

complete now. I am so happy and content, Noah. You and Mom are different from me, as you are people of integrity, but I'm not. That's been decided since the day I was born. I was nothing but a puppy to my family, and a slave to my in-laws before being kept as a pet by Master Alex. I've never been someone of integrity. Don't waste your life on me, Noah. Live your life with Mom. Work and save up to marry another wife; it doesn't matter if it's someone who had divorced before. Give birth to a few children and your life will be completed again. Listen to me, Noah, go back! Go back!"

After saying that, Jane turned around to look at Alex, who was frozen in rage. Jane crawled her way toward him and clung onto his feet.

"Mr. Poole, please let my Noah go. He has nothing to do with this! Four months ago, if only he had known that I'm the woman your fiancée is itching to kill, he wouldn't have rescued me. He didn't know what was going on, I was the one who tricked him by not mentioning my relationship with you. Mr. Poole. You are not really that bad of a person, are you? You were so kind when you rescued me, and you are actually a really nice person, right? You won't kill

really nice person, right? You won't kill someone innocent, would you? Let Noah go, he... He still has an old mother to take care of. Let him go. Noah really has nothing to do with this! I'm begging you, please, Master Alex! Let him go, please let him go! I'll go back with you right now. I won't even think of killing myself ever again. I'll let your fiancée do whatever she wants with me. Anything at all. Cut me open, strip me naked, and find someone to rape me, anything! Anything, as long as you let Noah go. I'll bow down to you, please..."

Jane was going to bow her head to Alex respectfully, as she simply could not think of a better way to get Alex to let Noah go. At that very moment, even if she was told to bark like a dog, she would have happily done so, as long as Noah got to go.

"Jane! No! Do not bow down to him! We can die together! Jane!" Noah cried out in a tormented voice.

Jane ignored him and continued to lower her head before Alex in tears. Right before her head could make contact with the ground, her jaw was held in place by Alex.

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The tears in her eyes had blurred out her vision, but her expression did not reflect any fear toward Alex. She shook her head in tears and said, "I... I didn't say that you are evil, Master Alex. I... I'm just begging you to please let my Noah go. He has nothing to do with this. Nothing at all. He still has a mother to take care of. Let him go and I'll go with you. Really, I've thought it through, I'll go with you... Please... "

The despair in her voice was boundless, and Alex, who was holding her chin, felt as though his heart had been crushed. At that very moment, he desperately wished that he could simply crush this woman to death right there and then.

"Let me ask you this. Who am I?" he gritted out.

"You are Master Alex, the famed Master Alex of Kidon City," she responded in tears.

"You and I, what are we? What are we??"

The tears on Jane's face streamed down to Alex's palm. "M--Maid... I was your maid..."

"What else??"

"I... I was your... Your... Tool to satisfy your

"I... I was your... Your... Tool to satisfy your needs!" she answered in embarrassment.

"What do you usually call me?? When we are intimate, what do you call me?? You better answer me loud and clear at once, or your Noah's blood is going to spill right here and now! Say it! What do you call me when we are intimate?? Say it out loud!! Let everyone hear you!" Alex roared unreasonably.

"..." The tears in her eyes flooded out as she felt her heart torn into pieces.

Behind her, the man who had loved her for the past four months called out to her over and over again, "Jane, you are a woman of integrity. You are a woman with a kind heart who's going to become a mother soon. You will always just be you. You have your own pride, Jane. We can face death together, Jane, don't say a word."

Jane shook her head frantically. She knew that. Of course, she knew that she had her own pride. She had learnt how important one's integrity was when she first met Sabrina. There was not another person on earth that longed for it more than Jane did, but at the moment when the life of the man she loved was hanging by a thread, what

was pride worth? Nothing! She only wanted Noah and his old mother to live. As long as they could live, she could let go of her pride.

She turned around to glance at Noah and shook her head.

"Say it!"

"I called you 'Hubby'," she answered, sobbing.

Hubby. Days after nights, she would hang onto his shoulders when they were

Hubby. Days after nights, she would hang onto his shoulders when they were entangled in the sheets, and call out to him saying, "Hubby, does that feel good?"

That was the time when she had devoted all her love for him, treating him as someone more important than even her own life. She would only refer to him as 'Hubby' when they were intimate, and would never refer to him in that manner as she knew where she stood with him.

"Louder!" Alex roared, losing all senses at that moment.

"I called you 'Hubby'!" Jane shouted out loud obediently.

Her voice echoed into the distance to the point that even people in the hotel not far away could hear her. "I called you 'Hubby'!" Jane shouted out loud obediently.

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Meanwhile, behind the curtains of one of the guest rooms in the hotel, a woman holding a pair of binoculars gritted out, " Damn it! Curse you, Jane Sheen! Why is it a b*tch like you that make Alex this jealous instead of me? I wish you would just die already!"



Chapter 1493

"Die now! Get beaten to death by Alex!
That lover of yours, too! Die, both of you!
"Lily cursed viciously.

Out on the streets, the area had been temporarily blocked, leaving only Alex's subordinates at the scene; for those who were still curious about what was happening, they could only peep out the gaps of their doors.

On the street where the bone-chilling wind blew, Alex, Jane and Noah, who was lying on the ground, along with Alex's subordinates who surrounded them, were the only people left. Everyone heard Jane when she called Alex 'Hubby' loud and clear.

These men knew their master best and could tell that Alex was truly enraged and, most importantly, insanely jealous. A t that very moment, Garrett was one of the people who worried about Jane most, but what good was worrying? His master had never hesitated to take lives. Alex's lack of mercy was comparable to that of Sebastian of South City. Alex was also a

Sebastian of South City. Alex was also a man that slayed his way out of hell; taking one single life would have been easier than slaughtering a chicken, which was why Garrett could only worry about Jane in his heart and watch as Alex continued to question Jane, red-eyed.

"Woman, so you still know that you called me 'Hubby', then? There isn't another woman as heartless as you are in the entire world! You have been by my side for seven years, seven whole years! I took care of all your needs and took you with me everywhere I went. You are the only one who managed to bear children fathered by me, only you! It's only been four months and you have completely forgotten about me! With just four months, you decided that this man deserves your love to the point that you are willing to sacrifice yourself and the unborn child in your belly, only to protect him? Jane Sheen, you are tearing my heart apart, you know that? How could anyone be as hurtful as you? You keep claiming that I'm here to kill you, but what proof do you have to suggest that? You are the one who hadn't hold back

what proof do you have to suggest that? You are the one who hadn't held back one bit, sending each one of your words flying like blades aimed at my heart! Do you have any idea on how vicious you are? There couldn't be a woman as vicious as you are!"

Jane was so shocked that she even stopped crying. She looked at Alex bitterly with a smile and asked, "I'm vicious? I'm tearing your heart apart?"

"Am I wrong? What do you have to say to argue with that?" Alex retorted.

Jane lifted her chin to gaze up upon the sky and sighed a long breath. Her tears gathered on Alex's palm, forming a small pool.

"Alex Poole!" she called out to him abruptly, as though she was determined to let it all out. "The first time I saw you, you rescued me and punished my brother—in-law. Ever since then, I fell in love with you. I was bullied and imprisoned by my own family and had never learned what it was to feel secure. It was you who set me free! You will never know how

set me free! You will never know how much I love you! I know that you are always on that high horse of yours, that you are pretty much royalty in Kidon City. I've known from the start that if I want to stay by your side to love you, I need to lower myself and abandon all pride and longing for a title! In order to love you, to just see you for even one more second each day, I have reminded myself to know my place every single day. I fulfilled all duties as your maid. I washed your clothes, washed your hair and your feet for you. I've done everything that an ordinary maid would! At night, I entertained you between the sheets; I managed your household; remembered your parents' birthdays; made arrangements for all appointments with your family and friends; and even helped t o care for your subordinates. Everything that was the duty of a wife, I've fulfilled each one of them as well! Not just as a maid and a wife! Alex, I've never missed a single gathering that you attended, and have I ever made you look bad? All that money that you would have needed to spend on hiring an escort has been

spend on hiring an escort has been replaced by having me around! I used to think that maybe I was slightly different from the others in your heart. I would have been satisfied even if I was just slightly different, and wouldn't have blamed you even if you didn't leave me a place in your heart. But then your exgirlfriend who you've not seen for ten years showed up, and you tossed me out without a single warning. I couldn't even gather my belongings before you went and chased me out. But have I blamed you for it? Have I even complained about it? Did you even spend a moment thinking back to when I called you 'Hubby' between the sheets when you chased me out without a word?"

Chapter 1494

Seeing that Alex did not reply, Jane's smile became increasingly miserable. " You were the one who set up the rules, Alex, and I've followed them throughout the years. You know that I call you 'Hubby ' when we are intimate, and you also know how much I love you, but still, you tossed me out without warning, didn't you? There's a saying that a day as husband and wife forms a bond that lasts forever. We have been a married couple without the titles for seven years, and I've always seen you as my husband, and your family as mine. But what about you? Have you seen me as your wife, even for a moment? If you had viewed me as a wife even for a split moment before, you wouldn't have remained silent and refused to make any commitment to me, would you?

"Haven't you been thinking of me as a plaything to entertain you between the sheets from the day I followed you home? Haven't you been waiting for your exgirlfriend the entire time at the bottom of your heart? I tried changing the nature of

your heart? I tried changing the nature of our relationship before, simply because I loved you too much. I asked for your permission to organize a birthday party for your father. In the end, you only invited your aunt, the Parkers, your second uncle and Sebastian because your father stays away from people. You didn't even bring me along with you that day. That was the day when I realized that you are never going to make me your wife. But still, I love you, Alex, which is why I couldn't bring myself to leave your side, even if I don't get the respect and title I long for."

"Even when I got pregnant, even when I desperately wanted children, you... You never agreed to it. The first time I got pregnant, I told you that it was an accident, that I would never do anything that displeases you or you would disapprove, but you probably didn't believe me, did you? Which was why you suspected that I did it on purpose when I got pregnant by accident the first time. You took me to the hospital yourself for the abortion. Since then, you have become even more cautious. You would g

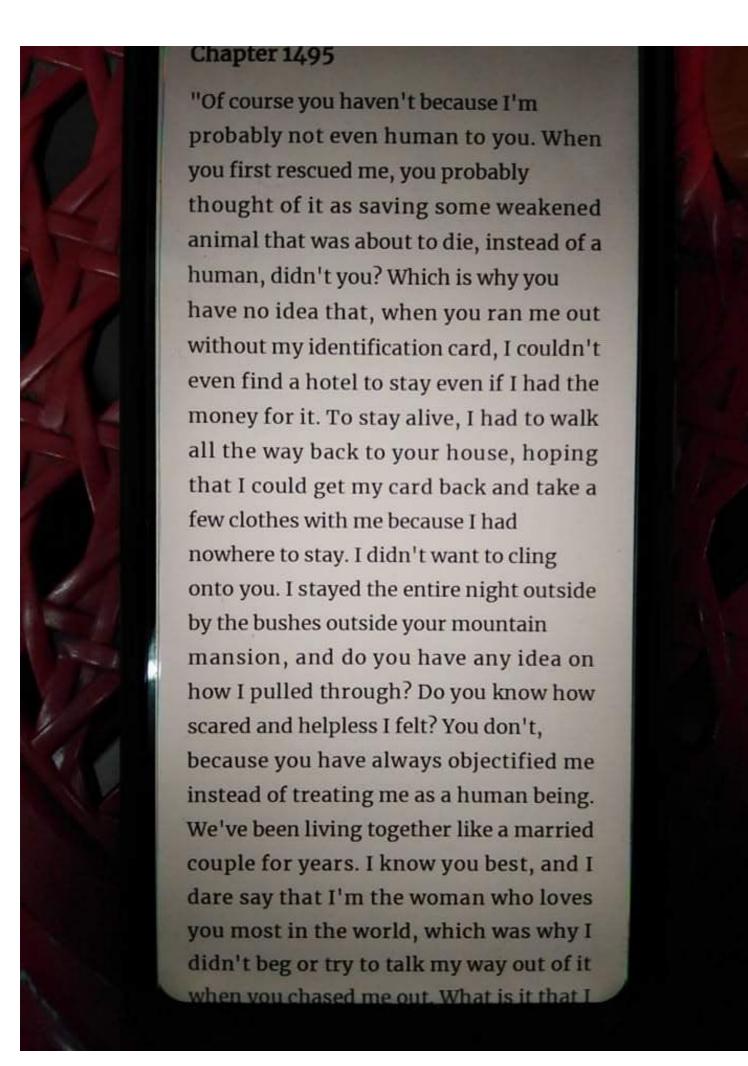
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o to the drug store to get the strong
contraceptive pills there were, take them
home and watch as I took those pills
before locking the pills back into the
drawer in your nightstand.

"It wasn't until the second time I got pregnant that you finally realized that I wasn't lying, that I wasn't trying to blackmail you with a child. I went to get the abortion by myself that time, and when I went back, you stroked my back and complimented me on how obedient and understanding I was. Alex, do you have any idea how long I spent crying alone in my room that night? That night, I felt like I wasn't even human, but a puppy you keep around. I'm grateful that you didn't take me for a neutering surgery as your puppy, but that night, I cried myself to sleep.

"No one knew how much I cared for my child. No one knew how hard it was for a mother to lose her child three times in a row. You will never understand, never. Not only did you not understand, Alex, you didn't even care about my feelings

you didn't even care about my feelings and my body. Have you ever thought that you could be wearing a condom if you really didn't want me to get pregnant? But you never did, and would rather get me to go through abortion over and over again. Even better, you could have gotten a vasectomy for yourself, but you didn't.

"Of course, you wouldn't do so! It's not that you didn't like or want children, you simply wanted children with your official wife, who was still traveling around the world out there at the time. She was the one you've been waiting for the entire time, and I was merely your pet, Alex. A pet that could do chores, entertain you between the sheets, attend parties with you and get abortion by itself. Your wife came back out of the blue with no warning, and you just chased me out without even finding me a place to stay that day. Have you thought of the possibility of me ending up in the streets when you tossed me out that day? Have you taken the time to think that I actually couldn't find my way out alive?"



when you chased me out. What is it that I am doing wrong, Alex? I didn't even let a tear drop that day you tossed me out. No matter how much I loved you, I kept my promise and left immediately the moment you said you weren't going to let me stay with you any longer, but what about you?

"I'm a person. I need to live. Noah saved me and loved me, and so does his mother. I've finally learnt what love feels like when I'm with them. We might be poor, w e starved to the point that we could barely walk when we were running away from you, but we still love one another. I feel loved and warm. From the day I was born up until now, for the past thirty-five years. This had been the first time I had gotten a taste of love. Do I not deserve love, Alex? What crime have I committed that I don't even deserve to love and be loved? You say that I'm vicious, that I called you 'Hubby' every single time through the past eight years we spent together living like a married couple, but managed to forget all about you and find someone else in just four months, but

someone else in just four months, but what about you?

"It's been eight years, haven't I failed to warm you up to me? Sure, it only took me four months to forget about you and find someone else, but you've never loved me, not even for a minute! Otherwise you wouldn't have chased me out without so much as a warning, would you? That day you chased me out, have you thought back to how I call you 'Hubby' every night, Alex? Have you thought of me as the only woman who is bearing your child, and had lost three children for your sake? You can't answer? You're not saying anything? That's because you haven't even thought about it before, have you? If that's the case, what right do you have to come and call me heartless and vicious? Aren't you just bullying me because you know I don't have the power t o fight back? Does it feel good, Alex, to bully a woman who's borne your children, who called you 'Hubby' night after night and ended up being tossed out of your place with every last penny on her taken away from her?"

taken away from her?"

At this point, the entire place had fallen into deadly silence, and even Noah was stunned. He had known Jane as someone that was gentle-hearted and down-to-earth, but he never imagined that she would be this good at arguing. The composure and despair in her tone had caused each one of Alex's subordinates to tear up in response. Garrett was especially emotional amongst them all, and was already crying.

Jane seemed to have calmed down after saying all she needed to say, and casually asked, "Alex, for the sake of how well I treated you in the past, kill only me and set Noah free, okay?"

Chapter 1496 "..." Never had Alex imagined that a fragile woman who had only ever said ' Yes' or 'Yes, Alex" in front of him; who only said 'I'll leave' with a smile on the day he chased her out, could be so logical and good at defending her case. Her mind was clear and organized, with no resemblance of the woman that had been by his side for the past seven to eight years. On top of that, Alex realized that everything she said was true. "'That's right! I blamed her for finding someone else after four months away from me, but how did I manage to forget that I was the one who chased her out without any hesitation? Have I thought about where she was going to stay? Or that she could tell the directions? Or how helpless she would feel when I tossed her out hurriedly without even giving her identification card? I haven't, because I've always thought that her love to me was natural and when I showed her even the slightest adoration, that's supposed t o be some sort of a gift,' he thought with a frown, as he stared wordlessly at the

a frown, as he stared wordlessly at the woman sprawled across the ground.

Jane's tears continued to fall and her hair flew and became entangled in the wind. Her face had only grown paler by the second and all color had been drained from her lips. Her doe-like eyes shivered in the tears that gathered in her eyes, making her look as enduring as ever. Apart from that, her pregnant belly had been exposed entirely from the tear of her top just now when two of the buttons fell. By kneeling on the ground, her legs were just in the right place to support her belly, but at the same time, it made her look even more pitiful and fragile than ever.

Alex's gaze trailed down to the old cotton pants she was wearing and felt as though there was a knife slicing pieces of his heart, one bit after another, and the pain was worse than death.

The woman kneeled before him like a common beggar with her eyes filled with anticipation as she pleaded, "Please, okay? Kill me and let my Noah go. I... I'll g

okay? Kill me and let my Noah go. I... I'll g o with you. I'll go with you right now. I'm serious, really, Master Alex, you... you can do anything to me. I'll be happy to comply. Find people to rape me. I'll be happy to comply. I'll be happy to!"

The earlier desperation and eagerness in her voice had returned, as though that was the only way she could protect her beloved Noah.

The man behind her shouted from the top of his lungs, "Stop it, Jane. You've suffered so much, Jane, don't beg for his mercy because of me. We will die together! You, my mom and I, along with the child in your belly, we will die together, okay? At least we can keep each other's company that way, Jane... Stop begging him..."

Noah, too, felt like he had been stabbed in the heart. He had always known about Jane's past, but he did not know how miserable she truly had been. After hearing Jane's accusation to Alex, he was more determined than ever to protect the poor woman, especially when she was poor woman, especially when she was willing to give everything to save him.

She said that she had never been loved or treated fairly, but how was Noah any different? He married and took his wife's last name for all the years he worked in South City. He had always been giving, but in the end, he still lost his wife and son. On top of that, his mother had suffered gravely from it. It was not until h e met Jane that he finally realized what it felt like to have a woman who truly cared about him. Noah had been alive for over forty years and life had been more or less hopeless to him, but then he met such a wonderful woman, which was why he did not care if they lived or died. For people a s tortured as they were, living was merely a form of suffering.

Chapter 1497

Therefore, dead or alive, staying together was the most important thing. Noah cried out to Jane over and over again, but Jane couldn't seem to stop her tears from falling.

"Noah, stop talking, Noah. Listen to me. You are only forty; after saving up for three to four years, you can still find yourself another wife. Mom wants a grandchild so bad, Noah, you have so much more to live for. A man as kindhearted as you will live a long life with plenty of children and grandchildren. Just remember to set a grave up in my name then and come to visit every now and then, and I'll be more than satisfied," Jane said with a smile that shone with contentment. She did not need much. She wanted so little, very little, to the point that she would be happy as long as there was someone who thought of her in this world.

"By the way, Noah," Jane added. "Will you please return the money Sabrina lent me after my death? She is my savior, the me after my death? She is my savior, the best girl I've ever known in this world. You have to help me return the money to her. She is a girl that has suffered a lot as well. She has a child and will definitely need the money for something in the future."

"Jane..." Noah sobbed.

Jane turned back around to look at Alex, her pleading became even more eager, ":e t Noah go, hm? Let him go and I'll go with you right now, okay? Please, Master Alex? Please? Master Alex?"

She referred to him as 'Master Alex' repeatedly and every time she did, it was like a sharp blade had plunged itself into Alex's chest. He remained quiet for a while, before finally opening his mouth t o speak, and a frightening hoarse voice that sounded like someone had destroyed his throat came out. "You... You really love Noah?"

Jane nodded, as her teardrops fell on the ground with the motion. "Of course! I love him very, very much! So please, Master Alex... I'm begging you. I really

Master Alex... I'm begging you. I really won't resist anything you want to do to m e, really!" Alex bent down and inserted both his hands under her arms. Startled, Jane twitched, before smiling bitterly. "So... So you are going to ... Strip me naked right now so that they can have their ways with me? Okay, that's fine! I... I'll do it myself." He squeezed his eyes shut and gritted his teeth until they were making noises. After that, he said, "Go back." "Wh--What did you say?" Jane could not believe her own ears. "Go back to the man you love." Enraged, Jane glared at him fiercely and said, "You... You are still unwilling to let him go? He didn't do anything to you! He didn't know that I was your pet when he rescued me! He didn't know! How could you take the life of an innocent, Alex Poole? Do you really think that I won't dare to kill you?" He watched the vicious expression that appeared on her pale face and was

you take the life of an innocent, Alex Poole? Do you really think that I won't dare to kill you?"

He watched the vicious expression that appeared on her pale face and was suddenly hit by a feeling that this was the most adorable face on the planet. This was his woman. But she would never belong to him ever again and he had missed his chance with her. He swallowed the bitterness in his heart and gazed up to look at Noah, who had been restrained by a few of Alex's subordinates. "Do you love her?" he asked.

Noah sneered. "Kill us if you want to!"

"You are indeed a responsible and poised man. It's no wonder Jane loves you so much."

"Wh--What did you say?" Noah asked.

Chapter 1498

"Wh--What did you say?"

Jane, too, snapped her head up to look at Alex. "Wh--What did you just say?"

"And you wouldn't admit it when I say you are vicious! Woman, look at the mess you've caused. I was here to set up an emergency defense and thanks to you, it's all wasted."

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Summoning his courage somehow,
Garrett wiped his tears off and
immediately rushed over to help Jane up.
"Mrs. Poole, no... Ms. Sheen, you... You've
misunderstood Master Alex. He isn't here
to look for you. He's staking out here for
something else."

"Re--Really?" she asked.

"You've been with me for almost eight years, don't you know me at all? When have I ever murdered people as I please like Sebastian? How could you think of me like this? You even went and said all those things about how I'm going to

those things about how I'm going to torture you! Pregnant or not, you can't get so paranoid because of it, can you?"

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"A Poole would never be so petty. You are just a woman, and don't even mention all the things you've done for me in the past seven years. Go, take your man with you and leave this city. Start a new life in another city, because I'm going to set up a line of defense here."

Jane gaped at him, unable to respond.

"Why, you don't believe me?" Alex smiled gently.

Jane shook her head and immediately said, "No... It's not that, I... I believe you. I believe you."

She then crawled her way toward Noah as though she was running from a ghost, as the frightening experience from just a few moments ago had caused her to lose all strength to walk.

Noah, too, jumped toward her and embraced her. The two held on to one embraced her. The two held on to one another in tears.

"Noah, is this real? I... I really don't have to die?"

Noah wrapped his arms around her. "Yes, Jane. Mr. Poole has agreed to let us go. He i s a good man..."

"I... I'm not dreaming?"

"No."

"My... My child, is my baby still here?"

"Of course, why don't you check for yourself?" Noah responded with a chuckle.

Jane sat on the ground and her hands shot up to her belly. After stroking it for a while, she suddenly beamed at Noah. "Noah, it's moving. My baby is kicking me from inside my belly. Hahaha... Listen, try touching it. It's true. It's kicking at me. Hahaha."

The sheer happiness on Jane's expression was reflected differently in Alex's eyes. He was fantasizing as to how great it would have been if Jane was leaning against him.

have been if Jane was leaning against him and telling him what she had just said. How great would that have been? It was supposed to be his child in her belly! He clenched his fists and tried his best to contain himself so that he would not act recklessly. He repeated to himself in his mind, "Let her go, let her go, let her go...'

After reassuring herself by touching her own belly, Jane turned around to look at Alex. "Do... Do you mean what you said?"

"Leave or I'm going to have both your heads!" Alex retorted viciously.

Jane nodded frantically and said, "Master Alex... Thank you, thank you so much... Thank you. I'll be forever grateful. Oh, by the way, you don't have to worry. I will never bring my child to see you. I'm not the kind of person that would use my child as leverage. Don't worry about it."

"Leave!"

'Damn it! Shouldn't you bring your child t o see me?? It's my child you are bearing! Mine!' he thought, as he repeated, " Leave!"

Chapter 1499

"Oh, okay, we... We will leave right now!"

Jane and Noah helped each other up and just as the two had taken a step to leave, Jane suddenly paused and said, "Wait."

"What's wrong?" Noah asked.

"Food. Our food. The food the owner gave us, Noah. I won't be able to work this job a s Master Alex is asking us to leave this city. We need to eat something before we leave, my food..."

It was only then that Jane had finally remembered the food in her pouch. She turned around abruptly and stared at the leftovers that she had thrown to the ground. The food in the pouch had been liquid and had spilled all over the ground, leaving nothing much inside the pouch. Even so, Jane could not bring herself to throw it away. After spending seven years by Alex's side, she had forgotten how hard life could be, but back when she was imprisoned by her husband, she had once been starved for three whole days, and even pet food would have tasted like

even pet food would have tasted like heaven back then. When she was on the run with Noah, the three of them were starving deep in the mountain and even tried eating leaves off willows. And now, all the food in that pouch had been tasty dishes; so what if it was leftover or with someone else's saliva on it? All they needed to do was to take it home to heat it through and disinfect it.

Being able to be with Noah and his mother, to keep her unborn child and to enjoy the leftovers the restaurant owner gave her for free described the happiest life Jane would picture. Not bothering with the fact that Alex was still standing there and that there were plenty of people watching her, she had no regard for her integrity; even if she had been a person of integrity, all that was lost when she kneeled before Alex in tears earlier. At that moment, Jane rushed over to the leftovers she threw to the ground without hesitation and mumbled pitifully, "Noah, food, our food..."

"..." Noah paused for a few moments before saying, "Jane, let's go!"

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Jane turned to look at Noah pathetically. "
I'm hungry, Noah, and my baby needs to
eat too. Look, the food that's in the pouch
is still edible. There's also two pieces of
chicken on the floor. Do you have any
tissue? We can wrap those up and wash
them when we head back home...

"..." Everyone at the scene, including Noah and Alex were rendered speechless.

Seeing that Noah would not move, Jane went ahead to pick the food up by herself. She picked up the two chicken drumsticks poking out of the pouch before realizing there was nowhere to put them, and directly placed them into her pocket. She then picked up what was left in the pouch and sighed regrettably.

Behind her, tears began falling from
Garrett's eyes again, along with a few
other men. Jane was known to be Alex's
one and only lover, and everyone knew
just how elegant and understanding she
was. To see how washed-up she had
become had overwhelmed them with
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was. To see how washed-up she had become had overwhelmed them with mixed feelings. Many even thought to themselves, 'You are so blind, Master Alex! How could you be blinded by that garbage Lily Parker? How could you toss such a great lover out?? It was so easy for you to toss her out! How could you possibly get her back after that? Sigh!'

Alex's subordinates sighed in their minds but no one dared to say anything. They all watched bitterly as Jane picked the leftovers off the ground, but Jane had not noticed the eyes on her until a pair of feet appeared before her.

She lifted her chin to look at Alex and swallowed. "I will leave immediately once I pick the food up."

Alex bent down and presented Jane with a card.

"Wh--What is this?" she asked.

Chapter 1500

"Your one million," Alex replied calmly.

Startled, Jane backed off. "I... I didn't ask you for money. I... I won't ask for a penny from you, don't worry."

"Didn't you say so yourself, that you've worked for almost eight years as a maid a t my house? A maid should be paid every month and one million shouldn't be too much for the past seven years."

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"Take it, you've earned this."

Jane still refused to take the card.

"I'm Alex Poole, I can't have people thinking that I am someone who would owe a maid her salary despite my enormous wealth, so just take it."

With that, Jane finally accepted the card hesitantly. But then, he pulled out another card and presented it to her. Both Jane and Noah were confused. She gazed up at him and asked, "Wh-why are... you giving me another?"

giving me another?"

"Alimony."

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"You said so yourself. You have always been the one who took protection and I've never done so. I am the one to blame for your pregnancy and for how damaged your body is right now. It's my child in your belly and when you give birth to it, I have legal obligations to it as well, don't I?

"I... I told you, I won't blackmail you with my child. I will never use my child as leverage.

"But I have the obligation to raise him,"
Alex said. He studied Jane's frightened expression and added, "Just look at this a s a gesture of my gratitude for not bringing the child to me to interrupt my life, then. There's ten million in this card; it should be enough for you to raise your child until they turn eighteen. After that, I won't have to provide any further financial support."

Jane gaped at him.

"Take it! If you refuse to accept this, I'm really going to worry about you coming to look for me in the future. I don't want to have to deal with all that trouble, as it could affect my reputation. Do you understand?"

For a brief moment, a sorrowful expression appeared on Jane's face before she chuckled. "Right, that's right. Okay, I'll accept this."

There were two cards, adding up to a total of eleven million, which was more than enough to support Noah, Noah's mother, her future child and herself for the rest of their lives. Suddenly, Jane came to accept i t. She turned around to look at Alex and said, "Um... I'm sorry, Mr. Poole. Please forgive me for being so suspicious. I'm pregnant, and the doctors say that pregnant women tend to be a bit paranoid."

Alex did not say a word, but simply nodded.

"I... I was so rude just now for screaming



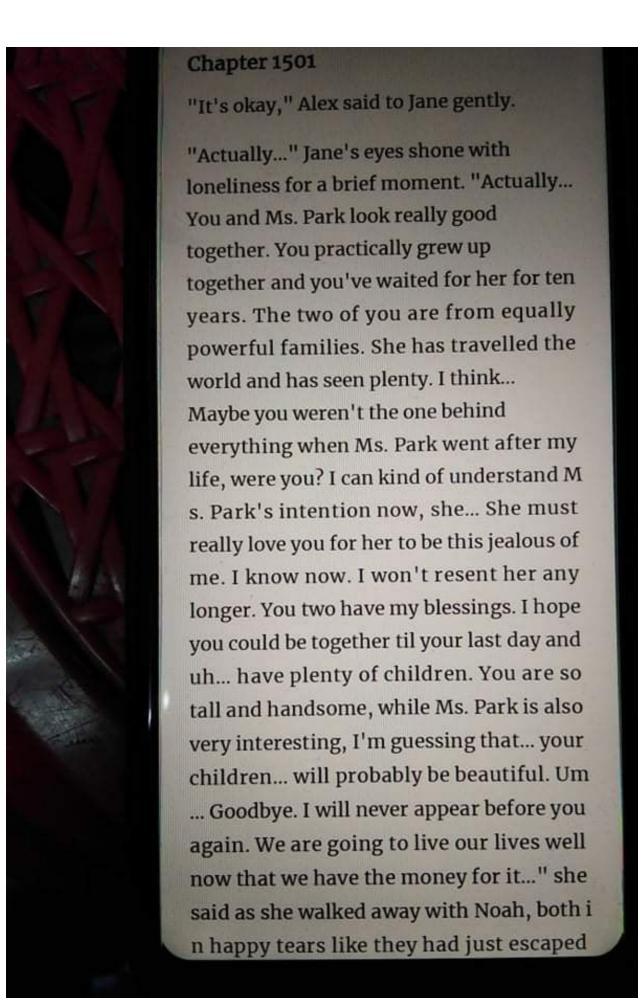
"I... I was so rude just now for screaming and crying at you. The things I said to you just now... I don't mean for them to sound resentful. We... We are both consenting adults, and everything I've done for you in the past seven years was done so at my own will. I've never wanted to ask anything of you. I mean it, Mr. Poole. It's my fault just now... I shouldn't complain like that," she said.

Alex watched as the woman who was just picking up leftovers off the ground a few moments ago, returned to her past elegant, graceful, and gentle self despite her ragged looks, and he was immediately overwhelmed by emotions. Perhaps this was what it meant to be a mother. She was pregnant with a child inside of her, and that had caused her to become stronger without her realizing it. She might seem pitiful on the outside, living at the very bottom of the society, but her eagerness to survive and her strength to crawl her way out of all the suffering had only grown stronger, to the point that she would pick leftovers off the ground only to survive.

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For some reason, tears began to gather in Alex's eyes. He was suddenly reminded of his own words when he said Sebastian was turning soft just little over an hour ago, and Sebastian said to him, "Alex, Sabrina is pregnant again. I'm a father of three now."

'Ah, yes. Fatherhood would turn a man as merciless as Sebastian soft; so, why wouldn't it do the same to me?' he thought.



n happy tears like they had just escaped death.

Behind them, Alex stood in the chilling wind and stared into the distance for a long while.

"Master..." Garrett called out to him.

With a hoarse voice, Alex responded, "H
m?"

"Do... Do we go back now?"

Instead of answering the question, Alex asked his subordinate, "Garrett, is your kid cute?"

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"Say, do you think I'll ever see my woman and my kid again?"

"Master... We... Let's go get Mrs. Poole back, shall we?"

Alex shook his head, and his voice became even lower. "She won't be happy, can't you tell?"

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"That man she's with... Even if they have to beg, to pick leftovers off the ground together, she is still happy. She feels content and safe. Right from the moment I rescued her off the streets, she had never felt safe or felt that she belonged. All those years she spent by my side, she had always given everything for me; while I, just like she said, never tried putting myself in her shoes. She was right. She had no integrity or pride when she was with me. Coming to think about it, I... I guess I've really been treating her like a pet. A pet whose feelings I don't have to worry about."

"Master... Mrs. Poole is the best woman I've ever seen," Garrett said.

Alex suddenly erupted in a laugh before roaring at the sky, "I, Alex Poole, will never marry another woman in my life! I love Jane Sheen! I love Jane Sheen!" He paused as tears streamed down his face. H e chuckled carelessly and said to himself sarcastically, "Woman, you have emptied my heart. Jane Sheen, you damned woman. You've won! You have emptied my heart then abandoned me, and now

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y heart then abandoned me, and now
you've managed to lock me down for life.
I really have no idea whether I was your
keeper, or you were mine, but you've won
in the end!"

Alex turned to his subordinates and commanded, "Let's roll out."

"Yes, Master Alex!" his men responded loudly.

Meanwhile, Lily, who was still hiding in the hotel, was so frustrated that she was going to bite through her lips. She had completely forgotten about what she was here for. Lily gritted her teeth and cursed, "That damned woman! I won't allow you t o be happy!"

Chapter 1502

"What did you say, miss? What's your command?" Lily's driver asked. He had received quite a handsome sum of profit from her and had been spending nights in the hotel with Lily, and was currently completely enslaved by her to the point that he was willing to be a dog she kept around. However, he was a bit upset when he saw Jane and Alex break up, because that would mean that Alex would be marrying Lily in Kidon City in the near future. The driver did not think that Alex would be able to keep the promises he roared toward the sky, and stared at Lily eagerly as he thought so.

"I'm going to destroy Jane's happiness!" Lily said viciously.

"But... She is already separated from Master Alex, so why would you..." The driver looked at the evil woman before him in confusion.

'What a skillful woman! She almost became the death of me last night. Why wouldn't Master Alex be interested in a woman as desirable as her? Wait, Master woman as desirable as her? Wait, Master Alex seemed to have waited for ten years for her as well, but now he loves Jane better. So does that mean that Jane is even better in bed?' the driver thought to himself. He rubbed his hands together eagerly and said, "Miss, are we going to kidnap Jane and kill her? Before you do, can I..."

"No!" Lily's nails immediately dug into the driver's thigh.

"Ouch..." The driver was instantly brought to his knees.

"Why would I kill her? Didn't you see? That woman isn't afraid of death. She's not afraid of dying! Why is it that all men are interested in her? Do you know what she does for a living?" Lily glared at the driver furiously, her eyes almost flaring.

'Why?? I can't figure it out. Why would Alex come here with the full intention to kill Jane and her man but then somehow be touched by her senseless words? The infamous Alex Poole actually gave up on hunting Jane down, and because of his love for her no less! What was so good.

love for her no less! What was so good about that woman? That man Noah loves her so much that he is willing to die for her; Alex loves her so much that he is willing to let her go and live her life with the man she loves. On top of that, he even gave her enough money to do so! Damn it! And this driver! He has been sleeping with me for the past two days and now all this damn thing can think of is to get his hands on Jane. Why??' she thought.

The driver was in such excruciating pain that he was drenched in sweat. He lifted his gaze and stuttered, "H--how would I know what Ms. Sheen does for a living?"

"A wh*re! A wh*re, you know? She is an expert that finds her way to men's beds. She isn't even human in Alex's eyes; she is nothing but a b*tch he kept around! A lowly b*tch, do you understand? That b*tch! I came so close to ruining her that time on top of the mountain! It's all that man's fault! Noah Hill destroyed my plan. I want him dead! I want him dead!"

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"She only gets to live in pain! I will separate her from her family, so that she i s left with herself for the rest of her life!"

"..." The driver looked at the vicious woman before him and suddenly felt the urge to run, but he also knew that this woman was related to Alex and the old Madam Ford in South City. This woman was the devil!

Chapter 1503

He could not escape. He could only admit defeat.

"I'm... I'm willing to obey your command, Miss Lily."

Lily sneered. "That's more like it."

After a pause, she said, "Pack your things. From now on, we will be stalking Jane, then find a time to get rid of that man!"

"Yes, Miss Lily."

The two of them then quietly checked out of the room and left.

Over on this end, Alex got in the car that was parked on the street, and then he ordered with a hoarse voice, "Get rid of everything here and let everyone keep their lips sealed. Just take it that we have never been here."

"Yes, Master Alex!"

"Block all the news. Nothing can be posted, not on any tabloids or internet," said Alex again. said Alex again.

"Got it, Master Alex!"

"Let's go."

"Yes!"

The driver, Andrew, asked, "Master Alex, are we going back to Kidon City?"

Alex replied, "Yes, return to Kidon City."

"Yes!"

After this group of people, who had first come to this northeastern land from Kidon City, had kicked up a storm for three weeks, one of the troubles on Alex's mind was considered resolved.

Although he did not get anything out of it at all, his heart seemed to have calmed quite a bit. After he was calmed, only then did Alex recall that his conversation on the phone with Sebastian previously was still left unfinished.

It was just more than an hour, but Alex had a feeling as if everything was a world away from where it was. He recalled that when Sebastian called him more than an hour ago, he seemed to be saying that he already helped Alex get the arrangement to get rid of Noah in place.

Thinking of that, Alex immediately called Sebastian.

Sebastian, over on the other end of the line, picked up the call very quickly and this tone was very anxious. "Alex! What's the matter with you? I called you, but you didn't pick up. If you still hadn't picked up my call for another hour, I would have immediately gotten on a helicopter to go find you! Do you know how much I'm worried about you?"

Alex suddenly felt moved. "Thanks, brother!"

"We have sworn to treat each other as brothers, so don't mention it!"

After a pause, Sebastian asked, "What's going on with you? Did that man named Noah resist you? Alex, when you agreed to let me help you deal with Noah, I have gotten some info about him and have a

gotten some info about him and have a certain degree of understanding about him.

"I learned that this man is not a mere simple person. He had once been a factory director, and the factory did very well under his leadership. However, due to the general business trends, his factory was closed down in the end. Therefore, you absolutely must not underestimate your enemy."

Hearing Sebastian saying that, Alex asked, "Sebastian, you've found out that Noah was a factor director through your inquiry, but did you find out how his character is?"

Sebastian did not answer.

There were a few seconds of silence before he spoke calmly again, "Alex, to be honest with you, his character is not bad, and he also has not had it easy."

Alex laughed a little faintly, then said with a weak voice, "So, Sebastian, that plan of ours, just cancel it..." Sebastian did not understand it. "What do you mean?"

"I'll let Jane and that man off the hook.

"Do you know? That woman's heart is no longer mine, so why should I forcibly bring her back? I might as well just let her go."

Sebastian uttered, "You..."

"What's wrong?" asked Alex, startled.

Over on this end, Sebastian said, "I had long known that this man is not a bad person. You asked me to have him killed, but to be honest with you, I couldn't bear t o do it. So, I arranged for them to go to a small city by the sea in the northeastern area. I...I had my men take his mother away the moment that man and Jane left the house this morning."

Alex was speechless.

At this moment, over on another end,
Noah and Jane, who were both still in
shock, had already ridden the rickshaw
back to the place they had temporarily
rented. They originally wanted to reheat

back to the place they had temporarily rented. They originally wanted to reheat the mushroom sandwich to fill their stomachs, and then relocate again together as a family. However, when they came home, they could no longer find the old lady.

Where was his mother?

"Mrs Hill..." Jane cried out in despair outside the yard.

After she shouted, she turned her head around and saw Alex standing at the entrance of the yard.

Jane asked with incomparable desperation, "Was it you who had kidnapped her?"

Chapter 1504

Alex did not explain to Jane, but he only said to her bluntly, "Pack up your things together with Noah and go to Bay County in my car."

"Why should we?" Jane simply cried in anger.

She wanted to slap Alex. "Alex, you devil!
I only have this one woman that I treat as
my mother. If anything bad were to
happen to her, I will bite you to death,
you devil! Devil! I curse you to die a
horrible death!"

Alex did not get angry when he saw Jane being so hysterical. After all, it was him who asked Sebastian to get Noah killed in the first place, so this was still his fault in the end.

Since the matter had developed to this point, it would be useless even if Alex were to explain himself, so he just raised his hand and ordered the hundreds of men behind him.

Once his subordinates saw that gesture, they immediately had Jane and Noah they immediately had Jane and Noah surrounded.

Noah immediately shielded Jane behind him. "Gentlemen, let's be cool and talk it out. She is a pregnant woman and she is carrying your master's child. You can do anything you want to me, but just let her g o. Let this pitiful woman go, alright?"

Nobody answered Noah.

The group of men then grabbed Jane and Noah at once and then pushed them into the car.

The car that they were sitting in was Alex's car. Alex sat in the front passenger seat while Noah and Jane sat in the back.

"Listen up!" Alex said coldly. "If you wish to see your mother, then come with me! Your mother is in my hands now, and there's nothing else you can do if you don't follow me."

Jane screamed, "Alex Poole, you're not human..."

Alex had no expression on his face. "Yes, I'm the devil. You said it yourself just I'm the devil. You said it yourself just now, didn't you?"

Jane was speechless.

"Jane, don't say anything else. What is there to reason with such a beast like him? We're going to die no matter what, so what's the point of struggling? We might as all just keep our dignity. Listen to me," said Noah while hugging Jane in the back seat.

Hearing what Noah said, Jane, who was originally very furious, immediately obeyed and kept her mouth shut.

She snuggled in Noah's arms and cried inconsolably, "Noah, why is our life so miserable?"

After all, Noah was a true man of the world who had once worked hard in South City. Therefore, when he saw Alex following them and blackmailed them into getting in the car, Noah became increasingly calm.

This was because he knew there was no way for Jane and himself to escape. Since there was no way to escape, then they there was no way to escape, then they might as well just accept it calmly.

He smiled at Jane calmly. "The majority of f the people in this world are born to suffer, and their lives are just miserable. We are actually happy, aren't we?

"The heavens had tormented me for such a long time, and I lost my wife and child. However, the heavens let me meet you. We can keep each other company and die together. Then, at least we won't be lonely when we're on the other side. What do you say?"

Jane nodded. "Yes, Noah. We're very miserable, but also very content."

The two of them were comforting each other with words filled with happiness like this without a care in the world.

Although they were crying and talking about how miserable they were, it sounded like a display of love from what Alex and the driver, Andrew, had heard.

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The driver, Andrew, was truly feeling sorry for his own master, so much so that tears were almost dripping down. While sorry for his own master, so much so that tears were almost dripping down. While driving, he was wondering how his master could endure it. His master was originally a carefree man who was going to sit in the back seat and sleep while lying flat.

However, never mind that his master had to resign to sitting in the front passenger seat at the moment, but he also had to remain cool while listening to the two of them scold him and publicly display their affection for one another.

Good heavens!

His master truly had quite a level of endurance.

Chapter 1505

The master, Alex, truly was the example of being flexible and adaptable in all situations.

Andrew could not help but look
frequently at his own master. Each time h
e looked over, his master had a calm
expression while closing his eyes. Andrew
could not tell how his handsome master
was feeling. He just felt that his master
had an unparalleled might to him.
Andrew was so frightened by him that he
did not dare to think nonsense anymore
but just focused on driving.

... was almost a four-hour drive from the county Jane was at to Bay County.

They arrived at Bay County at midnight.

At this moment, there was a seventy-year -old old woman inside the oceanfront mansion in Bay County who was desperately begging two guards, "I'm begging you, please let me see my son and my daughter-in-law. I have no complaints even if you want to split me into pieces, as long as you let me see the

two of them."

However, no matter how much the old woman begged, the two guards just

remained silent.

immediately after that.

When Alex's car was parked outside the mansion and the car door was opened, Jane and Noah heard such a familiar voice begging inside the mansion at the same time. The two of them were first stunned. Then, they ran toward the mansion

"Mrs. Hill! Mrs. Hill!" Jane shouted even before she entered the door.

The old woman was first startled. Then, she rushed and limped toward Jane in surprise. Her legs were not good for her t o walk with at all, so she fell after only taking a couple of steps. Noah then immediately came forward to support her.

The family of three finally reunited.

"Mom!" Noah called out. After that, tears instantly streamed down his cheeks.

This man did not cry the whole journey here. He had been consoling Jane the

here. He had been consoling Jane the whole time. It was not until he saw his mother that he shed his manly tears. The man hugged his aged mother in one arm, and Jane in the other. The three of them just hugged each other like this, and they did not look like they were resigning to accept death. Rather, they looked incredibly happy. "This is good. We can now die together as a family of three. No, as a family of four. This is great," said Noah with incomparable contentment. Upon saying that, he turned his head around and looked at Alex. Alex also looked back at Noah with a cold expression.

To be very honest, Alex had the impulse to kill Noah at every moment.

After being in the military for so many years, he had fought countless battles both at home and overseas, but he had never been so tormented as that moment. His humanity had never been tested like that at that moment.

Chapter 1506

Jane was speechless.

Upon saying those words, Alex then sighed. "It's late. You should all go rest. I'll leave you to it."

After that, he raised his hand and ordered all of his subordinates to retreat, and then all of the men that came with Alex left.

There were still a few men there who were sent over by Sebastian, so they did not follow Alex's command.

When Alex retreated, Noah saw that the few people keeping watch of his mother did not leave, so he grabbed one of them and asked, "What... What's going on here?"

The man then looked at Noah and said, "
You truly were very lucky."

Noah asked with puzzlement, "What exactly is going on?"

"Master Alex asked our master to have you killed and bring Miss Jane back to Kidon City. Seeing that you're a responsible man, our master originally planned to send you and your mother off abroad from this coast. In the end, when we just got your mother here, our master received a call from Master Alex." The man sighed. "Master Alex said he will no longer pursue Miss Jane. He wants to support your marriage with Miss Jane. This was the reason Master Alex brought you here."

Hearing the man say that, Jane instantly asked, "Your master is..."

"A good friend's husband, Master Sebastian," said the man.

Jane was speechless.

The man then said again, "Miss Jane, our madam has been very concerned about you. In fact, there was no need for you to worry if Master Alex would harm you. If Master Alex dared to lay his hand on you, our madam would certainly fight him to death."

Jane was still at loss for words.

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The man continued, "Besides, Miss Jane, i t was actually not completely unreasonable for Master Alex to say that you're wicked just now. You've been together with Master Alex for so many years. Surely, you must know that he is the one with the best temper among the few blood brothers of his. He has never simply killed the innocent. He had never once done so, so how is it possible for him to kill a woman who had been with him for seven years?"

Hearing him say that, Jane then could not wrap her head around the matter, so she asked, "Then why was he chasing me down?"

"He..." The man sighed and smiled a little.

There was a pause before he spoke as he had to get it off his chest. "Ever since you left, Master Alex then immediately kicked Miss Lily out. He had broken up with Miss Lily since then. Otherwise, Miss Lily would not have beaten you up with the intention to kill.

"Miss Lily had beaten you up because she

"Miss Lily had beaten you up because she was jealous.

"Also, Master Alex had no idea about the matter of you being beaten up by Miss Lily all along. After our madam had found out about it, she deliberately went to argue with Master Alex, only then did he find out."

Jane was speechless.

She was simply stunned.

Actually, Sabrina had told her about all these things before. However, Jane had no room to breathe at all every time she was hunted by Alex's men, so Jane thought that Alex had lied to Sabrina. Therefore, she had never once believed in it.

At that moment, when she heard that guard saying so, and then saw that Alex had left right after sending them there, as well as all kinds of care Sabrina had given her, Jane then knew that it was all true.

Jane then stood on the same spot for a very long time while moving her lips as if she wanted to say something.

she wanted to say something. It was not until the few guards Sebastian left behind left after receiving a call that Jane gradually regained her senses. Her face was covered in tears, and she had an indescribable feeling in her heart. Noah, who was watching all this behind her, was also having mixed feelings. He gently came to the front of Jane. "Jane, you... You still love him, right?" This was the first time both Jane and Noah confronted this problem head-on. Noah could tell that Alex definitely was not a simple man. When Alex faced such a matter, he could handle it with such a cool and calm composure. That was sufficient to show Alex's calmness and tolerance. There was no way for Jane to not love him after being with such a man. When Jane turned around and looked at Noah, she was already covered in tears. " Noah..." Was she hesitating?

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Chapter 1507

Noah suddenly felt saddened.

The old woman, who was behind them, walked over. She had always been a reasonable person. She looked at the tearful Jane and said, "My child, there was nothing to feel sorry about. I love you, and Noah also loved you. Your happiness is the most important thing."

Noah also nodded.

However, Jane shook her head firmly instead. "No, Mrs. Hill! No! The person I love is Noah. It's truly Noah."

After saying that, she then looked at Noah. "Noah, I know that Alex may not be that bad, but I also know him better than you. The woman he was truly waiting for was actually Lily Parker. He would even call out her name in his dream sometimes.

"He doesn't love me.

"I used to love him back then. I loved him very much.

"However, I figured one thing out now. H

e and I are not people from the same world, do you understand?

"The Poole family of Kidon City is not a family that a woman like me can marry into. I am already more than thirty years old. I know very well what kind of life I need.

"My youth has long been gone. I just want to live a good, safe, and peaceful life now with you, Mrs. Hill and Noah, alright?"

Jane cried while speaking. "Mrs. Hill, Noah, don't you abandon me, alright?"

She spoke with such sincerity that Noah's heavy load on his chest was relieved. He then smiled and said, "As long as you don't abandon us, my mother and I will never abandon you. We're a family, and we'll forever be."

"Mm-hmm. We'll use these one million dollars to do some business in Bay County tomorrow. Noah, since you used to manage a company and you know how to do it, you can do so with this money in your hands. I plan to save those ten

your hands. I plan to save those ten million dollars for the child." Jane had already started planning their life in the future.

"Okay," said Noah, as he nodded

"Let's go in to have a rest."

The family of three had been shocked and frightened for the whole day, so they were all exhausted. They fell sound asleep very quickly after they had entered the mansion.

After seeing the lights were all out from afar, only then did Andrew say in the car, "Master, we'll also..."

Alex asked Andrew with a low and miserable voice, "Andrew, say... Would I still be able to hear my son calling me 'Dad' in this life?"

Andrew was speechless.

He did not know how he should answer his own master.

Alex also did not wait for Andrew to answer. He just said something that was

answer. He just said something that was incomparably shocking to Andrew, "
From now onward, the majority of my focus will be on this small town. I won't ask for more. I just hope that I can often glance at my son from afar and save some money for him in this life. Then, I will be satisfied."

Andrew was speechless.

After a long while, Andrew then said with sorrow, "Master, let's go back and rest."

"Alright," Alex answered tiredly.

The car then disappeared into the night.

The night was very peaceful. The love and grudge between Jane and Alex also returned to a peaceful state.

The weather the next day was clear and cool.

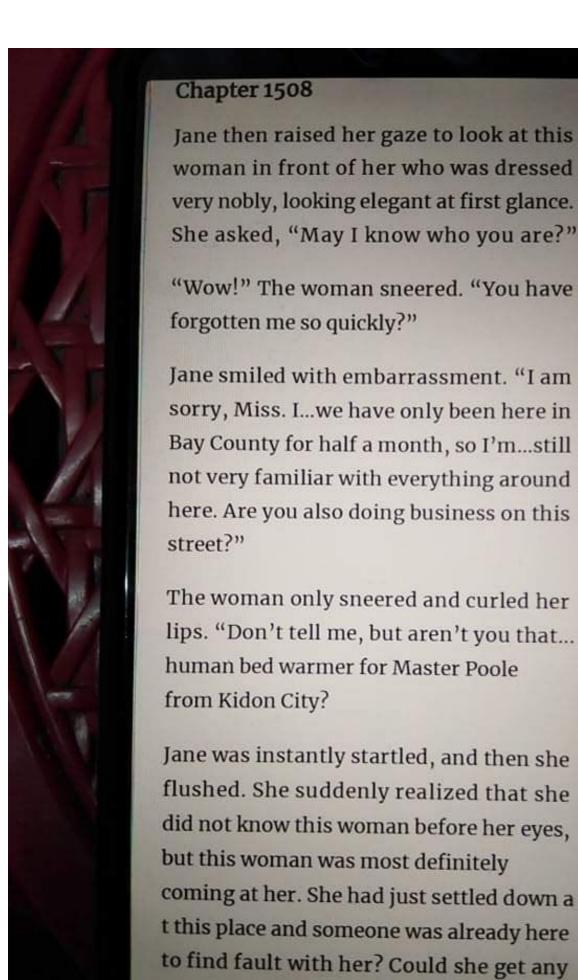
Although they had experienced those life and death matters yesterday, Jane and Alex had no intention to slack off and be lazy. They woke up early in the morning and then went to buy a rickshaw. After that, they rode the rickshaw into the

and then went to buy a rickshaw. After that, they rode the rickshaw into the small county to search around.

After searching continuously for half a month, they had finally found the best location to open a restaurant. They had managed to open up quite a nice restaurant that served home cooking after spending almost half of the one million dollars.

An esteemed customer came on the first day the restaurant opened.

Once that customer came in, she walked straight to the front of Jane, who was pregnant. "I never expected it, but you're actually here?"



more unlucky?



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However, who was that woman? Jane took another closer look at her, then suddenly felt like this woman had a rather familiar face. It seemed that...the old television show, which had premiered several years ago, that Jane was watching the day before yesterday had a supporting actress that looked very much like the woman in front of her.

"Are you...an actress?" Jane asked subconsciously. The woman scoffed, the condescension and provocation in her gaze were very apparent.

Jane then pointed her finger at the woman. "You...it's you?"

It was her! Jane recalled that this woman was the small celebrity who had once attempted to seduce Alex at a banquet. However, Alex had directly uncovered her true colors then and she ended up being chased away by Alex in the end. Jane then decided to completely ignore her. The woman was so furious that she almost crushed her teeth for gritting it too hard.

crushed her teeth for gritting it too hard. However, she smiled calmly after a few seconds. "It's fine if you don't know me, but I know you." Jane then answered awkwardly, "Hi... Hello." Since she did not know what the woman's intention was, it was better for Jane to feign politeness. "Your name is Jane Sheen!" Jane answered calmly, "Yes." "This is your...husband?" asked the woman, as she pointed at Noah. "Does that have anything to do with you?" Jane asked in return. "Of course!" said the woman instantly. "I am the landlady for this restaurant you've rented. Of course, I have the right t o know. Are you a married couple or just having an illicit affair?" The woman's tone was very frivolous.

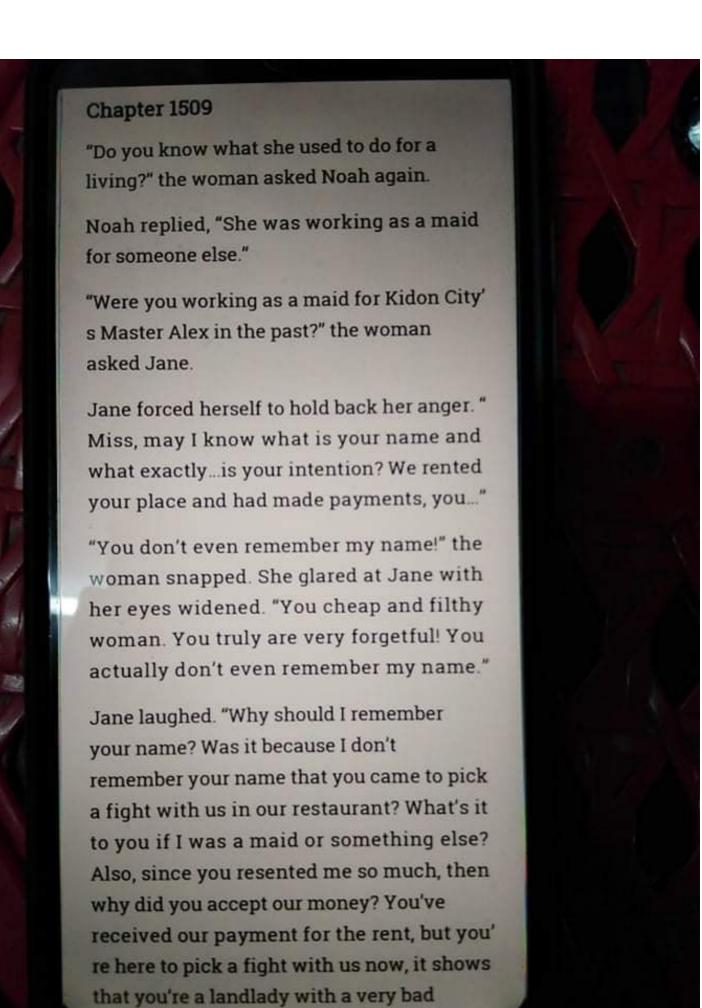
"You...," said Jane. How could there be such a coincidence? They had unexpectedly rented a place from this such a coincidence? They had unexpectedly rented a place from this small celebrity who had once been belittled by Alex.

Jane and Noah looked at each other. At that moment, Noah then laughed. "Nice to meet you, Miss. Jane and I are already engaged. We'll have a wedding when she can wear a wedding dress after she has given birth."

There was a pause before Noah asked again, "May I know if we've owed you any rent or something?"

The woman did not answer Noah, but she just asked him sarcastically, "You're going to marry her after she delivers the baby?"

Noah calmly said, "Yes!"





that you're a landlady with a very bad reputation!"

The woman was instantly at a loss for words after being directly confronted by Jane, and she had a mixed expression on her face.

"Very well. Remember this, my name is Cindy Miller!"

Jane then said calmly, "Miss Miller! I have not offended you!"

"Jane Sheen, you dared to say that you've not offended me?" Cindy said fiercely.

Jane was speechless. She had never offended anyone intentionally!

Cindy then said slowly, with every word clearly articulated, "I was such a famous Alister back then. Just because I had stepped on your foot, you were so unforgiving to me, and you even made me apologize to you. After that, you also did not let the matter go, and you actually took advantage that you were Master Alex's human bed warmer and talked him into having me completely shut out by all the media. It was all because of you. Not only did Master Alex not allow me to appear in Kidon City, but also in such a big city like South City as well. My acting career has been completely ruined since

career has been completely ruined since then! It was all because of that my path to stardom was completely severed overnight. I was such a famous celebrity, but now I am collecting rent for a living from the properties that I originally had in this small town that is at the bottom tier! This is all your fault!" Jane was so angered by this woman that she could only laugh. She placed down her things. "I'm sorry, to be noble and not to approach him, thinking to use that to attract Alex's attention. However, you had never

Miss Miller, but you had never stepped on my foot before! The foot that you stepped on was Alex's! I had never been unforgiving to you either! Although I don't remember what your name is, I still know a thing from that incident between you and Alex a few years ago. You pretended not to know Alex throughout the whole night. You pretended expected that Alex did not even take another look at you at all. After the banquet ended, you deliberately stepped on Alex's foot while talking on the phone, and then you apologized to Alex in a panic as you wanted to run into Alex this way! It was because of this incident that you pissed off



because of this incident that you pissed off Alex. I even recalled helping you to find an excuse and also tried to save you from the embarrassment at that time! It was because I knew Alex better than you do, and I didn't wish that you truly pissed him off.

However, I didn't expect that you wouldn't listen to me, and you thought you could attract Alex? However, you ended up being shut out from the media by Alex. This was because he particularly hated women who played hard to get!"

After Jane revealed the real story, Cindy was even more embarrassed. "Jane Sheen, what are you so smug about?"

Jane answered, "I...I am not smug about anything. Just like you said, I was only his... tool. Now that we are both people with the same misfortune, why should you make it difficult..."

"People with the same misfortune? How can I possibly be the same as you?" Cindy looked at Jane sarcastically. "I am the same as you? You're a wh*re! I am an artist! How can I possibly be the same as you? It was you back then who talked nonsense into Master Alex during your pillow talk! You had him drive me out from Kidon City overnight! However, you also didn't get a

had him drive me out from Kidon City overnight! However, you also didn't get a good ending either, didn't you? You're a wh* re! Have you done a medical checkup to see if you have contracted any infectious diseases?" Cindy shouted loudly.

People were starting to gather outside the restaurant to watch.

"All of you had seen it, right? This woman used to be a human bed warmer for someone else, and now she is here to open a restaurant..."

Before Cindy could finish her words, she received a solid slap from Noah.

Noah looked at Cindy with a cold gaze. "I forbid you to insult Jane!"

Chapter 1510 Cindy instantly covered her face in pain and she looked at Noah in disbelief. "You... you slapped me. You actually slapped me in the broad daylight? Do you know who I am?" "A washed-up actress. You're not worthy to insult Jane!" Noah did not even look at Cindy. He just turned around to look at Jane, who was in tears. "Jane, you're not like what she said. You're pregnant now, so you can't get too emotional, do you understand?" Jane almost had the risk of a miscarriage half a month ago because of the incident with Alex. Things only got slightly better after they got some medication from the hospital. However, it had only been half a month, and this woman came to the door to pick a fight. This woman was truly a bully, she actually dared to keep calling Jane a wh*re! "No matter how washed-up I am now, I was still a famous actress once! You dared to slap me? Do you think that I have no backing from inside and outside of the entertainment industry? It's true that I'm already done now, and I have not been a

already done now, and I have not been a celebrity for a few years. However, with that little bit of family property of mine and my real estate all over the country, it is still enough to crush to death! Such a disgusting man like you actually dared to slap me? What are you relying on to back you up?"

Thinking of that, Cindy suddenly laughed. "
Haha! You're really hilarious! Do you think
you can rely on your fiancée's former man
to back you up, so you even dared to slap a
person like me? Why don't you ask your
fiancée what she is to Alex?"

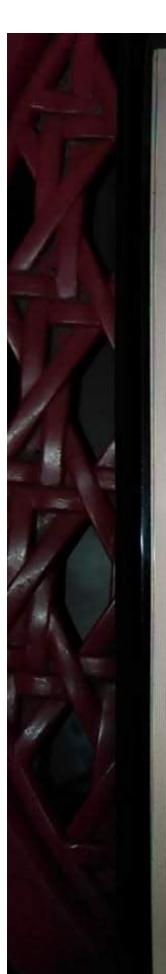
Hearing Cindy insult her like this, Jane roared furiously, "Please get lost immediately! Get out of our restaurant!"

Cindy then smiled very calmly. "Don't you forget that I am the landlady!"

Jane was speechless. Seeing that Jane was subdued, Cindy turned to Noah. "This woman was not Alex's lover. She was not his lover, not his fiancée, and most definitely not his wife!

"To put it nicely, she was the human bed warmer for Master Alex! To put it bluntly, she was just a wh*re! I'll say it again, a wh* re!"

"Were you not a wh*re?" Noah interjected



"Were you not a wh*re?" Noah interjected Cindy's words. "If you're not a wh*re, why did you deliberately step on Mr Poole's foot? If you're not a wh*re, why would he shut you out from all the media? You wished to be a wh*re in front of Mr Poole, but you don't even have the qualification to be one!" Noah, who had always been sincere and tolerant, suddenly became so fierce.

It was indeed because he felt that life was very tough. Besides, Jane had the sign of miscarriage earlier on. Also, before Alex had left, he had a very stern word with Noah asking him to take good care of Jane, which was equivalent to Alex letting him have Jane. Just because of this alone, Noah also respected and feared Alex from the bottom of his heart. Since Jane has chosen to be with him for the rest of their lives, it was only natural that he had to protect Jane. Therefore, even a macho man like Noah also became sharp-tongued.

"You...you really are a man who wished to be imprisoned! You slapped me and you even insulted me!" said Cindy. After that, she immediately took out her phone to call the police. The police arrived at the scene very quickly. After they had inquired about the situation, they then took Noah into

the situation, they then took Noah into custody.

Jane cried inconsolably. "Noah, I'm sorry, it was me who dragged you into this!"

Noah smiled. "The police said that the woman named Miller was also at fault. She was the one who provoked me at first. I was wrong to slap others, but I will be released after being locked up for twenty-four hours. It's not a big deal. Stay home and take good care of my mother, alright?"

Jane nodded as she cried. "Don't worry, Noah. I will take good care of her."

That night, Jane and Noah's mother spent a night snuggling with each other. The two miserable women, one old and one young, were both waiting for a man.

"Jane, you're really great. It's my blessing in this life to have you as my daughter-inlaw," said the old woman while crying.

Jane, who was pregnant, still insisted on massaging her mother-in-law's legs. She placed the old woman's leg on her own legs., "Mrs Hill, I felt especially happy when Noah protected me today. I finally have someone to protect me. I had never had a sense of security since a young age, but I have it now. Would you blame me? Your

someone to protect me. I had never had a sense of security since a young age, but I have it now. Would you blame me? Your precious son is being held in detention for a day because of me."

The old woman stroked Jane's head. "Silly child. He is a man. What is there to fear for him to suffer a day in there? You, on the other hand, are carrying a child in your belly, so you shouldn't suffer at all. Quickly go to bed. I'll be here watching over you."

Chapter 1511

"Yes, alright, Mrs Hill."

They were not truly a pair of mother and daughter, but their relationship was way better than that. That night, the two of them slept next to each other and had a good night's sleep without Noah.

However, Lily was in the building opposite their place and she was watching everything and listening to their conversation. Lily's heart was filled with jealousy and she got more and more enraged.

"This d*mned woman! She was already so traumatized, but she still hasn't had a miscarriage yet! That child in her belly is Alex's, after all! Although she no longer loves Alex, Alex loves her more than his one life! Also, that Noah Hill was actually willing to be locked up behind bars for a d* mned wh*re! Noah Hill, if I don't have you killed, then my name is not Lily Parker!"

Lily could not sleep the whole night in the dead of the winter. She was pondering about planning how she could get Noah killed with an insidious scheme.

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Early the next morning, Jane supported the old woman by her arm and waited for Noah outside the prison. Noah had been taken into custody the previous morning, so he should be released at the same time as well. When Noah finally came out, the family of three then hugged each other and cried outside of the prison.

"Take good care of your business, and don't get into any trouble anymore! It's good for business to be nice to others!" The police did not forget to remind Noah.

"Thank you. Thank you!" Noah thanked the police.

The family of three then returned to the restaurant that they had just put into place. Even if their business was messed up by Cindy yesterday, they still had to open for business today. This was because all of their hopes from now on would be counting on this restaurant, and they also wanted to live in this small town for the rest of their lives. Therefore, both Jane and Noah then pulled themselves together to properly open the restaurant for business.

Throughout the whole day, their business was not bad. It was mainly because their price was reasonable and Noah had

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Other than that, the chef they had recruited was not only sincere but also very skilled in cooking. The old woman did the dishes at the back while Jane did the waitressing, and the whole family worked hard together. When they checked their profits after a whole day, they learned that they had unexpectedly made more than a thousand dollars.

They made more than a thousand dollars in a day! The two of them were beaming with joy. They had planned to close up early, and then make some delicious food for themselves as a reward.

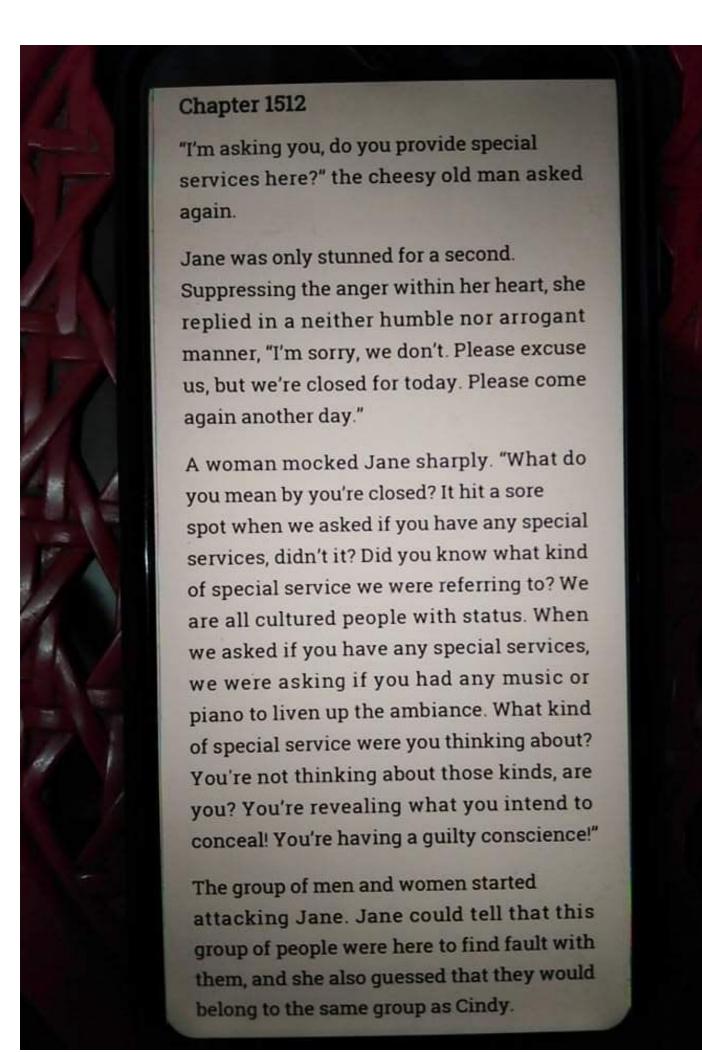
However, right at the moment when the restaurant was about to close, a few more people came from outside. Jane and Noah both looked over at the same time, and there were more than a dozen people in this group. If they were all to be seated at the table, they would almost take up two big tables. There were both men and women in this group, and some were in their forties while several others were young. They were all dressed in extravagant and brightly colored clothes. Also, this group of people did not rush to order their food once they came in, but they all were looking at Jane at the same time.

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Jane's heart sank for a moment. However, she still remained calm, and then she bit her lips to ask, "May I know how many people are there in your group? Also, do you need a private room? What kind of dishes would you like to order?"

One of the old men, who looked about fifty years old, asked Jane with an impish smile, "May I know if you provide special services?"

Jane was speechless.



belong to the same group as Cindy.

"It's getting very late, so we're closing.

Please come back another day." Noah, who had been detained for a day and a night, spoke and acted more calmly and cautiously than before. He pulled Jane over and hid her behind his back. He then looked at this group of men kindly.

However, this group had not even the slightest intention to leave at all.

"We'll just eat here today! What can you do?" said the cheesy old man incomparably unreasonably.

Noah was speechless. He truly wanted to beat these people into a pulp! They truly had gone beyond the limit with bullying others!

However, Jane pulled and stopped him before he made a move, and then she shook her head at Noah. "Noah, don't be impulsive. They just want to have a meal, and it's our goal to do business when we open our doors anyway. We can even earn more by accepting more customers."

Noah then said, "I'm not afraid if they are here to find fault with us, but these people were obviously here to bully us..."

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Jane then said calmly, "Of course, I know that. However, you have just been released from prison. Surely, you can't go in again, again? If you were to go in again, what should your mother do? What about me with my pregnant belly? Also, what happens to our restaurant? Since we are still alive now, things will be better and better for us after I have given birth, Noah."

After experiencing a matter of life and death once, Jane was even calmer and more composed than before. Half a month ago, Jane almost died in front of Alex. At that moment, she was thinking that everything would be alright as long as she could still live.

Since they were still alive at that moment, and they even managed to open a restaurant, what could they not endure?

Jane knew that the reason Noah was this furious was that she had been insulted by others. However, it did not matter. She smiled and looked calmly at Noah, and his rage instantly subsided.

"You're right, Jane. It's our goal to do business when we open our doors."

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He then exhaled deeply and turned to the group. "Great! What would you like to order? Would you like to be seated in the private room or the main dining hall?"

"Private room, of course! Get us a large private room and serve all the signature dishes of your restaurant!" The cheesy old man in his fifties, who had been the first to speak to Jane, took out a stack of cash and placed it on the bar.

Jane then immediately said to the chef who had already cleaned up everything. " Zeff, we'll have to trouble you to work overtime."

"No problem, lady boss."

The chef then went back to work, and the customers entered the private room. Jane and then Noah looked at each other and smiled. "It's okay, Noah. It's just business."

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Just as Jane said, although the customers came to find fault with them, not much trouble happened throughout their dinner. After they had finished their dinner, they paid their bill happily.

When they were leaving, someone said to Jane, "I didn't expect that you were once acquainted with our friend, Cindy?"

Another person also chimed in. "I heard that you were once quite capable. You actually made such a popular celebrity disappear, so much so that she no longer dared to show up in the entertainment industry?"

Jane did not answer them.

As long as she gave them their change and they left, this matter would be over.

Therefore, she merely handed the money to the other party gently with a smile. "Here is your change. Please come again."

That cheesy man took the money and glanced at Jane strangely. After that, he turned around and left. The group of people also left the restaurant one after another. Only then did Jane and Noah let out a sigh of relief.

of relief. The bill was more than two thousand dollars and all the ingredients in the restaurant were finished. Jane and Noah made a few hundred dollars more of profit, and the chef was also extremely delighted. The chef did not know the background of both Jane and Noah. He just waited for the group of people to leave, and only then he consoled Jane and Noah. "Noah and Jane, you actually don't have to panic. Maybe the time you've spent in the northeastern area is rather short. Not only do the people here have big and tall statures, but they are indeed tough as nails. However, the majority of them are sensible people. They' re here to eat, we're here to serve, and they' ve paid after they're done. We didn't offend them, so you don't have to be afraid. Besides, isn't good to make more money?" Jane smiled. "You're right, Zeff." The chef looked at Noah again. "Noah, we' re doing business, and in the future, making peace is the most precious thing for business. There is no need for us to offend this kind of people to ruin our own business, do you agree with me?" The chef was indeed a practical person.

The chef was indeed a practical person. Noah immediately smiled and said, "You're right, Zeff. I will pay more attention in the future. I can't be this reckless anymore." The chef squinted at Noah mysteriously. " Noah, to be honest with you, there is also a powerful force here in this northeastern area and that person should not be messed with. Therefore, people like us who own such a small restaurant business should just do things by the book, and we must never mess with those people. The group of people who came today seemed to be dressed extravagantly. I reckon they all have people backing them up. I heard that a washed-up celebrity came to pick a fight with Jane vesterday. Do you know why she could entrench herself in this northeastern territory? It is because she is with a powerful person in this territory and that person is not easy to mess with. You have to watch your back in the future. We are all just doing business, so we have to endure everything." Noah was speechless. He had long heard that the northeastern area was not an easy place for them to lay their roots down. He

had only heard rumors in the past, but after

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hearing what the chef said, he vaguely felt that there was no good place to settle down at all.

Noah immediately nodded. "Okay, I got it. Thank you very much."

"I'm off duty now, Noah and Jane." The chef bid the two of them farewell.

That night was very peaceful. Jane and Noah counted the money after they had closed up the restaurant, and the two of them were looking forward to their lives in the future.

The family of three slept soundly that night. Noah woke up at four o'clock early in the morning to purchase all sorts of ingredients at the market. When he returned with a tricycle full of fresh produce, he saw that many people were gathered at the entrance of his own restaurant and there was a commotion. He immediately felt a sense of foreboding.

He then parked the tricycle and rushed towards the restaurant. As expected, about four people from the group of customers who dined in their restaurant yesterday had Jane surrounded inside the main dining hall of the restaurant.

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Jane was explaining to them, "We...we do have the food safety hygiene certificate!"

The cheesy old man from yesterday sneered. "Then why would our friends be diagnosed with food poisoning immediately after eating the food here and why are they at the hospital now?"



Chapter 1514

Noah was stunned. Something still happened after all. This group of people really came with a bad intent.

He quickly pushed his way through the group of people and came to the front of Jane to protect her. He forced a smile and asked, "What exactly happened?"

Seeing Noah here, the cheesy old man then immediately grabbed Noah by his collar. "Your shady restaurant truly has done quite a harm to others! Three of our friends began to have fever, vomit, and diarrhea not long after they dined here yesterday. They are all hospitalized now!"

Noah was bewildered for a moment. He tried his best to calm himself, and then he said, "Let's first go to the hospital to take a look. If it truly it's our responsibility, we will pay for all the medical expenses, alright?"

"Pay?" The cheesy old man sneered. "Can you afford to pay? Do you know how much they are worth? Each of the people who dined here yesterday is worth several tens of millions of dollars! What can you use to pay? Even if you were to pay with this small restaurant of yours, you still can't

small restaurant of yours, you still can't afford to pay for the compensation!"

"Regardless of whether we can afford to pay or not, let's just first go to the hospital to take a look!" Noah said calmly.

"Alright! Come with me!"

Jane called out from behind him. "Noah..."

"Take care of my mother at home and wait for me to return. The worst case would just be us losing this restaurant to paying for the compensation. Even if we quit this business, we can still do odd jobs."

Jane nodded. Noah then followed the cheesy old man to the hospital. He never returned after leaving with the man.

Both Jane and Noah's mother waited the whole morning at home, but there was no sign of Noah at all. They called Noah, but his phone had been switched off.

Around mid-afternoon, the old lady got so anxious that she cried. "My son, what... could have happened? My son..."

Seeing Noah's mother cry, Jane then comforted her, feeling incomparably guilty. "It's all my fault. I am the one who got us into this mess. I'm so sorry."

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The old lady hugged Jane and said in tears, "It has nothing to do with you, my child. It's our fault for being easily bullied."

Jane wiped her tears and said seriously to the old lady. "Mrs Hill, I'll go to the hospital to have a look, and I'll return no matter what happens. You have to wait for me at home. Be good, alright?"

The old lady nodded. "Jane, you're already more than four months pregnant, so you have to be careful."

Jane nodded and headed straight to the hospital after putting all the cash at home in her bag. When she got to the hospital, she found out that the hospital had indeed admitted several extravagantly dressed men and women yesterday night. They were all having fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and other symptoms. However, they had all been discharged. Jane could not find the reason for their dischargement through her inquiry.

However, she still searched the entire hospital. She had searched for more than two hours, but she still did not see any sign of Noah.

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Jane did not panic at all even when the matter had gotten to this stage. She thought that she had to be even calmer, especially during such a time. Jane, who was carrying a baby in her belly, left the hospital and went home. When the old woman saw that Jane came home alone, the tears in her eyes immediately streamed down her face. "Jane, where is Noah?"

Jane bit her lips. "Noah was not at the hospital."

The woman instantly wailed and bawled. "
My son..."

Jane hugged her. "Mrs Hill, all these happened because of me. I will certainly get Noah back. After I've gotten Noah back, you and Noah should go back to the mountains together and live a good life. Don 't stay with me anymore. I'm bad luck, so you'll be doomed if you're with me."

Noah's mother raised her tearful gaze and looked at Jane. "What are you saying, Jane? I forbid you to say such things. Even if we have to die, we also have to die together as a family of three. I'll follow you to look for Noah now. We have to find him, alive or dead. We must die together."

Chapter 1515

Jane nodded her head vigorously. "Alright."

As she was helping the frail old lady out the door of the restaurant, someone came in.

"Jane, are you going to run away?" Cindy blocked Jane's path.

Jane looked at Cindy with a cold and stern gaze. "Miller! Those were a series of traps set up by you, weren't they?"

Cindy shrugged. "What are you talking about? I don't understand it!"

Jane said, "You knew that it was us who rented your place, but you waited for us to complete our renovation, then only you came to pick a fight with us. Noah was even detained behind bars for a day because of this matter. You did not manage to take any advantage of us that day, so you got so many of your friends to create trouble at our place the next day. Where the hell did you take Noah to?"

Cindy sneered. "Jane Sheen! Don't run away from the trouble! Although you're the one running the restaurant, I am the landlady of this place! I came looking for you today because I'm afraid you would run away. If you had run away, then who

away. If you had run away, then who should fork out the money for those patients at the hospital? Don't even try to cheat! Otherwise, you still have to be imprisoned even if you're pregnant!"

Jane gritted her teeth. "Cindy Miller, you and I have no grudges against each other, so why must you target me like this?"

Cindy shrugged again and asked in return. "
Do we have no grudges against each other?
I find it baffling for you to say this."

There was a pause before she said innocently again, "Your restaurant caused so many people to be hospitalized due to food poisoning! Your so-called fiancé ran off without leaving a trace behind! If you and this old woman were to run away as well, are you going to let me, the landlady, bear the consequences?"

"What do you want?" asked Jane.

"Of course, I want you to pay for the damages!"

"Alright, I'll pay! Tell me, how much?" asked Jane.

Although the renovation and rent for the restaurant had cost them a few hundred thousand dollars and another few hundred

thousand dollars and another few hundred thousand dollars were used as the capital, Jane still had a card that contained ten million dollars. That was left for the child in Jane's belly by Alex before he left. However, Jane could only take the money out to trade for their safety at that critical moment.

"Ten million!" said Cindy sarcastically.

"Sure!"

"You...how do you have that much money?"

"It's none of your business!"

"Was it from being a call girl? You said that you're not a wh*re yesterday, but the cat's out of the bag today! I think you're not just a wh*re, but you also definitely have some illicit business, right? Otherwise, why would those people vomit and have diarrhea after eating your food here yesterday?" Cindy asked. Her words contained an underlying meaning.

After pausing, she spoke again with a serious tone. "Should I call the police now to investigate what kind of illicit matters have you done? Do you think you'll end up with a death penalty from the investigation?"

investigation?"

Jane understood very clearly what Cindy had implied in her words. What Cindy meant was that if she had absolute certainty, she would let Jane rot and die in prison.

Jane was speechless! Such a vicious woman!

The two of them had only met once at the same banquet a few years ago, but Cindy had been holding a grudge against Jane because she had failed to seduce Alex!

Thinking of that, Jane could no longer care much anymore. "Cindy, if you're willing to let me off the hook now, I will pretend that nothing happened. If you still wish to push me into a corner, then I will call Alex and ask him to come over!"

Cindy raised her eyebrows, then sneered. " Oh, you even mentioned Alex's name? May I know who Alex is to you?"

Jane said icily, "My ex-husband!"

"Is that so? Is Alex your ex-husband?" An extremely mean voice suddenly came from the door.