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When Elaine saw Charlie, her heart was filled with hatred.

Elaine truly believed the police's statements, and she really believed that Charlie did not deliberately keep a fake bank card. He was just a victim of the criminal organization.

However, all of her sufferings and disaster started all because of Charlie's bank card. If it weren't because of his bank card, she would not have to suffer so many grievances. Therefore, she naturally regarded Charlie as the biggest culprit in this entire situation.

It was completely impossible for her to have any good feelings toward Charlie at all at this time.

Elaine was utterly shocked when the police officer suddenly yelled at her.

Elaine could not help but feel very uncomfortable whenever she thought about the fact that the police officers would be watching her and keeping an eye on her in the future.

There was nothing else that she could do as she was the one who got herself in this situation after all.

Therefore, Elaine could only hold back the hatred and resentment that she felt for Charlie as she tried to calm herself down.

When the police officer saw that Elaine was acting honestly, the police officer asked Charlie, "Are you her son-in-law?"

Charlie nodded slightly as he said, "Yes, I am."

The police officer replied, "Okay, then. Come over here and sign some documents to prove that you have already taken this person away with you."

Charlie followed the police officer to sign a document before he asked him, "Officer, can we leave now?"

The police officer nodded slightly as he said, "Yes, you can go now."

After that, Charlie told his mother-in-law, "Mom, we can leave now. I will bring you to the hospital."

Elaine gritted her teeth angrily but she did not dare to scold Charlie or say anything bad to him in front of the police officer. She could only put on an act as she said, "Oh, my dear son-in-law, can you give me a hand? I cannot walk well on one leg."

Charlie walked toward Elaine and he endured the horrible stench from her body as he helped her to stand up.

Elaine's right leg was in a lot of pain and it hurt whenever she made the slightest movement. However, Elaine now was no longer the same Elaine that she was two days ago. The previous Elaine has not suffered any losses, injuries, or physical pain before. Elaine in the past had not been bullied or tortured by anyone. However, after enduring so many intensive beatings and after being tormented for the past two days, Elaine had a fairly strong pain tolerance now.

In her opinion, the pain of a broken leg was nothing compared to the pain and suffering that she had had to endure when she was being tortured at the detention center.

She could not help but think of a song lyric which stated that pain was nothing under the wind and rain...

As long as she was about to break free from the nightmare of being locked up and tortured at the detention center, it was worth it even if she had to break two legs to set herself free.

Charlie helped his mother-in-law to walk out of the detention center slowly. At this time, an old Jetta cab was waiting at the entrance of the detention center. It was the same cab that Charlie arrived in. Charlie quickly said to Elaine, "Mom, let's get in the car."

Elaine was very depressed when she saw this old and rundown taxi!

She had already suffered so many grievances and she was finally being released from the detention center. She should at least be picked up from the detention center in a good car, right?

At the very least, her husband should be driving his BMW 5 Series here to pick her up!

What did she get in the end? Her husband's BMW was nowhere to be seen and she could only sit in a broken rental car!

Elaine was extremely angry and annoyed. She wanted to scold Jacob and she wanted to scold Charlie even more!

What made Elaine feel even more uncomfortable was the fact that she could not lose her temper at Charlie even though she was very angry and upset at him!

She did not dare to scold Charlie because of the bank card and she did not dare to scold Charlie because of the old and rundown cab.

Elaine could only hold back her anger as she tried to keep it inside her heart. She felt so uncomfortable that she felt as though she was going to explode.

After that, a very depressed Elaine could only get into the old and rundown cab with Charlie's help.

After getting into the cab, Charlie said to the cab driver, "Hello, sir! Please drive us to the emergency department of Sacred Heart Hospital."

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The cab driver hurriedly drove toward Sacred Heart Hospital.

Charlie who was sitting in the co-driver seat said to Elaine, "Mom, I have already called Claire. She is already rushing to Sacred Heart Hospital now. We will get the doctor to check out your leg as soon as possible."

Elaine snorted bitterly before she turned her head around to look out of the window angrily. After that, she said enigmatically, "It is really unlucky for me to have a useless son-in-law like you who is always causing me all sorts of trouble!"

Charlie deliberately asked, "Mom, what do you mean by your words? When did I cause you any trouble again?"

Elaine glared at him through the rearview mirror before she said coldly, "Don't ask me anything! Think for yourself! I will not say anything even if you ask me!"

Elaine has already been warned by the police officers many times and she did not dare to lose her temper at Charlie directly. Therefore, she could only get angry at Charlie using this kind of obscure method.

Charlie naturally knew what his ridiculous mother-in-law was thinking about. Therefore, he deliberately replied, "I am sorry mom but I really cannot think of what kind of trouble I could have possibly caused you."

Elaine was so angry that she felt that her chest was about to explode. The words that she wanted to use to curse and scold Charlie reached her lips several times but she could only endure it as she kept it inside her heart.

In order not to think about her hatred and resentment for Charlie, Elaine decided to change the topic to talk about Jacob instead. At this time, she suddenly asked, "Who did your father-in-law go out to meet today? When did he go out?"

Charlie replied, "He went out in the morning but I do not know who he is meeting up with because I did not ask him all the details."

Charlie knew very well that if his mother-in-law found out that his father-in-law had gone to the class reunion gathering with his first love and their old classmates, she would definitely be very angry and she might even want to smash and destroy this cab directly.

Therefore, he simply pretended to be stupid so that she could just ask the old man this question directly when the time comes. He did not want to wade in the muddy water between them.

Elaine was very angry and she started cursing, "Didn't they just have a class reunion not too long ago? Why are they having another gathering again so soon? It seems as though he is really enjoying life while I was locked up in the detention center for the past two days!"

After she was done speaking, Elaine immediately took out her cell phone to call Jacob.

At this time, Jacob was having a lot of fun with Matilda and his old classmates at the Glorious Club.

Jacob was in a very good mood because none of his old classmates, including Greyson, dared to mock him at all.

This was due to the fact that Oscar was serving Jacob and his old classmates personally because he was giving face to Charlie. This was a really rare situation in Aurous Hill.

Therefore, Jacob's old classmates could not help but be filled with admiration for Jacob.

Everyone enjoyed a very hearty lunch at the Glorious Club. Since everyone was so excited, Matilda decided to book a room in the Glorious Club so that everyone could start singing and enjoy themselves even further.

The karaoke environment in the Glorious Club could be considered the best in the whole of Aurous Hill. Although about a dozen classmates were inside the room, it was not crowded at all. On the contrary, there was still a lot of space. Furthermore, the decoration inside the room was naturally very luxurious and all of their facilities were very advanced and comfortable.

The only bad point was that there were too many people at the gathering. Everyone picked many different songs to sing. Therefore, it might take quite some time before it is a person's turn to sing.

Jacob specifically clicked on a song called, 'My Intimate Love' and waited for more than half an hour for his song. After that, he picked up the microphone before he handed another microphone over to Matilda as he said, "Matilda, let's sing this song together."

'My Intimate Lover' was originally a love song that was performed as a duet and this song was very famous amongst the older generation.

Furthermore, the two singers who sang this song were also a couple in real life. Therefore, they added even more sweetness to the song.

When their old classmates saw Jacob picking this song and specifically inviting Matilda to sing together with him, they started to tease him immediately.

Someone said, "Oh, Jacob! You deliberately chose this song and you even invited our beautiful Matilda to sing this song together with you. What is your intention in doing so?"

Someone replied, "Hey! Don't you understand his intentions? Isn't it an open secret that everyone already knows?"

Someone else said, "Oh, Jacob and Matilda should have been a couple anyway. They have not seen each other for more than twenty years now. Therefore, it is only right for the both of them to sing this love song together!"

Jacob was overwhelmed with joy when he heard those words.

At this time, he had no idea that his nightmare was about to begin!

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Although Matilda was blushing at this time, she accepted the microphone openly before she smiled and said, "Don't misunderstand us. Both of us are just singing a song together. If anyone else wants to sing with me, I will also be very willing to accompany you and sing with you then."

Greyson could not help but feel a little upset. He felt that as a married person, how could Jacob openly invite his goddess to sing a love song together with him?

However, when he thought about the fact that Jacob's son-in-law could actually make Oscar take them so seriously, he quickly swallowed the words before he could say anything.

Jacob had a very excited smile on his face. At this time, he could feel his heart surging and beating frantically as he secretly glanced at Matilda.

At this time, Matilda accidentally locked eyes with Jacob. When she saw the unconcealed obsession that he had for her in his eyes, Matilda could not stop herself from blushing.

The prelude to the song has already started at this moment.

Matilda took the microphone in her hand as she stared intently at the screen.

After the prelude, Matilda took the lead in singing the female part.

“Let my love be with you forever...”

“Can you feel it? I am worried for you...”

Matilda had a very beautiful voice even when she was singing. To these old men, Matilda’s singing was simply music to their ears. They were all very fascinated and impressed by her ability.

Jacob could also feel goosebumps all over his body. He felt that Matilda’s voice was comparable to that of a professional singer.

Their old classmates quickly gave her thunderous applause.

After Matilda was done singing the female part, it was time for Jacob to sing the male part of the song.

Just as Jacob picked up his microphone and was preparing to sing affectionately, his cell phone which he had placed on the coffee table started vibrating.

Jacob subconsciously looked down at his cell phone and he was shocked when he saw the words displayed on the caller ID.

The name displayed on the caller ID was ‘wife’...

What the hell?

Jacob’s mood collapsed in an instance!

Elaine had already been missing for two days and two nights. Her cell phone had been turned off and they could not get through her cell phone at all. Why was she calling him now?

Could it be...

That the nasty hag was back?

Jacob affirmed his own assumption in his heart in the very next second.

Elaine's cell phone had been turned off for the past two days. Now that she was suddenly calling him, then that could only mean that she was back...

Jacob started to panic all of a sudden!

Elaine was back. What should he do then?

Wasn't his good and enjoyable life coming to an end?

At this time, the cell phone on the coffee table continued vibrating. Jacob had already missed the part that he should have been singing.

At this time, his old classmates started booing him as they said, "Jacob, are you too nervous because you are singing with Matilda? Don't you know that it was your turn to sing already?"

Matilda also asked, "Jacob, why aren't you singing your part?"

Jacob wiped the cold sweat off from his forehead before he looked at his cell phone again. He knew Elaine's personality very well. He knew that she would definitely be mad at him if he did not answer her phone call.

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Jacob panicked as he said, "I am sorry. I am sorry. I have to answer this call first. I will come back and sing later!"

After he was done speaking, he hurriedly picked up his cell phone before he rushed out of the room.

Greyson immediately picked up the microphone that he left behind before he smiled and said, "Come, Matilda. I will sing with you!"

Jacob brought his cell phone out of the room with him before he hurriedly answered the phone call.

As soon as the call was connected, Elaine's iconic roar sounded over the other end of the line: "Jacob Wilson! Do you want to die? I have already been missing for two days and nights. You did not even call me or send me a single text message at all! You are even in the mood to go out for a gathering?"

When Jacob heard these words, his heart was shaken. His originally passionate heart suddenly became very cold.

His life was over. That stinky old hag was truly back!

God was just too unfair to him. He could only live two good and peaceful days without Elaine! He had only just started to party and sing with Matilda. He did not even have any substantial development with her yet but that stinky old lady was already back?

Wasn't this simply taking his life away?

Jacob was so depressed that he really felt like dying. At this time, Elaine asked angrily on the other end of the line, "Jacob Wilson, are you a mute? Why are you not answering me?"

Jacob hurriedly explained, "Oh, my wife. Don't be angry at me and listen to my explanation. I have been looking around for you for the past two days and nights. If you don't believe me, you can ask our daughter or Charlie about this. To find you, Charlie and I even searched all of the mahjong halls in Aurous Hill!"

Elaine yelled, "Don't mention all this useless nonsense to me! I just want to know who you are out with right now! Why does it seem like someone is singing in the background? Are you in a karaoke bar? Okay, you unscrupulous good-for-nothing! You are actually in the mood to sing when you don't even know whether I was dead or alive!"

Jacob quickly explained, "I am just here to meet up with some of my old classmates. They called me and insisted I came here to join the gathering today."

Elaine gritted her teeth as she cursed, "Let me tell you something, Jacob. I broke my leg and I am heading to the emergency department at Sacred Heart Hospital now. You better drag your ass over here immediately. Otherwise, I will definitely settle this score with you!"

Jacob was shocked when he heard Elaine's words. He did not dare to say no at this time and he hurriedly replied, "Okay, wife. I will go over there right now!"

After he was done speaking, Jacob hung up the phone before running back into the room. At this time, his sweetheart, Matilda was singing 'My Intimate Lover' with Greyson. Jacob could not help but feel a little jealous. However, he had no choice but to tell Matilda, "Matilda, I have to leave first because I have to go and deal with some important matters right now."

Matilda asked in surprise, "Why are you leaving so soon? Did something happen?"

"Nothing happened," Jacob replied as he smiled. "I simply received a phone call from home and I have to go back and deal with some family matters!"

Matilda nodded slightly before she asked, "Is there anything urgent? Do you need my help?"

Jacob hurriedly waved his hand before he blurted out, "No, no, it's fine. I can go back by myself."

Although Matilda was filled with regrets, she could only nod in a very understanding manner as she said, "Then, remember to call me if you need any help from me!"

"Okay!" Jacob nodded before he turned around and told all of his other classmates, "Everyone, something came up at home and I have to leave first. Please eat, drink and have a lot of fun together."

At this time, everyone could not help but said, "Jacob, you have just started singing. Why are you leaving so soon? We did not even get the opportunity to hear you sing at all."

Jacob could only bite the bullet as he said, "There is really something that I have to go home and deal with right now. Next time. We can catch up again next time."

Greyson was very happy and he said, "Oh, Jacob, did Elaine call you and ask you to go home now? Was she angry because you did not bring her along to the class reunion gathering with you?"

Jacob glared angrily at Greyson before he said, "Greyson, what is wrong with you? Why do you have to interfere in everything?"

After he was done speaking, Jacob glanced at Matilda before he left the room reluctantly.

As soon as he got out of the room, Jacob stomped his feet in anger.

What was happening? Why was Elaine back so soon? Why couldn't she be just like Hannah?

Just look at Hannah. There has not been any news on her at all ever since she disappeared. It seemed as though she had just evaporated without leaving a trace behind at all. It would have been great if Elaine could just learn from her.

Jacob rushed out of the Glorious Club before he hurriedly drove his BMW to Sacred Heart Hospital.

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At this time, a very worried Claire was also rushing to Sacred Heart Hospital.

She was feeling very anxious because she heard that her mother's leg was broken. She didn't even know what had happened to her mother during the past two days.

After Elaine hung up the phone, she held her right leg in her hand as she broke out in cold sweat from the pain.

At this time, Elaine screamed as she urged the driver with an annoyed expression on her face, "Can you drive your broken car a little faster? Why are you driving so slowly? Do you know that I am already hurt right now?"

The cab driver replied indifferently, "There is a speed limit that I have to adhere to when driving in the city. I have to follow the speed limit regulations strictly. I will not only get my

points deducted if I speed, but reckless driving will also pose a great threat to the pedestrians' safety."

"Who would you be threatening?" Elaine was furious. When she heard the cab driver's words, she started scolding him angrily, "Can you drive faster? I am hurting so much right now! Are you trying to make more money out of me? Is that the reason why you are driving so slowly? If I end up disabled because of you, I will make sure that I settle this score with you!"

The cab driver replied helplessly, "I am already driving this car fast enough! If you think that I am driving too slowly, then you can get off and hail another cab instead!"

Elaine did not even bother to think about his words and she simply blurted out, "What kind of attitude is this? Do you believe that I am going to file a complaint against you? Do you believe that I am going to make you lose your employment today?"

The cab driver replied angrily, "I am following the traffic rules and regulation and I am driving safely. What do you have to complain about me? Are you going to file a complaint saying that I refuse to speed when you ask me to?"

Elaine gritted her teeth as she cursed, "I will complain and tell your employer that you were acting indecently and sexually harassing me!"

The cab driver started laughing out loud. At this time, he looked at Elaine through the rearview mirror before he said contemptuously, "Did you even look at yourself in the mirror today? Do you even know how ugly you look? You do not even have your two front teeth, and you actually have the guts and face to say that I was sexually harassing you? I would have to burn incense to thank god if you did not sexually harass me!"

Elaine was at a loss for words. She really did not expect the cab driver to talk back at her or ridicule her ugliness at the moment. Elaine got even angrier at this time and she shouted coldly, "What is your name? Which company are you working for? Do you believe that I am going to call your company to complain about you right now?"

When the cab driver heard Elaine's words, he immediately lost his temper and he pulled over the car by the side of the road before he said disdainfully, "If you want to make a complaint, you can complain all you want. I do not want to take your services anymore. Please get out of my car now!"

Elaine started cursing, "You are asking me to go down now? Who do you think you are? You better start driving right now. Do you hear me? If the treatment for my broken leg is delayed because of you, I will definitely fight you until the end!"

The driver turned off his car directly before he sneered and said, "I am sorry but my car is broken and I cannot move it right now. If you do not want to get off, you can just stay here and wait with me then."

Elaine really did not expect the other party not to be threatened by her at all. She wanted to continue getting angry at the cab driver, but the driver simply pushed his car door open before he stepped out to smoke a cigarette.

Charlie, who was sitting in the co-driver seat, could not help but feel a little amused.

His mother-in-law never seemed to know how to act under any situation.

She was the one with the broken leg and she was the one who needed treatment as soon as possible. The cab driver did not break his leg, and he was not in a rush for any treatment at all. What would she gain by acting snobbishly and yelling at the cab driver?

Now that the cab driver had already refused to send her to the hospital, wasn't she the one who was causing the treatment for her broken leg to be delayed?

However, Charlie did not care at all. At this time, he deliberately asked, "Mom, what are we going to do now? Do you really want to continue sitting here?"

Elaine was about to explode in anger but she knew that she had to rush to the hospital as soon as possible to receive treatment for her broken leg. Otherwise, it would be bad if she suffered from any sequelae and ended up as a disabled person in the future.

Therefore, she hurriedly told Charlie, "Go down and stop another cab for us!"

Charlie nodded before he stepped out of the car. After that, he walked to the side of the road to wait for a short while before he tried to hail another cab.

After that, he returned to the previous cab to help Elaine, who had a broken leg, out of the car.

Elaine endured the pain in her leg before she got out of the car. After that, she endured the pain again as she got into the other cab with Charlie.

When she saw that their cab had already started moving, she rolled down the window and cursed at the driver who was smoking by the side of the road, "Bastard! You will definitely get into a car accident and die outside today!"

As soon as the driver heard this, he scolded, "You ugly hag! You are the one who is going to die in front of me!"

Elaine was very furious and she wanted to stick her head out of the window and curse at the driver even more. However, her cab had already gone far away, and she could only give up in anger.

Charlie, who had not spoken all this while, could not help but sigh in his heart. His mother-in-law seemed to have been tortured a lot in the detention center. Otherwise, she would not be so filled with this much rage right now.

He could not help but sympathize with his father-in-law, Jacob. If Elaine found out that he had been busy dating Matilda for the past two days, wouldn't she beat his brains out?

The cab finally arrived at the emergency department of Sacred Heart Hospital at Aurous Hill.

Claire was already waiting for them here.

She saw that Elaine did not only have a broken leg, but she also looked very miserable with a bruised nose and swollen face. She had even lost her two front teeth. Claire's eyes were flushed red, and she walked up to them, crying as she asked, "Mom, how did you suffer such serious injuries?"

When Elaine saw her daughter, she also felt very sad. She could no longer restrain all of the grievances that she had suffered over the past two days. She hugged Claire before she

cried out loud, "My dear daughter, do you know that my life is really very miserable? I almost died in the past two days. You were this close to never seeing me again!"

After she was done speaking, Elaine collapsed and burst into tears.

When Claire saw that her mother had suffered so many grievances, she naturally felt very uncomfortable. She supported her mother and cried as she asked, "Mom, what happened to you over the past two days? Tell me!"

Elaine wiped the tears off her face, feeling the urge to tell her daughter exactly what had happened.

However, as soon as the words reached her lips, she swallowed them all back again. She knew that she could not afford to talk nonsense. Otherwise, it would only cause her own death or prison time.

Therefore, she could only lie. "Sigh. Don't mention it anymore! I was swindled by an MLM organization. After the person tricked me into joining the MLM organization, he kept beating me up and forcing me to take out more money to buy their products but how can I possibly have any money? They kept beating me up and they refused to give me any food. They were the ones who knocked my two front teeth out."

Claire hurriedly asked, "Mom, did you call the police? We should ask the police to arrest them!"

Elaine cried as she said, "After that, the police discovered the MLM organization, and I was also arrested by the police. They locked me up in the detention center. Unfortunately, I met your grandmother and Wendy in the detention center. They got together with the other inmates in the cell to bully me!"

Claire asked in shock, "Grandma and Wendy? How did you end up getting locked up in the same cell as them?"

Elaine cried until she was out of breath before she said, "I really do not know why I was so unlucky to run into those two bastards. They did not allow me to sleep, they did not let me eat and they even poured cold water over me. You don't know what kind of life your mother has been living in the past two days. It was worse than hell..."

Claire burst into tears when she heard this.

Elaine vented for a while and her mood brightened up a little. At this time, she suddenly thought of Jacob and she immediately questioned, "Claire, tell me the truth. Who is your father having a gathering with now?"

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Claire knew very well that her mother would definitely be very angry if she found out that her father had gone out for a gathering with Matilda and their old classmates.

At this time, Elaine was already very emotional. Therefore, Claire did not want to say anything that would add fuel to the flames.

Thus, she said, "I think that he is attending a gathering with his old classmates. I am not too clear about the specifics. Perhaps it is the same group of people as the last gathering."

"Something is not right!" Elaine replied with a black face. "His old classmates rarely get together once in a few years. It is impossible for them to get together again in such a short period of time. There must be a different reason behind this gathering!"

Claire could only lie against her own will. "I am not too sure about this."

Elaine ground her teeth in anger as she said coldly, "That old bastard! I have been suffering so much in the detention center but he is actually still in the mood to go out for a gathering with his friends. He is really heartless!"

Claire had no choice but to speak up for her father. "Mom, dad was also very anxious when you were missing for the past two days. He is only attending the class reunion gathering today because he really could not turn them down anymore."

"I don't believe it!" Elaine replied sternly, "That old bastard told me that he wanted to separate from me two days ago! I was locked up before we separated. I bet he must be really happy!"

Claire hurriedly said, "Mom, stop making all these wild and baseless accusations about dad..."

As they were speaking, Jacob was driving his BMW 530 to the hospital.

Jacob was also stunned when he saw the terrible state that Elaine was in.

Although he had no feelings for Elaine, he had already lived under Elaine's control for so many years. Therefore, he was very timid in front of Elaine.

So, this was also the fundamental reason why Jacob had come here as soon as he received a phone call from Elaine.

Elaine suddenly became very angry when she saw Jacob.

There was no other reason. The main reason was simply because Jacob was dressed very well. He was wearing a decent suit, a decent tie and he even combed his hair meticulously. Anyone could tell at a single glance that he had spent a long time dressing up.

Elaine was not a fool. She immediately realized that Jacob did not dress up for her, but because of the gathering.

This made her extremely alert all of a sudden.

She began to wonder. What were the important elements of this party? Why would Jacob dress up so nicely today?

Ever since the day she married him, aside from their wedding day, she had never seen him dressed up so nicely before!

When Jacob arrived, he asked, "Where did you go? Why did you end up like this?"

Elaine stared at him coldly before she blurted out, "You, with the last name Wilson. Tell me the truth now. Who were you having a gathering with?"

The expression on Jacob's face was a little unnatural, and he said falteringly, "I am just gathering with the same group of people from before. You know them."

Elaine asked, "Didn't you guys just have a gathering the other day? Why are you having another gathering so soon?"

Jacob replied, "There were only about twenty of us the other day. There are more people attending the gathering today."

"Oh?" Elaine frowned before she asked sharply, "Jacob, let me ask you. Was Matilda at the gathering too?"

Jacob suddenly panicked.

He really did not expect Elaine to suddenly ask about Matilda. Wasn't this woman's intuition a bit too accurate?

However, he did not dare to tell Elaine anything about Matilda. Therefore, he lied as he said, "No. She has already been away for more than twenty years, and she has not come back."

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Elaine asked coldly, "Are you sure?"

Jacob hurriedly said, "Yes, I'm sure. Why would I lie to you? Don't you think that it is inappropriate for you to be talking about this now? Isn't the most important thing right now to get treatment for your injuries? Is your leg broken?"

Elaine had been so focused on finding out about Jacob's affairs that she had already forgotten that she was here to seek treatment for her injured and broken leg. She was only reminded of the pain in her right leg when Jacob suddenly mentioned it.

So, Elaine hurriedly said to Claire, "My good daughter, bring your mom to see the doctor now! I do not want to end up with any disability!"

After going to the emergency ward and seeing the doctor, Elaine had an X-ray of her leg taken at the doctor's request. After that, Claire asked nervously, "Doctor, how is my mother's situation?"

Elaine was also afraid that something bad would happen to her, and she hurriedly asked, "Yes, doctor. What is the result of the examination? Will I end up being a cripple?"

The doctor told Elaine, "Based on the X-ray, you have a comminuted fracture in your calf. Your condition is slightly more serious. However, if you take good care of your injury, then you will not end up being a cripple. I would suggest that you get a plaster cast first and then, you have to be kept under observation in the hospital for about half a month. That is the only way that we can guarantee your full recovery."

Elaine was relieved when she heard that she would not become a cripple. However, she also got very anxious when she heard that she needed to be hospitalized. "Ahh? Why do I need to be hospitalized? Can I go home and rest after getting the plaster cast?"

Elaine could not help but feel very aggrieved when she thought about the fact that she had not even been able to live in the villa at Thompson First yet.

After suffering from two days of inhumane torture, all that Elaine could dream of was returning to the huge villa. She wanted to lie on her soft and big bed as she experienced the joy of living in Thompson First.

The doctor shook his head before he said, "The first two weeks after putting on the plaster cast is very important. It is related to your overall recovery. If you choose to go home now and if something goes wrong and we cannot deal with it in time, then it might end up being an incompletely cured illness."

Elaine was very depressed when she heard this.

On the other hand, Jacob was filled with joy!

He knew that the fact that Elaine had suddenly returned was simply irreversible. However, if Elaine could be hospitalized, he would be able to relax for a few more days.

So, he deliberately said to Elaine, "Wife, you should listen to the doctor's advice and stay in the hospital with a peace of mind so that you can avoid any lingering effect or sequelae in the future."

Elaine frowned as she looked at Jacob. After that, she asked, "What? You don't want me to go home, do you?"

Jacob hurriedly waved his hand, "I did not mean that."

Elaine snorted coldly. At this time, she suddenly recalled something and hurriedly asked Charlie, "Don't you know the genius doctor, Anthony Simmons? Ask him to come and treat my leg immediately!"

Charlie frowned as soon as he heard the tone of his mother-in-law's command.

A shrewd woman like Elaine actually wanted Anthony to treat her leg?

Charlie sneered in his heart. After that, he replied indifferently, "The genius doctor, Dr. Simmons is not in Aurous Hill for the time being. He went to Eastcliff to treat a patient."

As soon as she heard this, Elaine said, "Then, I can just wait for him to come back here, right?"

Charlie replied, "He might not be back for more than ten days."

The doctor said, "No matter what it is, you will still have to put on the plaster cast today."

Elaine replied immediately, "Okay! I will put on the plaster cast first, then I will go home and rest after that!"

When Jacob saw how persistent Elaine was, he knew that it was impossible for her to be hospitalized. He secretly thought to himself. He knew that he could only hide Matilda's return momentarily but he would never be able to keep this news from her for a long time. If he asked her for a divorce after she found out that Matilda was already back, Jacob knew that Elaine would never agree to it.

If that was the case, it would be best for him to go home and find an opportunity to ask her for a divorce tonight. It would be perfect if she would just agree to divorce him as soon as possible!

Chapter 939

After getting a plaster cast at Sacred Heart Hospital, Jacob drove Elaine home to recuperate.

Elaine kept scolding Jacob who was sitting beside her. At the same time, she was trying to figure out why Jacob was dressed up so glamorously to attend the gathering today.

However, Jacob's mouth was tighter than a safe.

He wanted to wait for a good opportunity to discuss the divorce with Elaine tonight. Therefore, he knew that he certainly could not allow Elaine to find out about Matilda before that.

In the other car, Charlie drove Claire who had red eyes as they followed behind Jacob's car slowly.

Claire was very sympathetic toward her mother. After all, she was her daughter. Whoever saw their mother undergoing so much torture and suffering so many injuries, would definitely feel very uncomfortable.

In addition, she was also worried about the relationship between her father and mother.

She knew that her father was in love with Matilda. She also knew that her mother was so much worse compared to Matilda. Claire could not help but feel worried that her father would finally choose to abandon his current marriage to pursue his own happiness.

Charlie was about to coax and persuade his wife when he saw the sad expression on her face. However, he suddenly received a phone call from Isaac.

Isaac asked him on the phone, "Young master, have you picked your mother-in-law up?"

Charlie could not speak too clearly because his wife was sitting beside him. Therefore, he could only reply vaguely, "Yes."

Isaac replied, "That's good."

After that, he continued speaking, "By the way, young master, I heard some news."

Charlie asked, "What news?"

Isaac replied, "The Webb family from Southaven seems to be looking around for your enemies everywhere. They even sent someone to Eastcliff to look for Kenneth Wilson. It seems as though they also sent someone up to Mount Golim to look for Jordan Weaver and Jeffrey Weaver. The people who had been sent by Don Albert to watch over them discovered this early, and they fled before anyone could find them."

Charlie frowned.

The Webb family had suddenly contacted Kenneth Wilson, and they were even trying to contact the father and son from the Weaver family. There could only be one possibility for their actions. They wanted to unite more of his mortal enemies to deal with him.

There had been no movements or actions from the Webb family after Donald and his son, Sean, were insulted and fled back to Southaven. Charlie initially thought that the Webb family finally realized that they could not afford to mess around with him. He did not expect them to be secretly planning to get back at him.

Charlie asked, "So, who else did they contact?"

Isaac replied, "The Webb family also sent people to contact some of those people that you have taught a lesson to in the past. However, they were all very lowly and pathetic people who cannot do much harm to you even if they wanted to. For instance, the adulterous couple who bullied your classmate, Douglas, and also their father."

After that, Isaac asked, "Young master, do you want me to ask the Wade family to get rid of the Webb family directly or to give the Webb family a warning so that they would live honestly in the future?"

"No." Charlie smiled before he said, "I do not want anyone's help."

Charlie was not ready to return to the Wade family yet. He even felt that he would not necessarily decide to return to the Wade family in the future.

After all, he has already left the Wade family for so many years. To be honest, even though there was no deep hatred between Charlie and the Wade family, there was still a hurdle in Charlie's heart. That hurdle was the accidental death of his parents that year.

Therefore, he told Isaac, "Some things turn out to be more interesting when you do it yourself. It will not only be reliable if you rely on others for help, but you will also miss out on a lot of fun!"

Isaac hurriedly replied, "But young master, the Webb family is the top-notch family in the South Region. They have a very strong and influential presence. If they really want to go all out to fight you, I am afraid that you will not be able to handle them on your own."

Chapter 940

Charlie smiled slightly before he said, "Don't worry about this. Although I am not a very promising person, I am not someone that anyone can easily deal with."

Isaac sighed as he said, "Young Master, you still have to be careful. Do not neglect the Webb family or take them lightly. The Webb family has already offered a cash reward of three hundred million dollars for Cain and Marcus's life. Countless people are already hunting the father and son down throughout the world. As soon as the father and son expose themselves, they will definitely be hacked to death by countless people."

Charlie asked curiously, "Does anyone know where the father and son have gone to?"

Isaac replied, "I heard that they already went abroad. However, no one knows which country they went to because they used fake passports when they left."

Charlie nodded. Although he did not say anything, he knew very well that the reason why the Webb family wanted to hunt down the father and son was actually because of the standup comedy that was uploaded on TikTok.

The Webb family has been trying desperately to delete that video from TikTok. However, they have no way to do that, now that TikTok has already been bought over by Stephen Thompson.

The Webb family has lost a lot of face and reputation because of that video. Since they could not delete the video from the TikTok platform, then the only way that they would be able to regain some of their face was if they killed Cain and his son. They had to let everyone in the world know that the Webb family could never be insulted.

Isaac said, "Young master, if the Webb family is willing to spend three hundred million dollars just to deal with Cain and his son, then they will definitely be more than willing to pay an even higher price just to deal with you. You have to be very careful."

Charlie replied lightly, "Okay, I got it."

Isaac replied, "Young master, please let me know if you need any help."

Charlie hummed before he quietly glanced at his wife who was sitting beside him. After that, he told Isaac, "I am on my way home now. I will talk to you about this later."

"Okay."

Charlie hung up the phone and Claire asked curiously, "Who called you? Why are you talking about not needing anyone's help or whether you are someone that could be easily bullied? Is there anyone who is trying to bully you?"

"No." Charlie smiled before he said, "Wasn't mom bullied by an MLM organization? I was planning to ask for my friend's help to see if we can help mom in any way."

Claire hurriedly replied, "Don't!"

She said, "To be honest, my mother might seem a little pitiful because she has suffered so much torture and grievances. To be fair, although I am her daughter, I know very well that she brought this upon herself. She takes money too seriously and she is very materialistic and obsessed with money. She is always thinking of taking all sorts of shortcuts to make a windfall. Even if she did not fall for this scheme today, she would still fall for someone else's ploy another day."

Charlie nodded in agreement. He really did not expect that even though Claire was a very filial child towards Elaine, she knew exactly what type of person Elaine was.

Moreover, when he said that he was looking for a way to help Elaine to vent her anger, it was just an excuse. When Charlie heard Claire's reply, he did not continue talking about this topic.

At this time, Charlie was thinking about the Webb family in Southaven.

Since Donald and his son still remembered their previous encounters with him, then they would definitely come back to avenge themselves sooner or later.

However, there was still a problem that was a little beyond his expectations. Donald and his son were both very conceited in doing things their own way. Why did they need to look for people to help them to exact their revenge?

They had even contacted Kenneth Wilson and the other people whom he had offended in the past, just because they wanted to unite a few more enemies to target him and deal with him.

This was a bad sign for Charlie.

The enemy would always be easier to defeat when he was arrogant.

However, it seemed as though his enemy was no longer as arrogant as he was before. Instead, he had become more cunning and even more difficult to deal with.

The Webb family was already a very strong and powerful family on its own. Now that they were inviting others to unite with them to deal with him, this proved that they had made great progress, and he should take them seriously now!

Chapter 941

The two BMW cars drove one after the other as they returned to the villa at Thompson First.

Jacob's dissatisfaction grew even stronger as Elaine continued scolding him throughout the entire way home.

When he first received the phone call from Elaine, he was busy singing a love song with his first love. Therefore, he had a guilty conscience. When he heard her angry tone over the phone, he rushed to the hospital in a hurry.

After calming himself down a little, he felt that Elaine was really hopeless.

Therefore, Jacob's intention of divorcing her became even stronger.

After getting out of the car, Jacob went to the back seat to take out the crutches that they bought from the hospital before he passed it directly to Elaine.

Elaine was initially waiting for Jacob to help her to get into the house. She even thought that he would be carrying her into the house. Unexpectedly, he simply passed the crutches to her.

Elaine held the crutches in her hands as she yelled, "Jacob Wilson! You old bastard! My leg is already broken but you are simply passing these crutches to me?"

Jacob replied, "Anyway, you will have to get used to these crutches sooner or later. Otherwise, how are you going to go to the toilet on your own?"

"What's the matter?" Elaine asked angrily, "What do you mean? Do you mean that I will not be able to count on you in the future?"

Jacob replied with a black face, "Don't forget, both of us are already separated!"

Elaine wanted to continue yelling at him. At this time, Charlie happened to park her car back in the house.

When Claire stepped out of the car, Elaine started complaining to her immediately. At this time, Claire had the mindset of turning the big issue into a small problem, and she quickly supported Elaine as she comforted her, "Oh, mom! Don't be angry with dad anymore. Your body is already weak now. Your body will only deteriorate further if you get angry."

Elaine wanted to continue cursing but she suddenly felt a little dizzy. She immediately realized that she had been hungry for too long and was about to pass out from hypoglycemia.

She said weakly, "Oh, I cannot make it anymore. I am about to starve to death. Where is Charlie? Hurry up and cook for me now! I want to eat braised pork and stewed beef."

Charlie replied blankly, "I did not have the time to go out to buy groceries today. We only have some vermicelli left at home. Why don't I prepare a bowl of noodles for you now?"

Elaine blurted out, "I have already been hungry for two days and two nights! What good will a bowl of noodles be?"

Charlie replied lightly, "Alright then, I will go and shop for some groceries now."

When she heard Charlie's words, Elaine immediately replied anxiously, "I will have already fainted out of hunger by the time you come home!"

Charlie asked, "Why don't I order a takeaway for you then?"

Elaine blurted out, "It will take about half an hour or forty minutes for the food to be delivered. Why don't you just cook me a bowl of noodles then? I want you to add two eggs to the noodles!"

Charlie replied casually, "We do not have any more eggs at home. I have not had the time to buy the groceries yet."

Elaine replied, "Can I have the flavored noodles then? Add some vegetables to my noodles. I have not eaten anything in the past two days. My body is so heaty that I feel that my mouth is already rotting."

Charlie shrugged as he said, "There is nothing else aside from some vermicelli at home. If you want to eat, I can make you a bowl of clear noodles soup."

Elaine stomped her feet angrily. She pointed at Charlie before she asked Claire, "Claire, why is this piece of trash deliberately going against me? Why isn't there any food at home at all?"

Claire had a very awkward look on her face.

At this time, Charlie said, "We have been busy looking for you for the past two days. Therefore, we did not cook at home. That is the reason why I did not do any grocery shopping."

Elaine felt very miserable but she did not have the strength to get angry at him. So, she said to Charlie, "Then, hurry up and make me a bowl of noodles!"

Chapter 942

Charlie responded before he stepped into the kitchen.

In truth, there was still a box of eggs in the refrigerator. Since he did not want to give Elaine any single one of the eggs at all, he broke all of the eggs before pouring them into the drainage system. Although it would be a little wasteful to pour them into the drainage system, Charlie felt that it was even more wasteful if it went into Elaine's stomach.

After that, Charlie grabbed a pot and boiled some hot water before he threw in a handful of noodles into the pot.

As he was preparing the noodles, he suddenly received a text message on his cell phone.

He opened his text messages and he realized that someone had sent a text message to him in the group chat, 'Aurous Hill Welfare Institute Friends'.

The twenty to thirty people in this group chat consisted of the group of orphans who have been taken in and raised by Mrs. Lewis. All of them had already integrated into society for many years now, and most of them were already scattered all over the country. Therefore, they did not share such a close relationship with one another anymore.

Charlie clicked into the group chat and he realized that the person did not direct the message to him, but she was actually directing the message to everyone in the group.

The message was sent by a girl named Lisa Fey from the orphanage. The content read: [Let me secretly tell everyone some good news. Mrs. Lewis has already recovered from her illness and has already returned to Aurous Hill!]

Lisa was a girl that Charlie had met at the orphanage.

This little girl was abandoned by her parents not long after she was born. Mrs. Lewis was the one who had taken her in and brought her up. She was about two to three years younger than Charlie, and he had always regarded her as his younger sister.

Mrs. Lewis did not know what her last name was. Therefore, she decided to name her Lisa Fey, after her own last name.

After Lisa grew up and turned into an adult, she started working with Mrs. Lewis at the orphanage. She was the only person amongst all of their friends that year who chose to remain and continue working for the orphanage.

When Charlie saw her saying that Mrs. Lewis had already recovered from her illness, he hurriedly asked in the group: [Why didn't Mrs. Lewis tell us that she is already back? We could have picked her up then.]

Lisa replied: [Brother Charlie, Mrs. Lewis said that she did not want to cause any trouble to anyone. That is why she did not inform anyone about this matter at all. I only found out about this when she suddenly came back to the orphanage this afternoon.]

Charlie asked again: [How is Mrs. Lewis's health now? Does she look okay? Has she already gone back to work at the orphanage after she has just recovered and got discharged from the hospital?]

Lisa responded: [Yes! Don't you know what kind of person Mrs. Lewis is? Brother Charlie, you should understand her personality very well. She has already been away from the orphanage for such a long time and she misses the children a lot. I think that she is going crazy with worry!]

After that, Lisa said again: [But I can see that Mrs. Lewis is really in good health. She does not look like a person who had been seriously ill at all. It seems as though she has already been fully restored to her original condition!]

Charlie heaved a huge sigh of relief. After all, Stephen sent Mrs. Lewis to Fairview Hospital, which was the best hospital in Eastcliff. He even paid two million dollars for Mrs. Lewis's medical expenses, which included a very high-end postoperative recovery program.

At this time, the other people in the group chat also began replying to the messages.

[Ahh! Mrs. Lewis had already been discharged from the hospital? That is great news!]

[Hahaha. I already knew that Mrs. Lewis will definitely make a full recovery one day because she is a good person!]

At this time, a person named Jeff Mowry suddenly said in the group: [Everyone! Since Mrs. Lewis has already recovered and been discharged from the hospital, I would like to suggest for all of our friends who are in Aurous Hill to go to the orphanage and visit Mrs. Lewis today. After that, we will find a restaurant to treat her to dinner then. What do you guys think of my suggestion?]

[Yes, Jeff. I think that is a very good idea! I will be getting off work soon and I can go there any time after this!]

[That's right. Mrs. Lewis's recovery is a very happy and joyous occasion! We have to visit her!]

Lisa sent a happy emoji to the group chat. After that, she said: [That is the reason why I sent the message to inform everyone about Mrs. Lewis's return in the first place. Since all of us have not seen Mrs. Lewis or met up with one another in a long time, we should take advantage of this opportunity to get together and have a meal with Mrs. Lewis. I believe that Mrs. Lewis will also be very happy!]

"Oh, can't you guys who are in Aurous Hill wait for another day or two? You guys should wait for those of us who are outstation to rush back. I can buy a plane ticket now and be back in Aurous Hill by tomorrow!"

After that, Jeff said, "It would be most auspicious and ceremonial for us to host a welcome dinner for her on the day of her return!"

Chapter 943

A friend named Caleb Morales said in the group chat: [Yes! Mrs. Lewis has finally recovered from such a critical illness. If all of the children that she personally raised and brought up did not come back to see her immediately, she might feel a little disappointed then.]

Jeff replied: [Let's do this then. Why don't we find a five-star hotel to treat Mrs. Lewis to a nice welcome dinner then?]

Lisa replied: [Jeff, we do not need to be so extravagant. Mrs. Lewis has always lived such a thrifty life. She will definitely feel a little distressed if we brought her to eat at such an extravagant place. Why don't we just eat at the small restaurant that has been serving home-cooked food for many years in front of the entrance of the orphanage?]

Charlie could not help but sigh at this time. He was filled with emotions as he thought about the small home-cooked restaurant that had already been operating for more than ten years.

During his eighteenth birthday, Mrs. Lewis used all of the money that she had saved by being frugal all her life before she brought him and a few of his friends to enjoy a nice meal at that restaurant.

She had even bought him a birthday cake that day. After celebrating his birthday, he no longer met the adoption regulations of the orphanage. Therefore, he had to move out into society on his own.

Now when he thought about it, Charlie felt that the meal that he had at the home-cooked restaurant that day was the most tender and heartwarming meal that he had ever eaten in his whole life.

Therefore, he immediately replied: [I really did not expect that restaurant to still be open now! I think that the restaurant suggested by Lisa is great! We can just make an appointment there then!]

Jeff replied: [Charlie, all of us have already been working for so many years and each of us already has some savings of our own. Do you really need to be so stingy toward Mrs. Lewis?]

Charlie replied: [I am not being stingy but I am simply showing some respect toward Mrs. Lewis's preference. Mrs. Lewis might not necessarily be happy if we brought her out for dinner at a five-star hotel. On the contrary, she might think that we are acting too extravagantly and feel that it is a little too wasteful. She might feel very distressed for a long time.]

Jeff replied: [Cut the crap. Do you think that I do not know you well enough? Aren't you simply trying to save a few more dollars?]

After that, Jeff sent another voice message to the group chat: "Charlie, I know that you are not doing very well. I know that you are just a live-in son-in-law who does not have much money in your pocket. But no matter what it is, Mrs. Lewis showed such great kindness by raising you and bringing you up. Even if you have to suffer a little, can't you just chip in to treat her to a good meal?"

Charlie could not help but frown.

Jeff has always been going against him ever since they were in the orphanage. At that time, Jeff was slightly stronger compared to his peers and he would often form gangs in the orphanage to bully the other children.

Charlie had also been targeted by Jeff. However, since he had practiced some fighting skills when he was still living in the Wade family mansion in Eastcliff, most people were not his opponent at all. Therefore, Charlie easily defeated the group of people when Jeff brought them with him to pick a fight with him. At the end of the day, the group of boys was all crying and yelling after they had been defeated.

From then on, Jeff, who was very petty, had always held a grudge against Charlie. He would always disagree with him and go against him in everything.

This guy had always been a troublemaker who had caused a lot of trouble for the orphanage ever since he was a young boy.

There were several times when he had been caught stealing outside. In the end, Mrs. Lewis always had to come forward and apologize and pay the other party to save Jeff.

Although they had not seen each other for so many years, Charlie felt that this guy's personality was not any better now.

However, Charlie could not be bothered with him. He replied lightly: [Whatever you say. I still think that the restaurant that Lisa has just mentioned is the most appropriate.]

At this time, Lisa hurriedly said: [I think that what Brother Charlie said really makes sense. Mrs. Lewis has always been very thrifty her entire life. I think that she will definitely feel uncomfortable if we invite her to have dinner at a five-star hotel.]

Caleb, their childhood friend also chimed in: [I support this idea too!]

The other people also agreed. After that, Lisa said: [Well, there are ten people who can make it for dinner tonight, and nine of us support the idea of going to the small home-cooked restaurant. We will just follow the majority opinion then! I will go and book a room in the restaurant for tonight now! You all should come here as soon as possible!]

[Okay, okay, okay!] Everyone agreed happily.

Chapter 944

Charlie could not help feeling a little excited at the thought of meeting Mrs. Lewis again soon.

He had never seen Mrs. Lewis again ever since he had gotten scolded for trying to borrow money from Lady Wilson at her birthday banquet. This was because Stephen had sent Mrs. Lewis directly to Eastcliff after that.

Charlie had a very deep relationship with Mrs. Lewis, and he regarded her as his own mother.

When Mrs. Lewis fell ill, Charlie tried desperately to raise money. He even secretly tried to sell his blood to raise some money. He also took a lot of money from Claire in private in an effort to keep Mrs. Lewis alive.

If he did not do everything that he could to help Mrs. Lewis raise some money for her treatment, Mrs. Lewis would never have been able to wait for Stephen to arrive. She would have already been dead a long time ago.

However, Charlie felt that this was something that he should be doing. Even by doing this, he could probably only repay about one ten thousandths of Mrs. Lewis's kindness to him.

His father had always taught him countless times before his death that a man should always show his gratitude as long as he was alive. As the saying goes, a drop of water shall be returned with a burst of spring. Even if he only received a little help from others, he should return the favor with all that he could when the other party was in need. Charlie had always been living according to this principle.

Therefore, he did not bother to wait for the noodles that he was cooking for Elaine in the pot. He took off his apron before he stepped out of the kitchen. After that, he told Claire who was accompanying Elaine, "My dear wife, I have to go to the orphanage to deal with something urgent now!"

Elaine immediately asked, "Are you done cooking my noodles for me? I have not even eaten a single spoon of rice yet and you are already preparing to go out now?"

Charlie glanced at her with disgust before he replied impatiently, "The noodles are already boiling in the pot. You can take them out of the pot and eat it when it is done! Mrs. Lewis has already fully recovered from her illness. I am going to the orphanage to give her a welcome dinner now."

When Elaine heard this, she scolded him immediately, "Charlie, what kind of attitude is that? You actually dare to talk to me like this because of an old lady at the orphanage? Do you know your own place as a live-in son-in-law? Why don't you think of who is actually providing you for what you eat, drink, wear, or live?"

After that, Elaine sneered as she said, "What has it got to do with you even if that old lady is dead anyway?"

Charlie had already been tolerating Elaine for a very long time. He initially thought that his mother-in-law would change for the better after being locked up and enduring some torture and grievances for the past two days. However, he never expected to see no change in her attitude at all.

What was even more unexpected was the fact that she actually dared to insult Mrs. Lewis, his benefactor!

Charlie glared at Elaine before he said angrily, "I am eating my own food, drinking my own drink, and wearing the clothes that I bought for myself! Don't forget that this villa was also given to me by someone else! Furthermore, I was the one who bought all of the furniture in this house with the money that I made from helping others look at their Feng Shui! I have every right to have this kind of attitude! If you are not satisfied, you can always move out and go back to live in your old house!"

Elaine became speechless when she heard Charlie's words.

She wanted to scold Charlie, but when she thought about it, she realized that what he said was not wrong at all.

Things were not the same as it was before. He used to be living in their small house, and he was not making any money at that time. Therefore, she could scold him as much as she wanted to.

However, he was a promising person now. Someone had even given him such an expensive villa and renovated it for him. He could earn millions of dollars simply by giving other people some Feng Shui advice.

On the other hand, she was penniless. If Charlie really turned his back on her and refused to let her live in his villa, what would she do then?

As she thought about this, Elaine suddenly felt a little guilty. She could not help but feel a little nervous and afraid when she saw the angry expression on Charlie's face.

She tried to salvage the situation immediately. She looked at Claire with an aggrieved expression on her face before she choked and said, "Claire, don't you think that your husband is too much? Is there any other son-in-law in this world who would talk to their mother-in-law in this manner? If you do not keep him under control, then wouldn't he be too full of himself then?"

Unexpectedly, Claire replied seriously, "Mom, I think that Charlie is right. We are currently living in the villa that someone else has given to him. If it was not because of him, we would never have the opportunity to live in such a good place. Therefore, I don't think that it is fair for you to continue treating him like how you did in the past!"

Chapter 945

Elaine suddenly felt very sad when she heard this!

She had only been gone for the past two days, but everyone in the family seemed to have a different attitude toward her now.

Her husband was ignoring her and had even lost his temper with her. Her son-in-law was also no longer the same son-in-law who was always at the mercy of others. He even dared to get angry at her and asked her to move back to their own house.

Even her good daughter that she could always rely on was no longer standing on her side.

She would never have dreamt that her daughter would actually take Charlie's side at this time.

She had always been a drama queen. When she saw that she was about to lose power in this house, her eyes flushed red as she started to put on an act.

She choked pitifully as she said, "I am now superfluous in this house. Your father does not care about me anymore. Your husband is threatening to kick me out of this house and you are not even standing on my side anymore..."

As she spoke, Elaine's mouth twitched as tears flowed down her cheeks.

Claire sighed helplessly before she said, "Mom, you are the one who is in the wrong. I cannot always be taking your side."

Although she felt sorry for her mother for all the sufferings that she had endured, she felt that this was not a reason for her mother to be yelling at Charlie or hurling any insults at Mrs. Lewis.

Furthermore, Claire knew very well that her husband had always been very pitiful ever since he was a child. He did not have many relatives in this world.

Aside from herself, the only other person that he could refer to as his relative was none other than Mrs. Lewis.

This was also the reason why Charlie was desperately trying to raise money for Mrs. Lewis's treatment some time ago.

Claire knew that Charlie had always regarded Mrs. Lewis as his own mother.

She had always admired Charlie's filial piety and grateful behavior. Otherwise, she would not have given him all of her savings so that he could get some treatment for Mrs. Lewis.

In her heart, Claire also personally felt that her mother was a bit too much. Therefore, she naturally could not speak up for her at this time.

Elaine was crying pitifully as tears flowed down her face and she sighed as she said, "I really have a very pitiful life. Do I still have a place in this family?"

Charlie was no longer willing to continue staying here just to watch her put on an act. He did not want to be patient with her anymore. Therefore, he simply walked past her as he told

Claire: "My dear wife, I am going to head to the orphanage first. I will not be having dinner at home today."

Claire hurriedly stood up before she said, "I will come with you. I have not seen Mrs. Lewis for a long time. The last time we visited Mrs. Lewis at the hospital was already a few months ago. I kind of miss her."

Claire had truly fulfilled the duties and responsibilities of a good wife. She was not only very supportive of Charlie's decision to get treatment for Mrs. Lewis's illness, but she also often accompanied him to visit her at the hospital. She took very good care of Mrs. Lewis, just like Charlie did and she was also very respectful toward Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. Lewis also really liked Claire very much. She treated her like her own daughter-in-law.

When Charlie saw that Claire wanted to visit Mrs. Lewis with him, he nodded in satisfaction before he said, "Okay, we can go together then. Mrs. Lewis also asked me about you the last time she called me. I think that she misses you a lot too."

Claire said, "Then, we can set off now."

When Elaine heard that Claire was going to go out with Charlie, she said pitifully, "My good daughter, are you angry at your mother? Are you really going to ignore your mother as well?"

Claire looked at Elaine helplessly before she said, "Mom, I really hope that you can reflect on everything that you have experienced in the past two days and change your personality and attitude. Otherwise, you will definitely suffer more in future."

When Elaine heard her words, she sat on the ground before she cried out, "What is the point of me staying alive in this world? My only relative, my dear daughter no longer cares about me or supports me anymore. The police should not have released me from the detention center. I should have just died inside..."

In the past, Claire would have already softened her heart and compromised or given in when she sees her mother being such a profligate. However, this time, she understood that her mother would suffer even more in future if she maintained this kind of personality and attitude. Therefore, Claire knew that she should not be condoning her mother's temper and character anymore.

Chapter 946

So, Claire told Elaine, "Mom, you can reflect and think about this matter on your own. Charlie and I will leave first. By the way, don't forget to take out the noodles that Charlie has cooked for you."

After she was done speaking, Claire told Charlie, "Let's go."

Charlie nodded slightly before he took Claire out of the villa as they headed toward the orphanage.

Charlie bought a bouquet of flowers and a fruit basket on the way to the orphanage. He also prepared a handwritten greeting card to give to Mrs. Lewis.

After arriving at the Aurous Hill Welfare Institute, Charlie parked his car at the parking space on the side of the road. Charlie was in a daze as he stared at the slightly outdated door on the orphanage. He could not help but feel as though he had gone back in time.

He stood there as though he was trying to recall certain scenes in his memory. The scenes that flashed back in his memories were the softest, happiest, and most precious memories that were etched deep in his heart.

He could still remember the scene when he first arrived at the orphanage.

When he was eight years old, he lost his parents. He was left all by himself out on the streets. Back then, Mrs. Lewis was like an angel who came to earth. She brought him back to the orphanage and she held his hand before she pointed at the door and said very lovingly, "Child, do not be afraid. This will be your home from now on."

Charlie could still remember this very warm scene even after so many years.

As he thought about this, there was a very rare happy expression on Charlie's face. The corners of his mouth were also curled into a smile.

When Claire saw him smiling, she could not help but said, "You seem to be very happy today."

Charlie nodded slightly before he said, "Yes. You know that I have been particularly worried ever since Mrs. Lewis fell ill. I tried to raise money for her treatment but I could not even raise enough money for her to undergo a kidney transplant. If it was not because of fate, Mrs. Lewis would have already left me a long time ago."

Claire recalled the scene when Charlie was desperately begging her grandmother to lend him so many so that he could pay for Mrs. Lewis's medical treatment.

At that time, she really felt very sorry for this man who had suffered an ill-fated life ever since he was a young boy.

It was a pity that she was not that capable at that time and she did not have so much money to help him.

Fortunately, Mrs. Lewis was very lucky because good things happen to good people. Someone came forward and helped her to pay for her medical expenses and even sent her to the best hospital in the country, Fairview Hospital for her medical treatment.

As she thought about this, Claire could not help but ask, "By the way, you said that someone paid for Mrs. Lewis's medical expenses at that time. Who is that person? Why is he so generous? I think that Mrs. Lewis's medical treatment at Fairview Hospital should probably cost about two to three million dollars, right?"

Charlie nodded before he said, "I heard that her medical treatment cost a total of three million dollars. However, I am not too sure who paid for her medical expenses. I heard that this person was also someone that Mrs. Lewis saved in the past."

Charlie certainly could not tell Claire that he was the one who paid for Mrs. Lewis's medical treatment. After all, at that time, he was still a useless and pathetic person who had no money at all. It was simply impossible for him to explain how he was able to raise three million dollars at that time.

Therefore, he could only sigh as he said: "If I knew that I could make so much money by giving people Feng Shui advice in the past, I would have already done so when Mrs. Lewis was sick."

Both of them continued chatting when they suddenly heard someone calling Charlie out in a pleasantly surprised voice: "Brother Charlie!"

When Charlie turned around to take a look, he saw a tall and thin figure walking out of the orphanage.

It turned out to be Lisa.

They had not met each other for a few years, but Lisa had already become an adult!

She was in her early twenties. She was a little over 1.7 meters tall and her body figure was similar to that of a model's.

Although she was dressed in very plain and simple clothing and even though she was very confident without any makeup on her face at all, she gave everyone around her a very dreamy and irreproachable feeling.

Charlie could not help but marvel at the change in this young girl. A young woman was indeed very different from the young girl she used to be. Was this truly the little girl who used to follow him around the orphanage back then?

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The expression on Lisa's face was filled with joy and surprise when she saw Charlie.

She ran toward Charlie immediately as she grabbed hold of Charlie's arms with both of her hands before she asked, "Brother Charlie, why didn't you come back to visit us at the orphanage for such a long time?"

Charlie did not feel uncomfortable at all even though she was grabbing her arms with her hands. On the contrary, he was like her elder brother, and he said affectionately, "I have not been doing well after leaving the orphanage. Therefore, I feel a little embarrassed to come back to the orphanage to visit all of you."

As soon as Lisa heard his words, her eyes turned red, and she choked as she sobbed and said, "Mrs. Lewis told us that you have been working on a construction site after you left the orphanage. She also told us that you would always send all of your hard-earned money to her so that she could buy us books, clothes, and food. Why didn't you come back to see me at all? It has already been so many years but I did not get to see you at all..."

As she spoke, Lisa burst into tears as she said, "When Mrs. Lewis fell ill, I heard her saying that you would always come and visit her at the hospital. However, you would always visit her after we leave. It seems as though you are deliberately hiding from us. Do you know how uncomfortable and upset all of our brothers and sisters were because you were avoiding us?"

Charlie could not help but sigh when he heard this.

Charlie had not led a good life after leaving the orphanage. Previously, he had been busy working at the construction site three hundred and sixty-five days a year. He did not take a single day off and worked all year round. He would only keep enough money to fill his stomach and then, he would send the rest of his hard-earned money to Mrs. Lewis.

The reason why he was so reluctant to go back to the orphanage at that time was because he was not doing well in the past. He did not want these younger brothers and sisters who had not entered society to see him in despair. He did not want to set a bad example for them.

After he married into the Wilson family and became the famous live-in son-in-law in Aurous Hill, he felt even more embarrassed to go back to the orphanage.

When he found out that Mrs. Lewis was sick, he was even more worried and concerned about her compared to everyone else.

He had always been very embarrassed to face his friends from the orphanage.

Later when he became rich, he received ten billion dollars from the Wade family and had also inherited the Emgrand Group. However, Mrs. Lewis was not in the orphanage at that time. That was the reason why he did not come back to the orphanage.

After Charlie had some money, he had always been meaning to donate some money to the orphanage. He wanted to wait for Mrs. Lewis to come back to the orphanage so that he could come up with a suitable reason and excuse to donate a large sum of money to the orphanage.

Besides seeing Mrs. Lewis, the other reason why he agreed to come and attend the welcome dinner for Mrs. Lewis with everyone else today was because he wanted to see how he could donate money to the orphanage without arousing anyone's suspicion.

This was also Claire's first time coming back to the orphanage with Charlie. Therefore, it was also her first time meeting Lisa.

Claire was surprised by Lisa's youthful beauty and she also felt that Lisa and her husband seemed to be a little too intimate.

However, Claire quickly comforted herself. She knew that this young girl that she was looking at was a little sister who grew up with Charlie in the past. Therefore, it was only natural for this girl to regard Charlie as her own brother. It was not unusual for them to be this close and intimate.

When Charlie saw the tears in Lisa's eyes, he said, "Lisa, I have not been doing well in the past so I did not want you to see me at my worst and miserable state. However, things are different now. Your brother is doing pretty well now, and I finally have the face to come back and see all of you now!"

As he spoke, Charlie grabbed Claire's hand before he smiled and said, "Come, let me introduce the both of you. This is your sister-in-law. What do you think? Isn't she beautiful?"

Claire felt a little nervous when Charlie suddenly grabbed her hand. After all, even though they had already been married for more than three years, both of them had not had too many intimate actions.

Still, she did not pull back her hand but simply allowed him to hold her hand.

When Lisa saw Claire, the somewhat sad expression on her face suddenly turned into an envious expression.

As she looked at Claire, Lisa could not help but feel a little inferior.

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Although she did not look too bad herself, she could not help but feel that she was lacking and inferior compared to Claire.

Moreover, she was just an orphan who had no father or mother. She did not have anyone to support her or back her up in life. Now that she was working at the orphanage, she was still working and relying on charity to support herself. She did not earn a lot of money for herself.

Even though she was not making a lot of money, she also had the same attitude as Charlie. She would donate all of her money to the orphanage, hence, at the end of the day, she was just a poor girl who had nothing at all.

In this aspect, she felt that she could not be compared to a career woman like Claire at all.

She felt a little envious and she said to Claire nervously, "Hello, sister-in-law. My name is Lisa Fey. We are meeting for the first time today."

Claire nodded before she smiled and said, "Hello, Lisa. My name is Claire Wilson."

Lisa looked at Claire before she exclaimed, "Sister-in-law, I am really very envious of you!"

As she spoke, Lisa looked at Charlie again before she said, "I really envy you because you've found such a good man like my brother, Charlie!"

Charlie suddenly felt very embarrassed.

He initially thought that Lisa would say that she envied Claire because of her beauty, her good figure, or her good temperament. Unexpectedly, Lisa actually said that she envied Claire because she had found a good man like him...

She was really worthy of being the younger sister who used to follow him around as they grew up together in the orphanage. Even though he was very poor and had nothing at all, she still felt that he was a very good man.

Claire did not know whether she should laugh or cry when she heard this.

However, Lisa said seriously, "Sister-in-law, Brother Charlie is the best man that I have ever seen in this world. You have to treat him well! He has been a very responsible person ever since he was a young child. He had always been taking very good care of all of his brothers and sisters. After leaving the orphanage at the age of eighteen, he had already been working hard on the construction site. Furthermore, he would donate all of his hard-earned money to the orphanage so that he could improve the lives of his younger brothers and sisters. He wanted to provide us with an education. Back then, there were so many people who grew up in the orphanage, but Brother Charlie is the only person who is still giving back to the

orphanage even now. Sister-in-law, tell me, don't you think that my Brother Charlie is really the best man in this whole world?"

Claire was very surprised when she heard Lisa's words.

She only knew that Charlie had had a hard time before he married her. She knew that her grandfather found him at a construction site, but she did not know that Charlie had already started working at the construction site ever since he was eighteen years old. Moreover, Claire did not know that Charlie had donated all of his hard-earned money to the orphanage.

It was no wonder why he was penniless when he married her. He even had to ask her grandfather for some money so that he could cut his hair before their wedding.

Combined with all of the hard work and effort that he put into raising money for Mrs. Lewis's medical treatment, Claire suddenly felt that her husband really had a great side!

She could not help but ask Charlie, "Why haven't you told me any of this before?"

Charlie replied faintly, "Well, why would I want to tell you about the days when I was living in poverty?"

After he was done speaking, Charlie did not want to continue talking about this topic. He hurriedly changed the topic by asking Lisa, "By the way, Lisa, where is Mrs. Lewis?"

Lisa replied, "Mrs. Lewis is talking to the dean regarding some work matters. She told me to entertain all of you first and she will come over in a short while."

After that, Lisa asked expectantly, "Brother Charlie, would you like to come in and take a look around the orphanage? After all, you have not been back in a long time!"

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Charlie had lived in this orphanage for the past ten years, from the time when he was eight until he turned eighteen years old. Therefore, he had a lot of affection for this place.

In the past, he did not have the face to come back because he was still a little destitute.

Now that he already had a little money, he felt that it would be good for him to go in to see what other items the orphanage needed. That way, he would be able to help them to solve this problem when the time comes.

Charlie nodded slightly before he said, "Then, let's go in and take a look around the orphanage."

Lisa was overjoyed. She hurriedly grabbed Charlie's arm before she dragged him into the orphanage.

Charlie could only allow her to drag him around as he held onto his wife, Claire's hand.

Claire could feel her heart beating a little faster, but she allowed Charlie to continue holding her hand as he led her into the orphanage.

The Aurous Hill Welfare Institute was built in the last century and had a very long history. The buildings here were all relatively low brick buildings, and each building was already decades old.

Charlie realized that this place was still basically the same as when he was still living here many years ago. Therefore, he could not help but ask Lisa, "Hasn't the orphanage been expanded or renovated throughout all these years?"

Lisa replied, "We were planning to expand the orphanage but our funding has always been very tight. However, we have more children now compared to the past. The dean and Mrs. Lewis think that it would be better for us to spend the money on the children instead. We would have to save as much as we can on all the other expenses."

Charlie looked around the yard and saw the rusty slides, seesaws, and swivel chairs that looked very familiar to him. This gave him a slightly unpleasant feeling.

These were all the things that he had played with when he was still young. This only meant that these toys were already at least twenty years old now.

The younger brothers and sisters who entered the orphanage after him were still playing with all these limited numbers of old toys.

Charlie could not help but feel a little self-reproach. Before Stephen found him, he had always been worried about Mrs. Lewis's health and he tried to do everything that he could to treat Mrs. Lewis's illness. After Stephen found him, he had been thinking of everything that he could do to slowly regain his dignity.

However, during this period of time, he did not even think of donating a sum of money to the orphanage so that he could improve the living condition and environment of his younger brothers and sisters. This was completely unforgivable!

As he thought about this, Charlie planned to donate tens of millions of dollars to the orphanage so that they could expand and renovate the entire orphanage. After that, they could buy the best toys as well as provide the best education and learning equipment for all his younger brothers and sisters.

He was also going to buy computers and iPads for them!

Claire did not know that Charlie was in a very complicated mood or that he was blaming himself at this time. She was curiously observing the orphanage's environment. Although this was her first time here, she felt that this was a very pleasant and warm place.

Warm, perhaps because her husband had grown up here.

In truth, Claire had never once regarded Charlie as her contracted husband. In her heart, Charlie had always been her real and legal husband.

Chapter 950

Lisa brought Charlie to the dormitory area of the orphanage. Charlie could see the dormitory that he used to live in at a single glance.

After looking out the window, Charlie saw a dozen or more children who were about one to two years old playing under the leadership of one of the aunts in the orphanage.

He could not help but ask, "Lisa, why are there so many young children at the orphanage now?"

Lisa replied, "There are many irresponsible parents who sent their children directly to the entrance of the orphanage after giving birth to them. Some of these children were

abandoned because of congenital disabilities or diseases. Some of them have the same fate as me, and they are abandoned because they are girls.”

Lisa could not help but sigh when she spoke of this.

After that, she said angrily, “There are also many children who have been abducted by human traffickers but were subsequently rescued by the police. Some of the children are too young, and it is impossible for the police to find out who their parents are. Therefore, they can only be placed under our foster care in the orphanage for the time being. After finding out the identity of their parents, they will be sent back to their families.”

When Charlie saw that some of these children had some sort of physical disabilities, he could not help but ask, “Lisa, why are there so many disabled children here? Is it congenital disabilities?”

“No.” Lisa replied indignantly, “These are all children that the police rescued from the human traffickers. They were all originally healthy children. However, after being abducted and taken away by these human traffickers, they did not sell these children. Instead, they turned them into disabled children so that they could put them out of the streets to beg. They destroyed the lives of these children in an instant and turned them into their cash cows.”

When Claire heard this, she said angrily, “Those people are jerks! How could they turn these healthy children into disabled people?”

Lisa replied, “There are these kinds of bad guys who have no conscience and specialize in doing these kinds of things. They are all normal and healthy people who have their own hands and feet. However, they pretend to be disabled and go around begging to make a living. Later, they eventually find out that it is really easy for them to make money by begging on the streets. Therefore, in order to make more money faster, they deliberately look for disabled people to beg on the streets to increase their credibility. When they could not find any more disabled people, they decided to buy some children and turn them into a disabled person so that it would be easier for them to beg on the streets.”

Claire was shaking with anger as she blurted out, “Assholes like that should be shot to death!”

Charlie sighed as he said, “Actually, I have already heard of the existence of the beggar syndicate when I was still working at the construction site. They mostly consist of fellow villagers or relatives who formed and organized a group to beg in big cities. Some of them are extremely cruel, and they specialize in targeting minors.”

After that, Charlie continued speaking, "Do you remember that we watched an Indian movie called 'Slumdog Millionaire' about two years ago? There was the leader of a beggar syndicate who made a young child blind because he could sing very well? After making him blind, he made him sing and beg on the street. It seems as though this kind of thing only happens far away from us, but in actual fact, it is often happening around us."

Claire said angrily, "I really did not expect such demons to be around us. If I knew about this, I would have studied in the police academy to become a police officer so that I can bring these bad guys to justice instead."

Lisa sighed as she said, "Sister-in-law, the main point is that there is just too much profit margins in this syndicate. Therefore, many people would be willing to take the risk of getting shot as long as they are able to make that much money."

Lisa felt that the conversation was getting a little too heavy. So, she hurriedly said, "Oh, it is already getting late. Why don't we head to the restaurant first? Some of our friends might have already arrived."

Charlie nodded slightly and said, "Yes, let's go to the restaurant first."

The three of them left the orphanage together. At this time, Charlie suddenly asked Lisa, "By the way, Lisa, is the orphanage facing any difficulties lately?"

Lisa smiled as she said, "We have always been facing all sorts of difficulties. However, we can still pull through. The children's living conditions are much better compared to what we had when we were young. The only downside is the fact that the classrooms, dormitories, and cafeteria are really too old. The dean has always been applying for funding because he was hoping that we would be able to raise some money for some renovation. However, the superiors have always said that the finances are too tight and that there would not be any funds available for the time being."

Charlie nodded lightly as he took every word that she had just said to heart.