## Chapter 31 Was It Ryan

If she continued asking, it would put her parents in a difficult situation, but if she didn't, she wouldn't be able to resolve her problem with Ryan.

Opening her mouth, Catherine let her mother feed her. Chewing her food, Catherine complimented it.

At that point, her parents thought that she had given up so they secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

After she swallowed her food, she suddenly mentioned, "I remembered Ryan." Then, she observed her father because he was good at lying.

Back then, Ryan had told her that she lost her virginity when she was 18, and he even had said he hated her. Kevin also mentioned that there was a man calling her Cath pretty endearingly by her

side on the night of the accident.

Because of all this, Catherine inferred that she had been once in love with Ryan and they were together at one point in time. Later, that man appeared and she fell for him instead. That was probably why Ryan hated her.

However, she was only 18 years old at the time. Although all this shouldn't have been possible, that was the only explanation to connect all the dots so far.

" Ryan? Do you mean the President Walker of Walker Group and Luca's boss?" her father asked.

"Of course."

"What did you remember about him?" Winnie asked, her expression no longer nervous.

"I was in a relationship with him before the car

accident, right?" The whole time, Catherine only paid attention to her father's expression since she was sure that she would get her answers from him.

But his expression did not change at all. He didn't looked surprise when he knew she knew the truth. This made Catherine feel strange.

"You were so young when you had the accident, young lady. Why would you be in a relationship? Besides, we didn't know anyone from Walker Group at the time so you definitely wouldn't have known Ryan."

At that moment, Catherine could tell that her father was not lying. After all, he was an incredibly honest person and Catherine could trust that much.

"But—" Before she could say another word, her cellphone rang. It was Luca.

"Luca is here. I have to go and pick him up," Catherine informed her parents in a hurry and walked out the door before answering the call.

"I bought something from the supermarket, the same old four items. Do you need anything else?" Luca asked awkwardly.

"I'll go and pick you up. Wait for me." Since Catherine couldn't find anything out from her parents, she thought she would try with Luca since he was the closest person to Ryan. Perhaps he would know something about him.

"Please don't. Keep a distance from me. I dislike women like you."

"You..." Upon hearing that, Catherine was so angry that she choked.

At that moment, she wanted to meet him anyway so she could clarify things, but she was afraid that

it would be difficult for her to pretend to be loving with him in front of her parents after they argued. So, she patiently commented, "Then, come to my parents' home once you finish shopping." After saying that, she hung up.

Shortly after, Luca arrived. Her parents came out to welcome him warmly, and they chatted for a bit.

Although Luca was only an assistant, he was Ryan's right-hand man. When Catherine's parents had almost gone bankrupt before, they were very happy that Catherine was able to find such a nice man to care for her.

"Drink with me tonight, Luca," Mr. Green said at the table.

"I'm sorry, Dad. Mr. Walker might need me to go out with him at any time so I can't drink."

"Well, okay then. Work is more important after all,"

Winnie said.

"I just wanted to thank you for putting in a good word for me with Mr. Walker. If it hadn't been for your help, my factory would probably be in trouble," Mr. Green sighed,

Actually, he hoped that he never set up this factory because he was between a rock and a hard place now. He was making losses by running it, but he would owe a huge debt if it closed down. For the past two years, Walker Group injected capital into their business but never intervened in the entire management. Meanwhile, Mr. Green and Henry Johnston struggled to keep the business going, and they always ran into problems, but they could never deal with them.

"I didn't really do much. If anyone should be thanked here, it should be Catherine." Just then, Luca shot Catherine a glance as if to tell her to be grateful for all that Ryan had done for her. Why would he say something like that? A moment ago, she had just asked her parents if she was in a relationship with Ryan. What if they sensed something?

"What do you mean?" Mr. Green asked curiously.

## Chapter 32 Why

"How could you not get what he meant? I guess you're really too innocent. What he meant was that we got connected to Mr. Walker because of you, Cath. That's why he was willing to help us. Actually, I think Luca is just being modest and letting you take the credit for it all."

"Yes, Dad. Luca treats me the best. Have some more food, Luca," Catherine mentioned and kept adding food to his plate.

At that moment, she began to regret having mentioned Ryan in front of her parents. Luca had better not say anything unnecessary anymore.

During the whole meal, Catherine had an incredibly tough time talking about more casual topics so that it wouldn't be too awkward.

Since she didn't want them to have too many conversations with each other, she complained that she wanted to go home right after the meal.

"Now that the two of you seem to get along so well and you've been married for two years, isn't it about time to consider having a child, Cath?" Winnie asked, right before seeing them off.

"We will, Mom. Don't be so anxious about it. We will tell you as soon as there's any good news," Catherine said casually. After listening to Winnie nag a little bit more, Catherine bid her father goodbye and left.

While Luca drove, Catherine sat in the back seat.

The whole journey, he kept his eyes forward and looked indifferent as if sitting in the same car with her was an insult to him.

"Why do you hate me so much, Luca? Is it because

I hurt Ryan before?" she asked in a straightforward manner.

Glancing indifferently back at her delicate face through the rearview mirror, Luca mocked sarcastically, " I think you know the answer to that question."

Actually, it didn't matter what tone he took when he talked with her. After all, it all definitely boiled down to the fact that he either misunderstood something or she hurt Ryan too deeply. That was why he would hate her so much.

At that point, Catherine planned to tell him the truth in exchange for his honesty.

"I had a car accident when I was 18 and I lost some of my memories. I hope you can tell me whether I have been in a relationship with Ryan or if I have hurt him before." Suddenly, the car screeched to a stop, and Catherine flew forward, slamming her head into the front seat. Fortunately, the back of the front seat was soft or she would have suffered a concussion.

"Get out of the car. I don't want to talk to people who are full of lies," he uttered coldly.

"I'm not lying. I really lost my memory."

"If you lost your memory, how did you end up finding Mr. Walker again? Are you going to say it's a coincidence or a miracle?" he asked sarcastically.

Upon hearing that, Catherine realized that there was no way she could clearly explain it anymore.

Two years ago, her mother arranged the blind date and told her that it was the president of Walker Group, an eligible bachelor.

At the time, she had no idea that her family business was in dire straits so she kept trying to mess it up.

In fact, she still remembered that the blind date was on a Friday when they agreed to meet in a cafe, but she ended up sitting at the wrong table and met Cayden by accident.

Sitting not too far away from them, Ryan saw Cayden casually holding her hand and confessing his feelings for her.

Although Cayden was a doctor, he didn't seem like an average doctor. Instead, he seemed to have a bad boy vibe about him which instantly won her heart over.

That night, she went home blissfully only to overhear her parent's conversation about the factory closing down.

Therefore, she decided to sacrifice her newly-budded romance and shamelessly ask to meet Ryan again so that they could discuss the marriage thing. Unexpectedly, Ryan agreed to it without hesitation at all.

The following Friday, they met at the cafe again.

When she saw Ryan, she recalled that he seemed familiar to her the last time she saw him. Initially, he thought that the president of Walker Group would be a bald man with a large belly. Obviously, she hadn't expected that he would look so young and handsome. Before they talked about their terms, she was already uneasy.

However, she still plucked up her courage to speak her mind.

"I want to marry you, but only if you are willing to invest in my father's factory."

"How much do you need?" Ryan asked directly so she would always remember it.

"Ten million. But after everything works out, you will definitely make a profit from the factory."

## **Chapter 33 Schemes**

"Did you scheme so elaborately all just to ask for ten million dollars?" Ryan questioned.

Since she was anxious about solving her problem at the time, she didn't think too much about it. She thought what he said meant something else..

All her interactions with everyone, including meeting Cayden in front of him became part of her so-called elaborate scheme.

Could his hatred for her have stemmed from what had happened between her and Cayden? Was it his possessiveness that caused him to suspect that she actually gave up her virginity to Cayden but had a re-virginization surgery for Ryan?

When she thought of it that way, it seemed to

make sense. However, she couldn't seem to make sense of the fact that he was so sure about what had happened to her before she was 18 and that she felt a sense of familiarity with him.

"Get out. Stop pretending. I'm warning you, don't have any ideas about Mr. Walker. I'll always be watching you," Luca warned impatiently when he saw Catherine in a daze.

Now that she realized there was nothing she could find out from him, she thought she might as well go home and try to find things out from her parents instead.

Ignoring Luca, Catherine silently opened the car door and got out, which made Luca surprised.

However, he thought of her as a scourge and couldn't wait for her to disappear from Mr. Walker's life completely.

Despite how gently Catherine opened the door to her parent's house, they still heard her. When her parents asked why she was back, she casually said that she couldn't bear to leave them and wanted to stay the night here.

Upon hearing that, Winnie was so happy that she slept with Catherine in her room.

Afraid that Ryan would suddenly summon her in the middle of the night, Catherine turned off her cellphone before she went to sleep.

At 11 pm, the landline at home rang, and Winnie woke up to answer it.

"It's Luca, Cath. He said he couldn't sleep alone at home so he's downstairs right now and he wants to pick you up."

When Catherine heard that Luca called, her heart instantly sank. After all, Ryan was definitely the

one who asked him to pick her up. Couldn't that a\*\*h\*l\* leave her alone for one day?

No matter how dissatisfied she was, she couldn't disobey him or Luca would definitely barge in.

Getting up, Catherine put off her nightdress and put on a cotton dress instead.

"Mom, I'm leaving."

"It's so late. Why don't you ask Luca to stay over together and go back in the morning?"

"It's okay. I'd better go so it will be more convenient for him to go to work tomorrow," Catherine explained while walking out the door.

Downstairs, Luca's car was indeed there, parked on the shoulder with the lights turned on.

Opening the car door to the backseat, Catherine barely took one step into the car before Ryan pulled her into her arms immediately.

"Go for a walk, Luca!" Ryan ordered Luca urgently.

"Mr. Walker-"

"Go!" At that moment, his tone was filled with impatience and rage. This was the first time Catherine heard him speak that way to Luca.

"Yes, sir!"

Turning off the car lights, Luca opened the door and got out. On his way out, he even closed his door and the backseat door as well.

At this moment, Ryan seemed like he couldn't endure another minute.

But what did he want? Was he going to try something with her in the car? Suddenly, Catherine felt an overwhelming sense of disgust and humiliation.

At that moment, she could feel that he was so hot like he was on fire. Trying her best, Catherine struggled to break free from his embrace, but he didn't give her a chance to resist at all.

Right now, Ryan couldn't tell if she was trembling because she was afraid of him or because she was eager for it.

However, he was possessed as he untied his belt swiftly.

"Sit here!" he ordered her without hesitation.

After all, the space in the car was limited and he was too tall. If he was on top, there would be no place to put his hands and feet.

At that point, he was getting more and more rude. Did he really have to humiliate her like this because he hated her?

Right now, Catherine felt he was tearing her dignity to shreds and trampling on it viciously.

## **Chapter 34 Humiliation**

But she didn't want to be humiliated by him. Luca was right outside, and he clearly knew what was going to happen in the car. Thinking of that, Catherine really wanted to kill herself to avoid suffering this torture.

Turning around toward the door, she struggled to escape.

However, Ryan wasn't going to let her resist him.

Of course, she didn't know that he had taken some supplements before. Robert was such a generous person who had given Ryan so much supplement. What was more, Ryan even consumed Jasmine's portion as well. With double the dosage, other ordinary men would have gone insane by now.

Not too far away, Luca just kept smoking one cigarette after another.

Currently, his grandparents and parents were all servants of the Walkers who lived in Walker Manor.

Earlier, he already knew that Ryan took those supplements because his mother told him when he went back home after dinner at the Greens.

Even if Ryan took the supplements, he shouldn't stay in the car for so long. Wasn't it a little too much?

Right now, he really wanted to knock on the door so that he could tell Ryan to stop and take care of his body.

Just as he was thinking about it, he saw Ryan open the car door and walk out.

"Luca!" he called out. Quickly, Luca put out the cigarette and ran over.

Sitting in the front passenger seat, he instructed Luca, "Drive slowly. Send her back first."

At that moment, Catherine was lying in the backseat. Since the car was pretty spacious, she could lie down in the backseat.

However, she was curling up in a corner so the space of the backseat seemed big.

Because of what had happened just now, she was not only exhausted but also in pain. When Ryan advised him to drive slowly, it was because he was worried the bumpy ride would make her feel more uncomfortable. However, Catherine couldn't understand that that was the way he showed concern for her.

All she knew was that he had used the worst

method to have her.

In the car, she did nothing wrong, but his punishment came so suddenly and was so unnecessarily ruthless.

In his eyes, her resistance meant nothing at all. From the beginning till the end, he only ordered, "Sit on my dick!" Perhaps to him, that was how worthless she was or he wouldn't have done that all without any explanation.

As a matter of fact, he was so rough with her earlier that he tore her heart to shreds.

When the car stopped outside the apartment, Ryan got out of the car first to carry Catherine.

"There's no need for that. I can walk by myself!" she cried out coldly while she dodged out of his reach.

At that moment, she was probably hating him, but he couldn't even explain to her.

"I told you not to resist me!" Feeling a little irritated, he blurted out these words. Then, he forcibly pulled her out from inside the car and carried her.

"Wait for me here. I'll be back after I send her up." Turning around, he informed Luca. Carrying her, he strode back up to the apartment.

In the bedroom, he put her down on the bed.

Earlier, when he had her weak body in his arms, it unknowingly reignited the flames of passion again.

Perhaps it was because the effects of the supplement hadn't completely dissipated, but he wanted to pin her down and put her through the wringer once more.

"Have a good rest. I'm leaving," he muttered gently. This was the first time he told her that he was leaving.

In the past, he would just slam the door and leave. Was it because he felt bad for having mistreated her earlier?

It was probably just a formality, not an apology so she shouldn't be thinking too much about it.

Most likely, he was just telling her to have a good rest so that she would be up for it again later. It was probably the same as him getting someone to deliver a meal to her and his only purpose was to torture her and to show her how much he hated her.

Closing her eyes and turning away, she completely ignored him.

After he carried her here earlier, her skirt was

rolled through the whole ordeal.

Although he knew she was exhausted and he had all intentions of sparing her, this scene caused him to lose control of himself. At the same time, Catherine could feel a burning gaze down her back.

Reaching out, she wanted to pull down her skirt, but he was one step ahead.

"Don't!" she cried out softly. As her body stiffened, she felt his lips detach from her skin.

At that moment, she didn't know how she ended up refusing him since she promised to always be obedient to him.

Just then, he already tried to apologize to her with a kiss. Could she still be angry?