to the difference in their status, he dared not blow up in front of this guy, nor could he afford to do so. "Sonia, President Fuller, since we're clocking out at the same time, you don't mind me taking the same elevator, right?" he asked. Despite his question, he entered the elevator right away without waiting for Sonia and Toby's reply.

As soon as he entered, the elevator door slowly closed. Now it was too late to say they minded him taking the elevator and to ask him to get out.

Toby looked as black as thunder. Sonia didn't look very pleased either, but she said nothing. After all, this elevator wasn't hers alone. It was for exclusive use by senior management, so Asher had the right to use it. It's not the end of the world. I'll just put up with it.

It was so quiet inside the elevator that only the sounds of shallow breathing and the elevator operating could be heard. For a time, Asher sensed some pressure.

Of course, the pressure wasn't coming from Sonia. Although she had been running the company for nearly half a year, she was still young, after all. In terms of vigor, she was far from being a match for Asher, who had been in business for decades. Therefore, there was no way Sonia could put pressure on him; only the reverse was possible.

There are only the three of us in the elevator. Since Sonia can't put pressure on me, the only one who can do so is none other than Toby. At the thought of this, Asher turned slightly to glance at Toby, who was standing next to Sonia while putting his arm around her waist in a protective posture. Inwardly, he sighed with feeling. This guy is young, but the commanding aura that's emanating from him overpowers me, an old man who has been a businessman for decades. How can old people like us stand this?

Just as he was thinking, Toby suddenly turned his gaze to him with cold, expressionless eyes. "What are you looking at?"

Seeing the look in his eyes, Asher shuddered all over, and his face paled somewhat. However, as a sly old fox, he composed himself and concealed his fears soon afterward. He replied with a forced smile, "I'm just looking at how lovey-dovey you and Sonia still are. You two are such an object of envy on the internet today."

"A wonderful relationship is supposed to be envied," Toby replied while withdrawing his gaze impassively.

Sonia smiled without saying a word.

Asher lowered his eyes. "You're right, President Fuller. But no matter how you put it, I'm considered a family friend of Sonia. Her father and I had been friends for many years. Now that her father has passed away, it's only natural that as his friends, we should look after her on his behalf."

Toby frowned. "So? What are you trying to say?"

Sonia also looked at Asher without concealing the sarcasm in her eyes. This guy is really funny. When he fights for power and money, he wishes I could die so that he could scramble for what I have. Whenever he sees me, he's never nice to me. He never respected my position as chairman of the company, let alone treated me as his family friend for real, she thought. If it weren't for Asher's early contributions to Paradigm Co. as well as his age, she wouldn't have put up with his attitude. Instead, she would've let him know what it meant to be respectful toward the company's chairman. Right now, however, because of Toby's presence, he shamelessly assumed an air of seniority and called himself a family friend, saying as kindly as he could that he would look after her. If she hadn't known that he was pretending, she'd probably have been fooled by him. Well, he's quite a good actor, after all.

How could Asher not tell that Sonia was mocking him for his hypocrisy at this moment? Pinching his palms in secret, he pretended that he didn't notice anything and continued to look at Toby with a smile. He replied, "I just wanted to say that you and Sonia have gotten back together for some time, and everyone knows that you two are very affectionate toward each other. I was just wondering when you two are gonna get married—or rather, do you intend to get married?"

The instant he said so, Sonia narrowed her eyes and looked at him with sarcasm as well as a hint of suspicion. Why is this old geezer asking about these things?

"You're asking if we intend to get married?" Toby's lips curled slightly.

Asher nodded. "Yeah. You two are already a couple, after all, so it's time to think about this. Don't you think so, President Fuller?"

"Ha!" Toby laughed before lowering his eyes to look at Sonia. "You don't have to worry about this, President Dafoe. We intend to get married, of course, and the date of our wedding has been decided. I definitely won't forget to invite you to our wedding by then."

Asher's expression instantly froze. He was just sounding Toby out, but he didn't expect the latter to really have the intention of marrying Sonia. Not only that, but even the date of their wedding had been decided. For a moment, he felt quite restless, as Toby's desire to marry Sonia was definitely not a good thing for him. He was intent on having Paradigm Co. to himself. Now that Sonia and Toby were a couple, his chances of success were very slim. Won't I have no chance of having Paradigm Co. to myself once

they get married? If Sonia gives Paradigm Co. to Toby on impulse and has it merged with the Fuller Group after they get married, won't I end up with nothing?

He was incredibly anxious, whereas Sonia was inwardly surprised. She stared wide-eyed at the man next to her with a look in her eyes that clearly asked him when the date of their wedding had been decided.

Toby merely gave her a smile without answering her. However, his smile vanished soon afterward, and a hint of chilliness flashed across his eyes for an instant as he looked expressionlessly at Asher, who was lowering his head in thought. "President Dafoe, why didn't you say anything when I said that I intended to marry Sonia? Weren't you the one who asked the question? You fell silent when I answered your question. Not only that, but you didn't even smile. What's wrong? Do you not want me to marry Little Leaf?"

Asher blanched at once. He broke out in a cold sweat, and his heart was beating so fast that it almost jumped out of his chest. Immediately, he shook his head and replied, "No, no, no! Of course not! I'm a family friend of Sonia as well as her father's friend. I treat her as my daughter, so how can I possibly not wish you two to get married? I'm only too happy to know that you two are getting married." God only knew how reluctant he was to say these things. He couldn't admit that he didn't want them to get married. Their marriage wouldn't do him any good, but he couldn't let this man know such a thing, or nobody knew how this guy was going to deal with him. Therefore, he could only say so against his conscience and put up with it even when Sonia rolled her eyes at him.

"Is that so? Good that you're happy with it. I'll definitely have the invitation sent to you by then, so be sure to attend our wedding," Toby said while putting his arm around Sonia's shoulders.

Asher's smile looked increasingly strained. "That's of course. I-I'll definitely attend your wedding."

"Good to hear that." Toby looked at him with emotionless eyes. "President Dafoe, you're indeed a good family friend; you care so much about Little Leaf. Don't worry. Even after our wedding, I'll treat her as well as I do now so that she'll be happy forever."

I'd rather you treated her badly and made her suffer! thought Asher viciously. Of course, he couldn't show the slightest hint of malice. Instead, he could only reply with a smile, "Now that you've said so, I can finally put my mind at rest. Sonia's such a poor thing, after all." After darting a look at Sonia, he let out another sigh, looking as though he pitied her.

Sonia nearly threw up in disgust. At the same time, she was furious.

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A poor thing? Why don't I find anything about me that deserves pity? thought Sonia.

Just as Sonia could no longer restrain herself and wanted to argue with Asher about what he meant, Toby gave her shoulder a gentle squeeze, signaling her to hold her horses. She looked up at Toby, who happened to be looking at her as well. Seeing her gaze, he merely gave her a reassuring look without saying a word, signaling her to leave the matter to him.

As it turned out, Toby had noticed that she had gotten pissed off by Asher's words and wanted to confront him. He stopped her because he worried that she might be at a disadvantage against Asher. After all, Asher had been in business for decades longer than she had. It was easy for her to be at a disadvantage against him, so Toby thought it was better to let him deal with this kind of thing.

When Sonia realized what he meant, her heart warmed for a moment. Then, she calmed down.

Sensing her emotional changes, Toby gently patted her on the shoulder. Then, he pulled her to his right, separating her from Asher with his own body while facing Asher himself.

To be honest, now that he had to face Toby head-on with Sonia no longer standing between them, Asher was under much more pressure than he had been at first, so much so that he somewhat regretted entering the elevator. But now that he was already in the elevator, he had no choice but to brazen it out and continue facing Toby.

Standing right before Asher, Toby lowered his head slightly to look down at him. "President Dafoe, what makes you say that Little Leaf is a poor thing?"

The man's expressionless eyes made Asher feel like he was a nobody. In an instant, a tremendous sense of humiliation surged up within him. However, he had always been good at concealing his emotions, so he suppressed the feeling soon afterward. Putting on a hypocritical look of regret, he let out a sigh, saying, "President Fuller, you know as well that Sonia wasn't the Reed Family's biological daughter.

For some reason, she was abandoned by her biological parents as soon as she was born, but she was lucky to be picked up by Henry. Otherwise, nobody knows what would've happened to her. Perhaps she would've died, or perhaps she would've been sent to an orphanage and grown up there before getting married, having kids, and becoming the most ordinary person among all living things."

Sonia almost laughed in anger at his words. Is he saying these things to remind me of my real identity? Is he saying this so that I'll keep in mind that I'm just an orphan who might've not been able to live like the daughter of a rich family, inherit Paradigm Co., join the upper-class circles, and get to know Toby if Dad hadn't picked me up? Is he saying this so that I'll feel inferior in front of Toby?

Well, it's true that as the Fullers' eldest grandson, Toby is of noble status, whereas I'm just an orphan abandoned by my biological parents. I became the Reed Family's daughter thanks to a series of coincidences, or I'd probably have grown up in an orphanage like Asher said. If I had been luckier, I'd probably have been adopted before living the life of an ordinary person. I'd never have joined the upper-class circles, nor would I have gotten to know Toby and gotten together with him. So, when it comes to family background, it's true that Toby and I are worlds apart. Indeed, I should feel inferior because of this. After all, no matter how one looks at it, I'm not worthy of Toby.

Even so, she wouldn't feel inferior as Asher wished. Why should she feel inferior? The one who was courting her right now and determined to get back together with her was Toby, not her! Therefore, she didn't find anything about herself that she should feel inferior about. In fact, she prided herself on her charms and her ability to make a big shot like Toby fall in love with her and court her persistently. In the eyes of Toby, she had to be outstanding. She had to have some merit. Otherwise, with Toby's good taste, there was no way he'd fall in love with her, right?

Does anyone honestly think that the clichés in novels and soap operas where the scions of distinguished families take a fancy to a good-for-nothing Cinderella will really happen? Ha! That's totally unrealistic, okay? Scions of distinguished families have to receive selective education since they're little. With their knowledge and refinement, they're destined not to fall in love with an ordinary Cinderella that is totally without merit.

Of course, there were all kinds of strange people, so there would also be some exceptions. For example, it was perhaps an exception that Toby's father had fallen in love with Jean. However, Sonia was sure that such an exception only made up one percent of the world's human population, and Toby definitely wasn't such an exception.

The fact that Toby had fallen in love with her proved that she was outstanding and was of some worth. Since she was an outstanding person, she didn't have to feel inferior about her parentage. She should even be proud of herself because some people loved her even if she had been abandoned. After all, not everyone could be so lucky. Shouldn't she be proud of herself for being so lucky?

Sonia could figure out that Asher had said those words on purpose to humiliate her and make her feel inferior. Toby was such a smart person, so how could he not figure it out as well? At that very moment, he wished he could grab Asher by the throat and strangle him to death.

However, he cared more about how Sonia felt than how he wanted to strangle Asher to death. Asher was right there, so he could kill him anytime, but he couldn't neglect his beloved's feelings. Therefore, he forcibly suppressed the murderous desire inside him and turned to look at the woman next to him.

Seeing how the woman next to him had been furious at first before smiling proudly all of a sudden, he realized that she had been very angry at first, but she straightened out her

thinking in the end. This eased his anxious heart a little, but he wasn't thoroughly relieved, so he still looked at her nervously.

Seeing the look in his eyes, Sonia knew what he was worried about. She looked up at him with a smile, saying, "I'm fine. In fact, I'm very happy."

She didn't say specifically why she was happy, but Toby understood what she meant. Finally putting his mind at rest, he gently stroked her hair before looking back sharply at Asher with murderous eyes. "Seems like things didn't work out the way you intended it to."

The instant Asher heard this, his heart skipped a beat, and his expression froze. "What do you mean by that, President Fuller?"

Acting dumb, huh? Toby now looked at him like he was dead meat. "Didn't you purposely stress Little Leaf's identity to deal a blow to her pride in front of me and tell her that she wasn't good enough for me? You also wanted to drive a wedge between us by making me unhappy with her because of this. Unfortunately, though, you didn't succeed at all."

Upon hearing this, Asher instantly turned ghastly pale, and his pupils shrank to the size of a needle tip. He knew there was no way he could hide the meaning behind his words from the couple. After all, the meaning expressed by his words was indeed very obvious. However, he never thought that Toby would say these things out loud without sparing his feelings. Won't he feel embarrassed?

I've made it so clear that Sonia is just an orphan who was disliked and abandoned by her own parents. If the Reed Family hadn't adopted her, she'd either have died or become an ordinary woman. She and Toby don't suit each other at all, for she's not good enough for him in every aspect. He had believed that his words would wound Sonia's pride and make Toby feel embarrassed. After all, he had found himself an unpresentable orphan as his wife.

Any proud man would definitely mind it when somebody pointed out that he had found himself an orphan as his girlfriend. At the same time, he would start to feel disgusted with her. After all, he would think that it was his girlfriend's obscure family background that had made him lose face, so he would slowly begin to love her less.

A man like Toby was definitely even prouder, so Asher had thought that the former would behave as he thought he would. That way, he would've successfully sowed discord between the couple. Getting married would be out of the question; perhaps it wouldn't even take long before they broke up. However, he never expected Toby to say that he had failed!

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How is that possible?! Why would I fail? For a time, Asher couldn't accept such an outcome. In his opinion, men were supposed to behave as he thought they would. There was no man who wouldn't mind his better half's origins. In fact, the higher the man's standing was, the more he would mind it. After all, if word got out that he fell in love with an orphan despite being of such a high social standing, people would laugh at him and gossip about him. Men were creatures who cared about their reputation. How could they possibly not care about these things?

Seeing Asher's twitching facial muscles, Sonia could no longer restrain herself. She mocked, "Seems like President Dafoe doesn't quite believe your words." She gently poked Toby's slim waist.

Toby's eyes darkened; he grabbed her naughty finger and held it in a tight grip. "Stop it." A man's waist is one of his erogenous zones, so it can't be touched as one pleases. She's playing with fire!

Seeing his darkened eyes, Sonia realized why he asked her to stop. Her face blushing, she withdrew her finger from his grasp and turned her head away as though nothing had happened.

Seeing how she fled after flirting with him like a playgirl, Toby was both vexed and amused. "I'll settle the score with you later," he whispered in her ear with his head lowered before turning his gaze back to Asher with a frosty look in his eyes. "President Dafoe, I can only say that you don't understand me. Not every man behaves as you think they will. Whatever kind of a person you are, it doesn't mean that the others are the same kind of people." In other words, he implied that Asher was the kind of man who cared about both his woman's family background and his reputation.

Understanding what Toby meant, Asher felt deeply embarrassed, but he couldn't admit it. Therefore, he could only continue to smile placatingly, saying, "You've got to be joking, President Fuller. That isn't what I mean. Sonia is my family friend, so how can I possibly harbor such ideas? I only wish the best for both of you."

Seeing how Asher refused to admit his doings and even lied through his teeth after she and Toby had expressed themselves so bluntly without sparing his feelings, Sonia couldn't help but roll her eyes. Inwardly, she was very impressed. After all, no ordinary person could be a match for Asher when it came to shamelessness.

"You only wish the best for both of us, huh?" Toby repeated softly in a tone that was worth pondering as his thin lips parted.

Asher nodded repeatedly. "Yes, of course. Really, I only think that Sonia is pitiful, and I have no intention of wounding her pride or sowing discord between you two. Believe me, President Fuller. If I had such ideas, I'd have put them into practice, right? Why

would I wait until now? I only feel sorry for her. She was abandoned by her biological parents as a child, and after she was finally adopted, Henry's wife suddenly fell ill and passed away when she was one year old. When she was five years old, she got a stepmother. As the saying goes, a stepmother comes with a stepfather."

As he spoke of this, he darted another look at Sonia. Then, pretending to pity her as though he didn't see how sullen she looked as if she wanted to rip him to shreds, he continued, "Well, Henry didn't go so far as to become like a stepfather, but he definitely didn't care about Sonia as much as he had at first. So, I thought it was perhaps because she didn't have too much love from her father as a child that she always surrounded herself with men to get love from them. At first, there was the Lane brat, followed by the male model in show business that was surnamed Lee. Then, there was the Coleman guy. Of course, I don't mean anything else by saying this. President Fuller, I just want to tell you that Sonia is craving love, which is why she always has so many men around her. So, you have to take good care of her and not blame her. Those people are all a thing of the past. Indeed, Sonia deserves pity." I've made myself so clear that Sonia is a promiscuous wh*re who has so many men around her. There's no way that Toby wouldn't mind it. If he still doesn't mind it, I'll doubt if he's really a man!

Asher was confident about his plan. Firstly, he emphasized that Sonia's mother had somehow passed away from an illness when she was little. Wouldn't that mean Sonia had brought bad luck to her mother? After all, her mother was fine before she joined the Reed Family. After that, he cooked up a story where Sonia had been craving love since childhood because her father didn't love her enough. He then accused her of being a loose woman who couldn't live without men after growing up so that Toby would take offense at this.

He really has another trick up his sleeve when his previous trick doesn't work. He played such a move right after his previous plan failed just to sabotage my relationship with Toby, huh? thought Sonia. She knew that there was nothing between her and Charles and the others. At this very moment, however, she couldn't help but worry that the man next to her would overthink and mind it. Therefore, after looking daggers at Asher with bloodshot eyes, she hurriedly turned to look at the man next to her as Asher watched smugly. "Toby..."

Just as she wanted to say something, Toby suddenly let out a chuckle that caused her heart to skip a beat. Feeling even more anxious, she called out again in a voice filled with apprehension, "Toby..."

Noticing that Sonia had started to panic, Asher could hardly hide his excitement. It works! Finally, I successfully made Toby love her less. As long as Toby no longer cares so much about her, he definitely won't marry her. If I had known earlier that I'd succeed by saying so, I'd have said so at the beginning. Inwardly, he couldn't help being somewhat frustrated, but his frustrations vanished soon afterward. In any case, he had now succeeded. Even though he had taken a few bad turns, it was enough that the outcome was what he wanted.

Seeing how Sonia looked at Toby nervously, Asher sneered smugly and intended to say something more to add insult to injury for the purpose of making the couple break up right here. However, just when he wanted to do so, Toby lifted Sonia's face while looking at him with a chilling smile. "Who said that I'd blame her?"

Sonia was startled.

Asher was stunned as well, and he looked incredibly funny as his smug expression froze on his face. "P-President Fuller, what do you mean?" His voice quavered somewhat as a feeling of unease arose inside him. He won't blame Sonia? Don't tell me it's really what I thought! If he doesn't even blame her for this, is he still a man? Are there people who like to get cuckolded nowadays?

"Didn't I make myself clear?" Toby gently caressed Sonia's lips with his thumb. "Indeed, she used to have a few men around her in the past. But why should I blame her for that? We hadn't started seeing each other at the time, right? Now that we're together, did you see those men showing up around her again?"

Stumped by Toby's words, Asher was rendered speechless. Indeed, he hadn't seen those men showing up at Paradigm Co. for a long time. "Even so, it doesn't prove that they never showed up again around Sonia. Perhaps it was just that I didn't see it," Asher uttered between clenched teeth. Screw it! I have to sabotage their relationship today, or I'll be in trouble!

"Ha!" Sonia grabbed Toby's wrist and took his hand off her chin. Staring at Asher, she said in a gloomy voice, "President Dafoe, you really can't wait to crush me to death, huh? You call me a family friend, but you lay traps for me with every word you say. You can't bear to see me doing well, can you? Well, I dare not have a family friend like you. Otherwise, I'll probably die without knowing who killed me."