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“I just don’t want to set tongues wagging. You are such a big shot that everything related to you will grab headlines. But I just want to live a peaceful life.” Abigail said.

“Is that all?” He turned his head and gave her a meaningful look.

Abigail nodded with certainty. “Of course.”

Her look indicated that she didn’t have any other reason.

“Okay, if you want me to keep it secret, you’d better not piss me off.”

Abigail was surprised.

“You are so emotional, how do I know whether I’ve pissed you off?” Abigail looked at him and asked in a roundabout way.

Liam rolled his eyes and said. “Staying away from other men will work.”

His answer left her speechless.

Liam drove her to her apartment at a very slow speed.

When they arrived, Abigail loosened the safety belt and said, "Dive safe, boss."

"Aren't you going to invite me over for tea?" Liam asked, raising his eyebrows.

Abigail smiled and said, "I rarely drink tea, so I have no tea at home. You can drink when you are back."

"I should give you some tea another day."

"I'm good. The tea will go to waste at my home." Abigail said with a smile that made him almost beside himself.

"We can have other drinks." He conceded.

"I believe that you won't die of thirst if you don't drink now. It's unbecoming for us to stay together, so please go back." She said.

She just didn't want Liam to enter her house.

"Be careful on the way. I'm going up!" After that, she waved her hand and left.

Liam suddenly found that he could do nothing about her!

But after seeing her go upstairs, he waited for a while before driving away...

After getting home, Abigail took out the phone and dialed a number.

Soon, it was connected.

“Hey, Abigail, how are you? Where are you now?” Leo asked worriedly on the phone.

“I’m at home now. I’m fine.” She said.

“Liam didn’t do anything to you, did he?” he asked worriedly.

“No, everything’s okay.” She said.

Hearing this, Leo was relieved. “I couldn’t get through you, so I...”

“I muted my phone,” Abigail said, and it was the first time she had lied to Leo.

Hearing this, Leo didn’t think much and said, “I didn’t expect us to meet Liam there today.”

“You don’t have to feel guilty. I knew he was there, but I didn’t stop you. So It’s not your fault.” Abigail said in a flat tone.

Abigail's words stunned Leo. He was surprised that Abigail knew Liam was there.

"Abigail, believe me, it will never happen again," Leo promised her word by word.

His certainty and confidence gave Abigail a strange feeling. Instead of agreeing, she asked, "Where are you now? Still outside?" Leo was looking for her as he made the phone call in the car. It was not until she answered that he was a little relieved.

"Yes, I'm still outside. I'll be right back." Leo said.

"It's late. Go back early. I'm tired now. Bye!"

"Well, good night," Leo said.

"Well, then, good night," Abigail said.

"Abigail..." Leo suddenly stopped her.

"Yes?" Abigail was just about to hang up when she heard Leo's calling.

.." Leo wanted to say something, but he realized that it was not the right time. So he changed his mind, "Nothing. Have a nice dream."

"You too."

After hanging up the phone, Abigail heaved a sigh of relief, threw her phone aside, and went straight to the shower.

'What a night!'

After the shower, Abigail climbed straight to bed. Now she was really sleepy.

As for Leo, he sat in the car, looking at his phone. He couldn't come back to his senses for a long time.

Thinking about what happened tonight, he was in a very bad mood.

He could tell that Liam had a special feeling for Abigail, but he didn't expect him to be her ex-husband...

At the thought of this, he furrowed his brows in displeasure.

But it also inspired him.

He took out his phone and called a number. "Mike, send out a piece of news for me, telling that ..."
When Abigail woke up, it was exactly seven o'clock. She quickly washed up and had breakfast.

Abigail didn't forget about yesterday's scandal. She picked up the newspaper as soon as she could. Sure enough, Ted meant what he said. The news was gone, but...

But there was another piece of hit news!

'Payne will develop in City A and open its first branch.'

The news stunned her.

Leo said he would leave after a while, but now...

Abigail went blank a bit and didn't know what to say. After all, it was Leo's business, not hers, but she still felt something strange there.

Abigail took out her cell phone and called him.

The phone was answered after a while.

"Hey, Abigail."

"Are you busy?" Abigail asked.

"Well, a little. What's wrong?"

"I just saw the news!" Abigail explained why she called.

Hearing this, Leo was stunned. "This is a temporary decision, so..."

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"Understood. Congratulations." Abigail said with a heartfelt smile.

"Aren't you angry?"

“Why should I? You want to develop a branch in City A, which is worth celebrating. I only felt it was all of a sudden.” Abigail said calmly.

“Well, a bit. How about celebrating it together tonight?” Leo said.

“Are you available tonight?”

“Even if I am not, I have to make time. Work could never be done clearly. Besides, I’m glad to have you celebrate it with me.” Leo said.

“Then, can I bring a friend with me?” Abigail asked.

“Of course, that’s great. I’d like to meet your friend.” Leo said.

He grew up abroad. For him, meeting her relatives or friends was nothing but an affirmation. Leo was very happy about it.

But Abigail didn’t think so...

“Well, see you tonight.”

“Okay.”

Abigail hung up the phone, threw the newspaper aside, and began to concentrate on breakfast. After that, she hurried to work.

Her colleagues were all talking about the big news.

As soon as Abigail went in, they caught her and gossiped, “Abigail, this returnee is so wealthy.” They said excitedly, holding the newspaper.

Even if Abigail didn't read the newspaper, she knew what they were talking about.

"Ah?" Abigail asked, raising her eyebrows as if she knew nothing.

"Don't you know?" The colleague asked.

"I know that he's from a decent family and runs a company in London. But I have no idea of his family property." Abigail said.

"Abigail, you really waste a lot." The colleague couldn't help but complain.

"Girl, I don't know what you mean!"

Speaking of this, the colleague laughed. "He also did the jewelry business. Now he is developing his own branch in City A. It seems that our company is going to have a competent rival." The colleague said.

Hearing this, Abigail was stunned.

That was true.

The Powerline Group was about to have an international presence. It was the largest jewelry company in City A. Now Leo suddenly made such a decision, which meant to fight against the Powerline Group...

Although it seemed dangerous, Abigail knew that Leo would definitely make it, because he had business flair and skills.

Liam and Leo were both exceptional in business.

“Ah, I think in the future, there will be fierce competition in the jewelry industry of City A.” A colleague sighed.

Upon hearing this, Abigail couldn't help but chuckle.

“Don't get involved. It's working time!” Abigail said with a smile.

The colleague shrugged and said, “Fine!” Then she hurried to work.

In the office, Liam sneered at the newspaper in front of him.

Then his phone rang.

Seeing the number, Liam answered.

“What's up?”

“Congratulations!” Ted's voice came through the phone.

“Why?” Liam asked.

“Someone now wants to share your market in City A. You can't monopolize anymore.” Ted spoke slowly.

Liam was crystal clear he meant Leo.

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“Are you sure he’s able to have a finger in the pie?” Liam questioned coldly.

“It’s said that he’s quite resourceful. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have gained a foothold in London.” Ted replied.

“That’s London, but this is City A,” Liam asked with a sullen face.

Ted said no more.

Liam was born with confidence.

“Liam, not only does he steal your woman, but he also steals your business. Bad luck has been pursuing you lately. You need to pray, my man.” Ted joked.

“Are you taking pleasure in my misfortune?” Liam asked.

Ted explained, “I’m worried about you.”

“Really?”

“Of course,” Ted said with absolute certainty.

“You just have to worry about yourself,” Liam said.

“Looks like you’ve already got a plan,” Ted said.

Hearing that, Liam gave a smile and said no more.

“How about having a drink tonight?”

“No, I have a dinner party tonight,” Liam replied.

“Well, let’s do it another day.”

“Okay.”

Liam hung up after the brief conversation was done.

Looking at the newspaper in front of him, Liam gave a confident smile.

At this moment, he picked up his cell phone and dialed a number.

“Hello, Mr. Miller, don’t forget we’re going to have dinner with the mayor tonight. I’ll be there on time!”

In the afternoon, when Abigail was taking a break in the tea room, Liam came in.

Abigail was slightly stunned to see him. “Are you making coffee yourself now, Mr. Jones?” “My secretary is so busy. I want to ease her burden.” Liam said slowly.

Abigail wondered, “When have you become so considerate towards your employees, Mr. Jones?”

“Another jewelry company is going to emerge in City A soon, so of course, I have to be considerate to my employees, in case they leave.” Liam joked.

Now Abigail realized the real meaning behind it.

“If there’s a healthy competition, then we employees will benefit from it,” Abigail said with a slight smile. Since Liam didn’t want to put his cards on the table, why should she be frank?

“It seems that you already knew about it.” Liam’s gaze fell upon Abigail as he spoke.

Abigail paused for a moment before saying, “Just get to the point, Mr. Jones!”

Hearing Abigail’s words, Liam took a step forward without hesitation. “You knew about it already, didn’t you?”

“What do you mean?”

“That Leo is going to open up a branch here.” Staring at her, Liam said word by word.

Abigail looked up at Liam, her eyes calm. “Would you believe me if I said I learned this news this morning too?” Liam stared at her for a long time before replying, “I would.”

For some reason, this woman had lied to him countless times, but he still believed her.

Especially now.

His confidence in her was beyond words.

Abigail was stunned to hear Liam's answer. Apparently, what he said was nothing like what she had expected.

"I did learn the news this morning."

"Is he doing that for you?" Liam asked.

"What?"

Liam glanced at Abigail and narrowed his eyes slightly...

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"Nothing."

Abigail didn't ask more.

Liam looked at his watch, then stood up and said to Abigail, "I have something else to do. I gotta go."

Abigail stood there and nodded, feeling a little stunned. In fact, it was unnecessary for him to tell her.

Looking at Liam's back as he walked out, Abigail was in a daze for a while and smiled subconsciously...

After work in the afternoon, Abigail made an appointment with Tina. They met each other and went to meet Leo together.

“Abi, you’ve been living a colorful life lately.” As soon as they met, Tina kept teasing Abigail.

“Are you making fun of me?” Abigail asked.

“No, I’m telling the truth. Come on, tell me what’s going on.”

“What?”

“Don’t act dumb.”

“I am at work every day, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm,” Abigail said.

Tina said, “Abi, come on. You are really good at acting now.”

“You know that it is one of my skills,” Abigail said.

Tina was speechless.

She threw Abigail a supercilious look.

Looking at Tina, Abigail smiled and told Tina about the recent situation.

After hearing this, Tina blinked her eyes and said, "I just haven't seen you for a few days. Have so many things happened?" "Liam knows your identity?" Tina asked in disbelief.

Abigail nodded.

"He didn't do anything to you, did he?" Tina looked at Abigail and asked worriedly. Only then did she realize that Abigail was in danger.

"I'm standing in front of you, right? I am fine." Abigail said.

It was right, but Tina was still a little incredulous, "Did he just let it go?"

"Or what?"

"This is definitely not Liam's style," Tina said firmly.

"Tell me the truth. Did you promise Liam anything?" Tina asked.

Sure enough, Tina could see through everything of Abigail!

Abigail blinked her eyes, "Actually, it's nothing. But he said that he would make me willing to do anything."

"Willing..." Tina repeated, then turned around and looked at Abigail in a daze, "Has Liam fallen in love with you?"

Abigail was stunned and shook her head, "Not yet."

“He must have fallen in love with you. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have let you go so easily.” Tina said, nodding her head as she spoke, “Yes, it must be as I said.”

Abigail was speechless.

“Anyway, the thing that worried me most was over,” Abigail said.

“So, during that time, was it Liam who released all the news about the Powerline Group’s acquisition of the Swift Group?” Tina asked.

“Yes.” Abigail nodded.

Hearing this, Tina thought for a while and said, “Actually, Liam isn’t as bad as we think.” Abigail was speechless.

‘Come on, T, you are the one who kept saying that Liam is a bad man.’

“At least, he promised you not to buy the Swift Group,” Tina said.

Speaking of this, Abigail also nodded. She agreed that Liam was a man of his word on this matter.

“So what’s going on now? Are Leo and Liam chasing you?”

“How could it be possible?”

“I have read the newspaper as well. I really know something.” Tina said.

“Do you believe that kind of gossip magazine?”

“I believe that it was not wholly unfounded,” Tina said firmly, and according to what she knew about Abigail, she knew it was definitely not that simple.

“Am I still your bestie? Tell me something.” Tina asked eagerly, feeling like she was binge-watching.

Abigail had no choice but to tell Tina what happened that day.

After listening, Tina looked envious. “Abigail, tell me honestly, do you feel like acting in a TV series or a Korean drama? The feeling of two men chasing the same woman.”

Abigail shook her head. “No.”

Looking at Abigail’s expression, Tina looked helpless. “Oh, it was a pity for a woman like you who doesn’t watch Korean dramas and knows nothing about romance. You should have enjoyed it.”

“I was only thinking about how to get out of this mess. Luckily, Alexia was there, or I was afraid I would be split into half.” Abigail said.

Tina said nothing.

As expected, Abigail wasn’t romantic at all.

“To be honest, why did you ask me out today?” Tina looked at Abigail and asked.

“Maybe you have read the news today. Leo is going to set up a new company in City A and there is a celebration today, so I brought you out to celebrate together.” Abigail explained.

Tina was shocked. “So you took me to see Leo?”

Abigail nodded. “Yes. You’re not willing to see him?”

“Will I disturb you?” Tina asked.

“Do you believe I will seal your mouth if you say more about it?” Abigail asked.

Tina laughed. “I did it all for your good.”

“If so, thank you.”

Tina laughed. “You’re welcome.”

Saying so, they set out by taxi.

On the way, Abigail’s phone rang. Seeing it was Leo, Abigail answered.

“How is it going? Do I need to pick you up?”

“No, we’ll be there soon.”

“OK, see you later.”

“OK!”

After a brief conversation, she hung up the phone. Tina listened to their conversation beside her and smiled. “It seems that Leo is very considerate.”

“Yeah, a gentleman growing up abroad,” Abigail replied.

Tina smiled without replying.

They waited for a while after arriving, talking. Then, Leo arrived.

“Sorry for being late, something stopped me.” Leo apologized.

Abigail smiled. “It’s okay. We just arrived.”

Leo nodded. At this moment, Abigail briefly introduced, “This is my best friend since childhood. You can call her Tina. Tina, this is Leo!”

“Hello.” Leo looked at Tina, smiled gently, and extended his hand.

Tina sat there. Seeing Leo reach out his hand, she immediately stood up and smiled happily. “Hello, Leo. Thank you for taking care of Abigail in London.”

“It’s my honor to meet her,” Leo said.

Hearing that, Tina smiled.

“All right, please sit down,” Abigail said.

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“Have you ordered yet?”

Abigail shook her head. “Not yet. I’m waiting for you.”

Leo nodded and called the waiter.

“Mr...”

Leo turned to look at her and stopped her. “Hush. Just call me Leo like what Abigail does.”

“Will that be all right?” Tina asked.

“Abigail’s friend is my friend. It’s all right. Besides, the name was made to be called by others.” Leo looked at Tina and said.

It sounded very pleasant to Tina.

Looking at Leo, Tina somehow felt better about him.

“All right then, thank you.” Tina smiled.

The dishes came and the three began to enjoy them.

“By the way, I heard you’re going to stay in City A to continue your career?” Tina looked at Leo and asked.

Leo nodded and recalled something, “When the company is put into operation, there will be a reception. You should come with Abigail.”

Hearing this, Tina was stunned. “May I come?”

“Of course.” Leo nodded. “You’ll get an invitation.”

“Well then, thank you,” Tina said with a smile.

Tina had a much better impression of Leo than of Liam.

Liam really made a terrible impression on Tina.

While the three of them were eating and laughing, Leo’s cell phone rang. He picked up the phone upon seeing the number.

“Hello...” However, when he heard what was said on the phone, he frowned.

“What did you say? How come?” Leo asked.

Abigail and Tina speculated from his tone that he was in trouble.

Leo frowned. After a while, he nodded. “I got it. I’ll be right there.”

“Okay.”

He hung up.

Standing nearby, Abigail looked at him. Before he could say anything, Abigail said, "Is there something wrong?" "Nothing serious. I gotta leave now." Leo said.

Abigail nodded. "OK. Go ahead!"

"I'll treat you to dinner another day to make up for this."

"It doesn't matter. Abigail and I will go back after eating." Tina also said.

Although Leo said nothing, Abigail could tell from her intuition that it must have something to do with his company.

But since Leo said nothing, Abigail wouldn't say much.

"He should be fine?" Tina asked as she ate.

Abigail shook her head. "I don't know. He'll take care of it."

Tina nodded and continued eating.

At the same time, Liam was sitting at a table with the mayor. He said with a smile, "Mayor Lee, if you need my help, just say it." Hearing Liam's words, the mayor, who had drunk a lot, said. "It's known to all that you're a business tycoon."

Liam smiled. "Thank you for your appreciation, but no matter what, thank you for your help today. If anything happens to you in the future, just tell me."

"Sure. Cheers." Mayor Lee said.

Liam picked up his glass and took a few sips.

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The dinner lasted for three hours. It was after Mayor Lee left that Liam drove away.

Although he had drunk a lot, Liam felt quite sober.

Most importantly, he had achieved his goal.

When Leo rushed back to his company, his assistant Mike rushed to him.

"What the hell happened?"

"We had a deal with the mayor, and we are about to sign the contract, but we were just informed that it was against the rules and might take a while," Mike said.

Leo frowned.

“But everyone knows the company is opening soon. If we delay it, we will lose a lot of money.” Mike said.

Leo naturally knew this.

He thought for a moment and said, “They changed their mind at the eleventh hour. There must be some misunderstandings.” “I found out that the president of the Powerline Group and the president of the Miller Group had dinner with the mayor today,” Mike said.

It dawned on Leo that what had happened.

It was Liam!

Leo sneered.

‘Do you really think you can stop me, Liam?’

Looking back at Mike, he said, “Arrange a dinner with Mayor Lee tomorrow.”

Mike nodded and said, “Okay.”

Leo put on a faint smile on his face.

The next day, Mike went to Leo’s office.

“President, Mayor Lee said that he is too busy with meetings to have dinner with you,” Mike said.

Leo couldn't be more sure that Mayor Lee was doing this on purpose.

"Keeping calling him. I have to see him today, even if waiting for ten minutes." Leo declared.

Mike nodded and went out.

In the next two days, Mayor Lee rejected Leo's invitation with different excuses.

Leo was furious. It could be seen that Liam had tried his best to plot against him.

Now that the opening day was getting closer, even Mike got a little anxious.

"Have you considered asking your father for help?" Mike asked.

Leo looked up at Mike and said sternly, "No!"

"I don't want others to think I'm just a rich second generation that always relies on his father." As he spoke, he looked up at Mike.

"Check Mayor Lee's schedule for today."

Mike didn't know what Leo was thinking, but he had to do as he said. "Okay!" Mike said.

Then Mike went out.

Ten minutes later, he came in again.

“Mr. Harris, I got it.”

“Where is he now?”

“I just got the news that he is at a golf course now. He seems to have a talk with someone.” Mike said.

Leo narrowed his eyes and smiled. “Go to the golf course.”

“Yes.” Mike didn’t ask much since he knew Leo always had his own way of handling things. He just had to follow his orders.

So they went to the golf course.

Golf courses used to be placed for people to relax and have fun, but now, they were used for business and political negotiations.

In the name of playing golf, people had different kinds of talks here.

At this moment, Mayor Lee was talking to someone. Leo walked over. He was dressed casually today, looking very young and relaxed.

“Mayor Lee, so nice to see you here. You look so relaxed.” Leo said.

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Mayor Lee was a little stunned when he saw Leo.

He knew a little about his identity. But he had agreed to Liam's request first, so he had no choice but to avoid Leo now. He had never expected to meet him here.

He knew that it was not an occasion.

Leo came here for him.

Mayor Lee smiled. "Yes, what a coincidence. I didn't expect to meet you here." Both of them walked up and shook hands.

"I can't even make an appointment with Mayor Lee. Leo said with a smile.

"I've been very busy these days. Otherwise, I would absolutely accept your invitation." Mayor Lee also smiled. At this time, he must pretend to be composed.

"Really?" Leo looked at Mayor Lee. "What about today?"

"I'm sorry, but I have asked President Williams to play golf." "May I join you?" Leo asked gently.

But Mayor Lee knew exactly what Leo was up to. "Well..." Mayor Lee looked at President Williams

Leo also knew what Mayor Lee meant, so he immediately looked at President Williams and said with a smile, "I believe that he won't mind, right?"

His appearance already surged up a wide-range discussion in City A.

His ultra-wealthy family business and noble family background were so incomparable that although President Williams was Leo's predecessor, he did not dare to say anything.

"Of course not." He said with a flattering smile.

What else could Mayor Lee say if President Williams agreed?

"Then let's play together."

Leo smiled and went to pick up a golf club.

"I like golf very much actually." He made his pose and looked at the distance.

"Actually, golf is similar to business. It's dangerous, but as long as you plan your strategy and implement it well, you'll make a lot of money." He hit the ball as he talked.

It was accurate, by the way.

Mayor Lee was stunned when he saw Leo's ball fly out. It was a nice shot, but what he said was the point.

President Williams didn't know what was going on, but smiled and praised, "The younger is always better than us. I didn't expect Mr. Harris to play so well at such a young age."

"I'm fond of playing golf very much, so I play every week whenever I'm available. More importantly, I can do everything if I want." Mayor Lee's expression changed.

At this moment, Mayor Lee thought for a short while and looked back at President Williams. "Let's talk about it another day, and I'll call you then. What do you think?"

President Williams nodded repeatedly. "Okay, I just remembered that I still have some work. Then call me another day." "Okay." "President Williams, come out for a meal some other day." Leo looked at him and said.

"Okay!" He answered and left, leaving Leo, Mayor Lee, and Mike behind.

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"So, shoot it!" Mayor Lee did not beat about the bush but cut to the chase.

Leo has been waiting for the meeting for so long.

Now that Mayor Lee was being direct, Leo did not necessarily talk in a roundabout way. He put the golf club aside and sat beside Mayor Lee. "I think you already knew well my intention, Mayor Lee."

Mayor Lee took a sip of tea. "If I knew, I wouldn't bother asking."

Leo knew he was lying.

In this case, Leo chose to say it one more time. "We've reached an agreement that the document would be approved soon, but I got a call which said some problems propped up and there might be a delay. Mayor Lee, I am a bit confused."

Hearing Leo's words, Mayor Lee raised his eyebrow. "If that's the case, the document should take the blame."

"Really?" Leo raised his eyebrows. "Mayor Lee, we met before and it was you who said there was no problem." Leo looked at Mayor Lee and said word by word.

Mayor Lee frowned. Although Leo standing in front of him looked very gentlemanly, he could feel this man's imposing manner and a slight threat in his words.

He can fairly rival Liam.

"I only had a glance at it, so I'm not sure what's going on." Mayor Lee said indifferently.

Hearing this, Leo looked sideways at Mayor Lee and smiled. "Really?"

"Mayor Lee, we both know clearly the tricks in it, and you knew exactly why they delayed my documents or refused the approval.

Mayor Lee, have you thought about it? Are you sure to do this?" Leo looked at him and asked.

Hearing this, Mayor Lee frowned. "What do you mean?"

"Mayor Lee, you knew it clearer than anyone about the consequences of collusion between the government and business!" Leo said.

Mayor Lee pulled a straight face, looking at Leo, and said angrily. "Leo, you're nothing but a businessman. How dare you talk to me like this! You should know one of my orders could ruin your company."

“Well, your position can be shaken at my words. You want to try?” Looking at him, Leo spoke slowly. Such a gentle voice carried a threat.

Mayor Lee looked at him. He was stunned for a while and then sneered. “Don’t scare me.”

“No, I didn’t, Mayor Lee. I always want the best for everyone. You refused to approve my documents. I had no choice but to do it in my way.” Leo said.

Hearing this, Mayor Lee was slightly stunned. He knew nothing about Leo. He thought he was just a returnee entrepreneur. But it turned out that it was not that simple.

“Are you threatening me?”

“Not really, Mayor Lee. In fact, I am able to give you all that Liam can offer.” Leo watched Mayor Lee, speaking slowly. Acting tough and talking softly was the best strategy to deal with Mayor Lee.

‘I must get this done. In that way, I will be able to compare with Liam. In that way, I could be qualified to speak my love.’