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"Why?" Alexander asked in a hoarse voice, his throat stinging with emotion. He even had difficulty breathing. Of course, his first instinct was to pick his mother up. However, Madeline clutched his hand firmly and demanded with all her might, "I'll go to the hospital only if you promise me that you'll break up with Elise..." Alexander didn't expect his mother to be so unrelenting and stubborn even at this critical moment. "Mom..." Madeline shoved Alexander away at once. "Well then, just watch me die!" Alexander's heart twinged when he saw Madeline's attitude. Mom even dared to stab herself in the heart with a knife. Is there anything else she wouldn't do? he thought.

However, he couldn't just sit by and watch his own mother bleed to death in front of him either. Thus, he forcibly picked her up, letting her struggle in his arms. When Alexander emerged with Madeline in his arms, Elise, Robin, and Laura were taken aback by the sight of blood. After a moment's silence, Robin and Laura shook their heads. "You'd better go back with us, Elise. Just forget about saying goodbye to Alexander. Let's go," Robin said with a long sigh. Elise was stupefied. Laura then said, "You've seen the situation now, Elise. His mother's so uncompromising in her stance.

Even if you end up marrying Alexander, you'll only have a hard time getting along with his family. Let's go." She tugged at Elise. In the end, Elise nodded. Love wasn't just a matter between two people, so she couldn't just sit by and watch Alexander being caught in such a dilemma. ... Madeline was in critical condition since the knife went right into her heart. Alexander stayed close to her without letting her out of his sight. When the surgery was done and she was sent to the intensive care unit for observation, it was already 9.00PM. At first, he wanted to give Elise a phone call, but he put his cell phone back into his pocket after taking it out.

He thought it would be better to meet her directly at home, but when he arrived, her spacious apartment was pitch-dark. *Is she asleep?* he thought, but a slight feeling of anxiety crept over him... Subsequently, he entered the passcode and went in, only to find the house empty. *She's gone...* Alexander couldn't believe his eyes. He quickly took out his cell phone, but it didn't show any incoming text messages or phone calls. He never thought Elise would leave, nor did he expect her to not even leave him a message. *Why would this happen when we've gotten everything straight between us?*

No, I'm gonna ask her about this! However, before he could set off, a call came in from Danny. "Hurry up and come to the hospital, Alexander. Mom's come around, and she's now demanding to see you. She said she'll refuse medical treatment if she doesn't get to see you. We couldn't stop her no matter what..." Alexander could only turn back in the face of Danny's desperate urging and Madeline's extreme behavior. He knew where Elise was, so he could go to her anytime, but he couldn't overlook his mother's extreme behavior at the moment.

If he was late, she would die. At the hospital, Alexander's eyes were sore when he saw his mother. Madeline's face was ghastly pale, but her eyes were stern and ferocious. Even before Alexander came up to her, she fiercely said, "It's fine if you don't want Maya. I can look for someone else for you, but you must break up with Elise!" Danny and the bunch didn't expect this to be the reason Madeline had Alexander called over. On the other hand, Alexander set his jaw grimly. Pulling a long face, he looked as black as thunder; even his voice was oppressive. "Do you really loathe her that much?" "Don't you already know the answer to that question? If you insist on choosing her..."

Madeline began darting her eyes around. Seeing how Madeline's eyes searched for Elise, Alexander snapped at once, "Don't give me that, and stop looking for her! She's gone!" Madeline was delighted. "That's perfect. I'll set you up on a blind date tomorrow." Danny and the others couldn't wrap their heads around this. Elise came from a prominent family background and was very capable. The young lady was only 19 years old, but she was a skilled singer, gamer, and fashion designer. She was both pretty and rich, so why would Madeline dislike her? And besides, Elise was a warmhearted person, which made her and Maya as different as chalk and cheese. *Is it only because Elise doesn't know how to please her?*

However, Alexander replied, "If you have the energy to set me up on a blind date, you might as well take good care of yourself. I'm here to tell you to knock it off. If you don't, I'll die too—unless you want me to die in front of you!" "You—" Upon hearing his words, Madeline stared blankly at him. She mumbled, "Are you threatening me?" Alexander let out a sneer. "Well, it's not like you've threatened me less often. Don't forget whose son I am. Since you can do it, why can't I?" he replied. Then, he turned around and left without hesitation. Madeline's chest ached with anger, but she dared not summon up a lot of strength.

After all, she had just stabbed herself ruthlessly in the chest. Alexander was gone, and the remaining Griffith boys were disappointed with Madeline, though they couldn't say anything else at this moment. Alexander left the company's matters in Cameron's hands. "Please take care of the company while I'm away. If it's too much for you to handle, just go to my

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mom or anyone else from the Griffith Family." How can I take care of the company if I can't even keep my loved one by my side? Meanwhile, Elise took out her cell phone again and again. She had entered Alexander's phone number and composed text messages, but she neither called him nor sent him a text message.

Whenever she wanted to do so, she would always recall the pool of deep red blood, as well as how anxious Alexander looked while carrying his mother in his arms. *Grandma said this will be a common occurrence in the future if I don't cut my losses. If that happens, both Alexander and I will be suffering for a long time.*

After getting off the plane, she and her grandparents were picked up by their butler. Elise didn't say a word along the way, though. The next day, all her classmates and teachers asked her where she was, and so did Danny and Jamie—but not Alexander. Alexander should've realized by this time that I'm gone, yet he didn't send me any text messages. Is he angry with me? thought Elise. However, she didn't expect to see Alexander.

The man stood before her with bloodshot eyes and a haggard face; he even had dark green stubble on his chin. "You..." Elise wanted to say something, but she didn't know where to begin. Alexander asked, "Elise, you left and stayed as you please. What am I to you, then? A piece of garbage that you throw away whenever you want?"

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Chapter 314 Could You Stop Making Things Difficult for Me?, Coolest Girl in Town Upon hearing Alexander's words, Elise instantly felt wretched. It wouldn't be an overstatement to say that she was heartbroken. However, after taking a deep breath, she replied as indifferently as she could, "Your mom... You'd better go back, Alexander. I can't bear the responsibility if anything happens to her." However, the more indifferent she looked on the outside, the more vulnerable she felt deep down.

The fact that Alexander had come to her at this critical moment was enough to speak for itself, but she couldn't just sit by and watch his mother go to extremes. That was how cruel reality was. "Elise." Alexander called out to her and grabbed her hand, clenching it so tightly that she couldn't pull her hand out of his grasp at all.

"I've made myself clear to my mom. I'm the man who calls the shots in the Griffith Family. I manage both the company and the household, so everyone respects me, fears me, and flatters me. I'm at the top of the business world, but you aren't there, Elise. If you're not

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there, I don't want any of those," he said, tightening his grasp. Elise's pupils reflected Alexander's figure as the couple was only inches apart. She saw the man very clearly, especially the pain in his eyes. In an instant, her voice got stuck in her throat. She wanted to say something, but she didn't know where to begin.

Just then, Laura came out with a look of displeasure. "Can't we stay away from that difficult mother of yours?" Her words rendered Alexander at a loss for a reply. His mother's extreme behavior was still fresh in his mind, let alone Elise's and her grandparents'. He was reluctant to part with Elise, nor was he willing to give up, but all words paled into insignificance at this moment. In the more than 20 years of his life, this was the first time he felt so powerless and helpless. Laura then persuaded, "I know you're a nice kid, so go back. A man has too many responsibilities on his shoulders, not to mention that you're not an ordinary man.

Elise's grandpa and I only wish her to live a happy and peaceful life." She gave Alexander a wave of dismissal. The next instant, she took Elise's hand and turned back. Elise merely threw a glance at him without saying a word. This was quite a heavy blow to Alexander. "Eli—" He called out to her, trying to stop her. However, the instant he spoke, he felt like his throat was being squeezed by a pair of invisible large hands. He could neither say a word nor breathe. No, I can't let her leave just like that! I can't let this be the end of us! he thought. He ran after them, but as soon as he took a step forward, everything went black before his eyes.

As his last bit of consciousness slipped away, he heard Elise anxiously calling out to him... ... "Alexander! Alexander!" Elise called out to Alexander again and again. She tried to shake him awake, but he didn't respond. Panicked, she could no longer care about anything else. She called the butler over and had Alexander rushed to the hospital, keeping close to the man along the way. Laura and Robin couldn't bear to see such a situation either, so they could only let Elise do so. Elise waited until five in the afternoon. Seeing that Alexander was still unconscious, she hurriedly ran to a doctor.

"Doctor, didn't you say that the patient in Bed 23 only fainted because he got too emotional and didn't have enough rest? Why is he still unconscious?" She was scared to death while sending Alexander to the hospital at the time. She really feared that something might have happened to him and that his life might be in danger, and it wasn't until the checkup was done that she felt like a weight had been lifted off her chest. However, Alexander was still unconscious after she had stayed with him all day, and she dared not move him around lest the worst-case scenario might happen.

The thought of such a situation alone made it difficult for her to breathe. The doctor was a woman. She was holding the medical record in her hand. "Bed 23? Who's the... Elise?" Elise was anxiously waiting for the doctor's reply, but who would've thought that the latter would look up at her with a look of astonishment? Upon seeing the woman before her, Elise was startled as well. "Are you working here?" She recognized the woman at a glance. She was Jessica Bennett, Elise's childhood playmate, who had gone to the same primary school and junior high as Elise.

They had contacted each other less often since the Bennett Family moved away during Elise's first year in high school, so it surprised Elise that they would meet again in the hospital this time. "I'm working here as an intern, you remember? My grandpa's ill, and he insisted on coming back, so we moved back here," Jessica explained roughly. Then, she asked, "Is anyone in your family hospitalized?" "It's my... friend." Elise pursed her lips while collecting herself. She had nearly blurted out that Alexander was her fiancé, but now, she could only be friends with him. "I'll go with you to take a look, then. I've just taken my turn on duty."

"Okay." Elise nodded and led Jessica to Alexander's ward. When Jessica saw how handsome the person lying in bed was, she immediately teased Elise with a smile, "Hey, he's your boyfriend, isn't he?" From the door, she noticed Alexander in bed at a glance, especially his prominent brow ridge, pronounced features, and deep-set eyes. Elise didn't explain her relationship with Alexander since she was very worried about him at the moment. "Please check on him first, Jessica. If you can't, then help me bring your supervisor over." "Alright, alright." Jessica nodded with a smile.

Then, she went to the head of the bed. Just as she was about to take out her stethoscope, Alexander suddenly opened his eyes, startling both her and Elise. "You don't have to check on me. I'm fine." He didn't look very well, and his thin lips were pinched together. His voice sounded steady and resonant to Jessica. Compared to when he was unconscious just now, the man was even more attractive at this moment. Seeing that Alexander was perfectly fine at the moment, Elise said, "Since you're alright, I'll be going back." With that, she turned around and was about to leave. Her words instantly snapped Jessica out of her thoughts.

She quickly backed away, suggesting, "Well, why don't you two have a chat first? I've got something else to attend to, so I'm leaving." She took a deep breath and turned around, but Alexander's deep eyes flashed before her mind's eye, and she couldn't seem to get them out of her mind. ... As soon as Jessica left, Alexander immediately threw back the covers and got out of bed. He closed in on Elise, asking, "Why are you doing this?

You love me and are worried about me, no?" Elise pursed her lips while clenching her fists. "Do I need to explain it to you over and over again, Alexander? You're no longer a kid. And besides, some words are meaningless to say." She was unbearably indignant. Was all of that an act he put on to sound me out on purpose? I was worried to death just now! she thought. "Don't you think it's childish of you to behave like this, Alexander?"

"I admit that I was pretending to some degree, but I wasn't pretending back when we were in your apartment," Alexander replied. Having seen through Elise's feelings at this moment, he pursed his lips and explained, "I'm scared, Elise. I just want to be with you while we can." He reached out his hand to Elise. However, Elise swiftly dodged him before his hand could touch her. "I really want to be with you, Alexander, but it's too difficult for us to stay together! Could you stop making things difficult for me?"