The Day I Kissed An Older Man

#Chapter 1196

Corinne knew Sophia was deliberately making things difficult for her. Luckily, Jeremy was not going to be there that day, and everything would be fine as long as he did not show up.

Corinne looked silently at Sophia. "So, you'll let me go after I take my mask off? Why do you have to look at my face? It's very disrespectful of you to accuse me of stealing just because I'm fat. Call the police then. If the police arrive and request that I take off my mask and hat, I assure you that I'll cooperate with the investigation."

After careful consideration, Corinne concluded that Sophia would not call the police. Even if Sophia was sure that Corinne had stolen something, there was a high chance Sophia would refrain from making a police report. After all, losing a small item had far fewer repercussions than if news got out that a police investigation had commenced on the day of the building's official launch. A big fuss would ensue, and Holden Group would suffer a huge drop in reputation.

Corinne's guess was spot on—Sophia did not want to call the police at all. She just wanted to see Corinne's face due to her suspicious demeanor.

As Sophia was thinking about how to deal with her, the nearby elevator door opened. A tall, handsome man walked out.

Sophia's eyes lit up at once. "Jeremy! You're here! I thought you said you were busy?"Books Chapters Are Daily Updated Join & Stay Updated For All Books Updates…

He responded curtly, "It's settled now. Why are you here, though?"

Sophia smiled and said, "I wanted to check your office to see if there's anything I can help tidy up. I didn't expect to see someone sneaking in and out of your office! She's being very suspicious. I asked her to take off her hat and mask, but she refused to do so."

Jeremy finally noticed that the woman was dressed in a loose coat, a peaked cap, and a black mask. 'I don't know her. Did she enter my office?' Jeremy frowned a little and he had a wary expression. "Who are you?"

Corinne held her breath as soon as he spoke. 'Jeremy's here! I thought I wouldn't run into him here!'

Even though Corinne was very guilty, she faced his question calmly and adjusted her composure before answering him. "It's been a while, Mister Jeremy. I'm Moon. I was here for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. I wanted to take this opportunity to come and see the finished product, but this lady refuses to let me go because she suspects me of stealing something from your office"

Fortunately, she had changed her voice and tone slightly since first speaking to Sophia earlier.

Jeremy narrowed his eyes and looked at her again. "You're Moon?"

They met before and chatted with each other back when he went to Newmoon Group's building. She wore a mask because of her skin allergies. Although he did not see her face then, he remembered she had a very slim figure that was vastly different from her slightly chubby appearance that day.

Corinne nodded and lowered the brim of her hat to cover her eyes. "Yes, I'm Moon. Don't you remember me?"

Jeremy snapped back from his thoughts. "You look very different from the last time we met."

Corinne laughed self-mockingly, "I didn't take care of my health and gained some weight. This is a little embarrassing."

Jeremy seemed to be in deep thought as he looked at her body and paid special focus to her huge waistline.

Seeing as they did know each other, Sophia's attitude changed slightly. "Since you both know each other, how about you take off your hat and mask to show a bit more courtesy to us?"

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Corinne glanced at Sophia. "I'm being as courteous as I can. It's just very inconvenient for me to take off my hat and mask."

Sophia frowned in confusion. "Why not?"

"Because I'm ugly. I wouldn't want to scare you," said Corinne bluntly.

Sophia was taken aback. "It's not that bad, is it? We won't be scared! Why would we care about your appearance when your talent encompasses who you are? Let's get to know each other a bit better!"

Corinne did not want to argue with Sophia anymore. She was just about to bid them goodbye when Jeremy said, "Take them off."

Corinne was stunned. "Mister Jeremy, our cooperation has officially ended, and I don't think I am obliged to agree to your whimsical demands. I have other things to take care of, so if you'll excuse me!"

She immediately turned to leave when Jeremy grabbed her wrist and ordered, "Take. Them. Off."

Corinne took a deep breath, knowing she could not escape. She looked at Jeremy with displeasure and said, "I'm surprised you'd suspect me of stealing and insist on seeing my face after the end of our cooperation."

Jeremy stared at her with eagle-like eyes. "Do you feel guilty? Why are you so scared to show me your true face? Who are you?"

He remembered the first time he met Moon at the Newmoon Group. Corinne was also there, but she never seemed to have appeared together with Moon. As he connected the dots to Corinne's relationship with Xante and Aaron, a sudden thought occurred to him, and he came to a shocking theory.

Corinne and Moon might be the same person.Books Chapters Are Daily Updated Join & Stay Updated For All Books Updates…

That might be why Newmoon Group was so hesitant to let Moon attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the beginning. They were probably afraid her true identity would be discovered!

Moreover, Moon's stomach did not look like she simply gained weight.

Jeremy seemed to have found some clarity amid the confusion. However, he did not know what sort of feeling he had at that moment. Was it joy or anger?

In any case, he stared closely at Corinne without letting her slip by him.

Corinne was unable to pull back her wrist. His grip was so tight that her wrist was hurting. It was clear to her that he was acting that way because he was suspicious of her!

"Okay! If you are so adamant about seeing my face, I'll take off my hat and mask to show you. You'll have to let go of my hand first, though!"

Jeremy thought it over for a few seconds and looked up so he could signal his staff to block the exits. That way, she could not run even if he let go of her.

Corinne massaged her numb wrist and said unhappily, "I'd like to put it on record that you have infringed on my privacy to such an extent that you're even forcing me to take off my hat and mask. I will no longer cooperate with Holden Group from this point on!"

Jeremy did not seem to care about her quibble and raised his eyes coldly. "Take them off, then."

Corinne had no choice but to raise her hand to take off her hat. Her long hair was then revealed. Then, she placed her hand on the mask string beside her ear.

Her movements were unconsciously slow, and she was still a little reluctant to take them off.

Jeremy had an intensely intimidating look in his eyes.

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Sophia noticed the change in Jeremy's emotions and became more curious about Moon. "Why are you still hesitating, Miss Moon?"

Corinne gritted her teeth and took off the black mask on her face to reveal what she looked like. Her face was unusually wrinkled, and the only bright part of her was her eyes. She had a flat nose, thick lips, and a squarish face. It was the very definition of unsightly.

Sophia was taken aback by the scars and immediately understood why Moon covered herself up like that. She was, no doubt, hideous.

The flicker in Jeremy's eyes disappeared, and he looked ashen.

Corinne's expression remained. "Happy now?"

Sophia asked sympathetically. "How did those scars happen?"

Corinne's face seemed to have been injured before. The wrinkled skin seemed like burns.

She put on her hat and mask before saying, "It happened after a fire. That was why I didn't want to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony in the first place. It wasn't because I didn't want to show any courtesy to Holden Group but because my appearance might scare other people."

The fake face was the ugliest that Jason chose, and it was effective in bluffing them.

Sophia felt bad for Corinne and muttered, "Umm… I'm sorry. I didn't know it was like that. I was a bit too harsh on you earlier."Books Chapters Are Daily Updated Join & Stay Updated For All Books Updates…

Corinne did not hold it against Sophia as there was no point in doing so. She just wanted to leave as soon as she could.

"Don't worry about it. Can I go now?"

Sophia nodded. "Do you need us to arrange for a car to pick you up?"

Corinne waved her hand. "No thanks. A friend will be picking me up." She strode forward and immediately turned to leave after getting the chance to escape.

"Stop," Jeremy demanded coldly.

Corinne froze, and she had no choice but to stop again. "Is there anything else you need from me?"

Jeremy's expression was indifferent yet professional. He said in a dull tone, "Join us for a meal. You're here, anyway. I still have some questions about the building, and it's difficult to converse about them over email."

His reasons made it difficult for Corinne to refuse in her capacity as a designer. She felt obliged to answer any post-completion questions from a client.

As a result, she could only accept his invitation.

Fortunately, she could be somewhat at ease as Jeremy did not notice anything strange about the fake face she was wearing.

Sophia felt that her attitude had hurt Moon's self-esteem, so she wanted to make it up to Moon by comforting the latter over a meal. As a woman, she understood how important looks were to a woman, and she knew the extent of the emotional damage that resulted from disfigurement.

They settled on a restaurant near the Holden Group's new building. Jeremy and Sophia sat together, while Corinne sat opposite them. While they were ordering, Jeremy handed her the menu in a very gentlemanly manner.

Corinne took the menu from him and deliberately ordered some of her least favorite foods to avoid any suspicion.

Once Corinne was done ordering, she handed back the menu to Jeremy. He took it from her and ordered what he wanted before handing the menu to Sophia.

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Sophia shook her head. "You can just order for me. You know what I like to eat, anyway!"

Jeremy did not ask her again. He handed the menu to the waiter and helped Sophia order the usual.

Corinne smirked sarcastically when she saw Jeremy ordering food for his legal wife so habitually. She lowered his head and took a big gulp of the complimentary lemon water on the table.

"Would you like anything else? Don't be shy. Just order whatever you want!" Sophia smiled politely.

The way she spoke was very natural. It was almost as if Jeremy was Sophia's husband!

Then again, 'as if' was probably not the best word to use. Sophia was Jeremy's legal wife.

Corinne tried her best to force a smile. "No thanks. I'm already fat enough. I'm supposed to be eating less to control my weight."

Sophia reassured her. "Don't call yourself fat! Girls are cuter when they're a little meatier. You don't think she's fat, do you, Jeremy?"

Jeremy glanced at Moon silently. He did not want to comment at all.

Corinne knew he did not like lying. The way he looked at her was a clear enough sign that she was fat and ugly in his eyes. Corinne, however, could not care less what he thought; she had nothing to do with him.

"What was it you wanted to ask about the building? It's already complete though, so I can't make any changes even if there are certain aspects which you are unhappy about."Books Chapters Are Daily Updated Join & Stay Updated For All Books Updates…

Jeremy said, "I'm very satisfied with it, and I don't see a need to make any changes. I'm curious to know where your inspiration came from, though. Could you tell me something about it?"

Corinne felt a twinge of sadness when he asked that. She lowered her eyes and thought for a moment. "Love, I guess."

It might sound like a pompous statement, but it was the truth.

When she made the design, all Corinne thought of was Jeremy. She wanted to ensure that his workplace was safer than anywhere else; that he had the best view of the city; that the environment was comfortable and convenient; and that the design lived up to his identity and suited his tastes.

She had fallen in love with Jeremy back then, and she designed the building for him out of love.

Sophia blinked. "Wow! That's so romantic! Do you have a lover?"

Corinne pursed her lips slightly. "I used to."

As soon as Sophia heard that, she knew that the story did not have a happy ending. She was very considerate and did not ask any further questions about it.

Jeremy narrowed his eyes. "So, you designed the building with love as an inspiration?"

"I did." Corinne nodded. "Does that make you unhappy?"

Jeremy kept quiet for a while and shook his head slightly. "Not at all. Could you share your philosophy in more detail if you don't mind?"

"Sure." Corinne was very talkative when talking about her specialization. She explained to him the entirety of the building, from its exterior to its interior.

Jeremy listened very carefully and took a sip of water from time to time. Meanwhile, he continued to look at her with a hint of danger in his eyes.

Corinne was a little tired after talking too much. When the food was served, she asked, "May I eat? I'm a little hungry right now, but I'll continue to explain it to you once I'm full."

Jeremy nodded. "Go ahead."

Corinne picked up her cutlery and took some food for herself. She was really hungry, but she could not choose her favorite dishes and could only take the ones she ordered—those were some of her least favorite foods.

The rest of the food Jeremy ordered coincidentally happened to be her favorite food, but she recalled Jeremy tended to dislike sweet things. She did not think much about them and thought he ordered them because Sophia liked them.

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Corinne did not know if she was overthinking things, but she had a tingling feeling that Jeremy was staring intently at how she held her fork.

Sophia enthusiastically served some barbecued chicken wings for Corinne. "Try these! These are my favorite, and they taste amazing!"

Coincidentally, Corinne liked barbecued chicken wings too. However, she had no appetite for them that day because they were revolting.

Corinne thanked Sophia with a smile and continued to eat her least favorite foods. She just wanted to finish eating as soon as she could and end the meal that she should not have had in the first place. However, she had zero will to eat at all, and her appetite was lacking because she was pregnant. After eating some of the food, she felt uncomfortable and wanted to vomit.

She tried her best to stay calm as she stood up and said, "Sorry, but I need to use the restroom. Could you excuse me, please?" She left in such a hurry that she forgot to take her phone.

She had just left the table when the phone vibrated. Sophia reached for it, but Jeremy stopped her. "Don't mess with other people's belongings."

Sophia defended herself, "I'm not! I just wanted to bring it to her! What if it's an emergency?"

Sophia reached out to get Corinne's phone and got up to send it to the bathroom. However, her pupils dilated when she inadvertently glanced at Corinne's phone.

She handed the phone to Jeremy and said, "Look, Jeremy!"

Jeremy sipped some water and was not interested in looking at the contents of other people's cell phones. However, he was forced to look at it because Sophia was shoving it in his face.

His pupils shrank immediately. Books Chapters Are Daily Updated Join & Stay Updated For All Books Updates…

Corinne vomited in the bathroom and came back after cleaning herself. She did not notice anything strange on the dining table when she returned.

Sophia reminded her, "Your phone was vibrating earlier. Someone seems to be looking for you."

Corinne finally realized she had forgotten to take her cell phone with her. She panicked for a moment but was secretly relieved when she saw that the phone was still in the same position as it was earlier.

After thanking Sophia for the reminder, she picked up the phone and looked at the message. It was from Jason.

[Babe, where are you? The driver said he hadn't picked you up yet.]

Corinne did not criticize him for calling her 'babe'. She replied, [I'm having dinner with Mister Jeremy. You can send someone to pick me up later.]

She then sent him the location of the restaurant.

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Jason was worried when he saw Corinne's reply, and his smile sank slightly. He wanted to call her and ask if everything was alright, but he knew that it would be inconvenient for her to answer the phone as Jeremy was around. In the end, he held himself back and replied cautiously, [Are you all okay?]

[Yes.]

'I'm glad she's okay,' Jason thought to himself. 'But I'd much rather bring her away right now and try to keep her as far away as possible from Jeremy'.

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