

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 31 - 40

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 31-I Won't Apologize Isabella lowered her head, concealing the fleeting sharpness on her face. Her tone was pitiful and sad as she said, "She's your mother. It's only natural for me to visit her. I'm sorry.

"You don't need to apologize," Cedric said, obviously frustrated.

Especially when he saw Isabella in this fragile state, he...!!

There was a time when Natalie acted the same way as Isabella toward him. However, no matter what trouble arose recently, even if it seemed like everyone wanted to tear her apart, she never bowed down to him again.

She would rather seek help from the police than ask him for protection.

Isabella took a deep breath and said, "I know that your mother look down on me, but I didn't choose to be in this state. My entire life has been ruined..." Isabella trailed off and started to cry softly.

Cedric had initially planned to ask about the evidence, but with Isabella like this, he completely forgot about it. He ran his fingers through his already disheveled hair.

"Don't worry; you'll definitely recover and stand up again!" His words were firm and confident.

Isabella still had her head bowed.

"It's not that easy. The doctors have said that if I don't find a suitable corneal transplant soon, I might have to spend the rest of my life in darkness." Cedric's breath caught. The doctors had told him the same thing before, which is why he had been vigorously searching for a suitable corneal transplant. However, the process of corneal transplantation was complex and strict, and live donations were rare. There was a severe shortage of donation resources. Even with all his efforts.

there was still no news.

"She's lucky to have you," Isabella said, her voice filled with sorrow before Cedric could respond to her previous words.

When Cedric heard what she said, it felt as though he had been thrown into cold water.

Undoubtedly!

The people around here still believed that Natalie was responsible for Isabella's current condition, even if public opinion had changed.

However, that was how humans worked. Once they made up their minds, they wouldn't easily waver. Cedric's perception aligned with the general consensus!

He had pursued Natalie so relentlessly back then, and now he was even more convinced that she was behind this. After a long moment of silence, he finally said, "I've spoiled her!" There was also a hint of exasperation toward Natalie in his words.

Isabella's tone contained a touch of stubbornness and resentment. "I just need her to apologize. Is that too much to ask?" Her bitterness was heartbreaking.

Without waiting for Cedric to respond, Isabella continued, "I just want to clear everything up. I'm already in this state; do I have to endure the merciless insults from the outside world because of her? That's unfair to me!" The more Isabella spoke, the more choked up her voice became. She made people feel as though she was the weak one. That she was confronting a powerful force, standing in a place where justice was needed.

And that powerful force was none other than Natalie, whom Cedric sheltered under his wings.

Cedric stood up. He clenched his fist, a hint of coldness flashing in his eyes.

"Get some rest." After saying that, he didn't wait for Isabella's reaction and turned to walk out of the hospital room. Just a couple of steps away, he heard Isabella ask with sadness, "Can I really see the sunlight again? Can I stand up again?" Cedric stopped.

He turned around..

Isabella's face was filled with sorrow as she looked in his direction, and at that moment, it was as if a significant decision had been made in his heart.

He closed his eyes briefly and spoke with determination, "You will."

Natalie and Bianca had finished bathing and were preparing to go to bed when vigorously knocking came from the front door. The person on the other side sounded like they were going to knock until the door broke down.

There was no need to wonder who it was.

Bianca turned to go to the kitchen and grabbed a kitchen knife. She couldn't help but mutter curses under her breath.

"That shameless...!" Seeing this, Natalie's heart leaped to her throat.

She grabbed Bianca and took the knife from her hand. Then, she shoved Bianca into Bianca's arms and said, "Go back to the room." "Nat..." "I can handle this." Cedric had

come knocking at the door at this time, and it was easy to guess why. She knew what kind of person he was and didn't want Blanca to confront him head-on.

Bianca's face turned livid with anger, but in the end, she didn't say anything. She listened to Natalie's words and returned to her room with the pic.

The knocking on the door was still ongoing, and it sounded more like someone was kicking it.

Outside, Cedric shouted angrily, "Natalie, come out!" The neighbor across the hall had probably had enough and was the first to open their door, shouting, "What are you making such a racket for?! It's late at night!" "Young people these days..." The neighbor's voice trailed off, and then there was the sound of the door closing.

Cedric's expression turned even more frightening when he simply glared over his shoulder. It was clear that his glare had scared off the neighbor.

Natalie walked over and opened the door.

She was met with a man who exuded a chilling air around him. At this moment, he was looking at her with His gaze looked as if a disappointed parent needed to discipline their child.

Natalie fearlessly met his gaze "You've gone completely out of your mind, haven't you?" As he said that he reached out to strongly grip Natalie's wrist and pulled her out. Natalie's right arm wasn't in great shape to begin with. Now, being yanked like this, it was even more painful. She staggered and was dragged on her knees. The moment her knees hit the ground, a piercing pain shot through her.

Her face turned pale from the pain!

The man in front of her just glanced back at her for a moment before picking her up and carrying her into the elevator Natalie pounded his back, her emotions out of control. "You lunatic! Let me down! Put me down..." But her struggles meant nothing to the man. When he placed her in the car, Natalie was about to get out from the other side, but the next moment, a strong force on her ankle dragged her down.

Natalie struggled hard in the backseat, but the man pressed down on her. "Behave yourself!" "Let me go!" Her tone was frantic and angry, making the man's expression even colder.

The driver wished he could abandon the car and run. But then he remembered Cedric's orders. So, he gritted his teeth and drove away despite the trembling of his b*dy!

Natalie gazed into the man's deep eyes. It was hard to know what he was thinking.

Then, Cedric said, “A pair of legs and eyes! She just wants your apology. It’s nothing excessive!” A loud explosion seemed to occur in Natalie’s mind, and her world turned desolate, leaving her standing alone in the bleak darkness.

It was as though everyone had abandoned her.

No matter what happened in the past, this man had always stood by her side.

Now, he wanted to take her to apologize to Isabella?

After a long, long time, Natalie came back to her senses. She looked at the man on top of her and said slowly, I’m Not Going!” “You don’t have a choice.” “Even if I go to jail, I’ll never apologize to that woman!” Natalie shouted.

Of course, she wouldn’t actually end up in jail. She had absolute confidence in the police. But as for Cedric... She had once trusted him so much, and now she was extremely disappointed in him.

Slap!

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 32-Getting Physical for Isabella A fiery pain spread across her face, and the narrow space fell completely silent at that moment.

Cedric was stiff as he looked at Natalie, whose head was turned to the side. Then, he slowly looked at his own hand as his eyes widened.

Both of them were breathing heavily.

Finally, Natalie turned to look at Cedric, When she met his eyes, she smiled.

It was a mocking smile, one that was cold and biting!

“Hah! You hit me. Why? For that woman’s sake?” She almost couldn’t hear her own voice. It was an instinctual question.

Cedric had hit her.

He had hit her for another woman.

If Natalie had only felt disappointment towards him earlier, she was now completely heartbroken by this man.

People say that letting go was just a thought away. So, heartbreak must also happen in an instant.

At this moment, her feelings for Cedric... were completely dead.

Cedric also finally came to his senses. He looked at her, his small face covered in red marks. He extended shaky hands toward her. Even his voice shook.

“Nat.” “Don’t touch me!” Natalie pushed his hand away. She attempted to open the car door, but it was locked.

She glared at him fiercely and said coldly, “Open it!” “Listen to me.” “What is there to say?” Natalie roared.

At this moment, she had lost all her rationality. The petite woman turned to look at the man before her like an angry little beast.

There’s nothing left to say between us.” Cedric remained silent.

“Where’s your dignity as a member of the Johnson family? You should at least try to retain it. If you have any future business, talk to my lawyer. If you think I’ve caused her such suffering, then go to the police.

What, you can’t even do that? Do you need my help doing that?” As she spoke, Natalie pulled out her phone to dial the emergency number.

When he saw the numbers on her screen, Cedric instinctively snatched the phone from her hand and quickly hung up before the other side could answer.

“Are you crazy?!” He began shouting as well.

She had gone mad! Truly and utterly mad!

Natalie looked at the furious man. Her tone was furious and mocking as she said, “Why are you afraid? I’m not even afraid!” Indeed, what was he afraid of?

When they found that evidence, his first thought wasn’t to turn it over to the police, but to use it to threaten her into not divorcing him.

No matter when it was, his first reaction was not to allow Natalie to divorce him.

And Natalie?

In the face of that evidence, she seemed to have never been afraid!

‘Is it because of that man?’ After a long pause, Cedric finally spoke. Countless thoughts raced through his mind. The only reason that could convince him that Natalie wasn’t afraid was because of the man abroad. She had been away from Verde City for several months, and they couldn’t track her whereabouts.

There was no need to think.

That must be the reason!

And now, in the face of hard facts and evidence, she showed no fear, simply because someone was backing her up.

Natalie hadn't expected Cedric to bring up her uncle at this moment, "Tres I have someone protecting me. Are you done with the questions?" She didn't care!

Seeing Cedric's anger climbing higher, Natalie continued, "When I received those things back at Scarlet Villa, he was the one protecting me!" "When public opinion was trying to tear me apart, he protected me! When that evidence was presented, he told me not to be afraid! He's the one protecting me. You got a problem with it?" 1 The more Natalie spoke, the more it provoked Cedric's fury, especially the words at the end.

When she was still living at Scarlet Villa, Natalie didn't even know that Stephen was her uncle.

She lied, and Cedric believed her!

Suddenly, there was pressure on her shoulder.

Cedric couldn't help but reach out and grip her shoulders harshly. His fingers dug painfully into her flesh as he pressed down in rage.

The pressure was intense!

"Ugh..." Natalie groaned in pain.

"Natalie, you really want to die, huh?!" Cedric was furious.

He was utterly enraged.

Since they had been together, Natalie had always lived under his protection. To put it bluntly, she depended on him for her life.

However, the woman he had protected for so many years was now shouting about how another man had protected her from every little thing that happened!

Did she think so little of Cedric?!

"Didn't I tell you that the men of the Johnson family don't divorce? That they only become widowers?" Cedric said, his tone icy.

He leaned closer to her ear while looking at the silent Natalie, his tone was extremely dangerous!

Natalie smirked through her pain and replied, "Didn't I also tell you before? Either you become the first one, or you can go to hell! I'm treating you as if you're already dead!" Cedric was speechless at her response!

In the cramped space, the atmosphere grew heavier and suffocating.

"Is that so? Why don't you have a feel whether I'm dead or not, then?" "Get off me!" When Cedric's hand pulled at her robe, Natalie was about to slap him. But the man was prepared and grabbed her wrist tightly, restraining her!

He had always been gentle with her, but now he suddenly turned ruthless and domineering. Natalie couldn't resist him at all. Disgust flashed in her eyes.

"How dare you!" "Don't forget, you're still my wife." "Oh, so you still remember that I'm your wife?!" Yet, how had he treated her lately?

"How unlucky I am to have such a husband like you! That I need other men to protect me in the most difficult times!" This tement was undoubtedly adding fuel to the fire.

Cedric was already furious, and now he was even angrier, wanting to tear Natalie apart.

Neither of them was willing to give in!

There were always two sides to a story.

At the hospital, Isabella had already removed the bandage covering her eyes. Christina was not pleased when she heard that Jocelyn was returning, and now, seeing Isabella in this state, her mood worsened.

You should be more carefull Don't get caught.

told you, I've taken care of the hospital staff.

ken care of them, there can still be oversights.

The plan had been carefully calculated up to this point, especially the fact that Natalie and Cedric were currently at odds. Cedric, having grown up pampered in the Johnson family, would run out of patience sooner or later.

When that happened, he and Natalie would naturally part ways.

So, Christina absolutely couldn't afford any mistakes at this crucial moment!

Isabella looked at Christina with a displeased expression. "I know what to do. Don't forget, we're in this together.

She was not Christina's employer, and her words served as a reminder to Christina.

After a brief pause, Christina's tone changed when she looked at Isabella. "You're right, we're in this together. But you shouldn't be thinking of things you shouldn't be." Isabella didn't say anything. Now was not the time for her and Christina to argue.

"How are they doing now?" Isabella was stuck in the hospital, so she didn't clearly understand Cedric's situation. She only saw the recent developments with Natalie in the news.

Even from those reports, she could tell that things between them were not going well. She was surprised that they hadn't separated even at this stage.

"They've been having quite a serious argument for the past couple of days," Christina said.

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 33-Domestic Violence Examination Natalie went upstairs.

Bianca had been waiting for her. When she saw Natalie with disheveled clothes, marks on her neck, and finger imprints on her face, she was instantly furious.

"He hit you?!" She asked.

Even her breathing had become heavy with how angry she was.

Natalie nodded. Her complexion didn't look too good.

When she recalled Cedric's gaze, which looked like he was about to devour her, she...!

When she closed her eyes, all she could recall was the stinging sensation on her face from his slap.

Her face still burned from the impact, and the sensation of being strangled around her neck lingered.

Bianca placed a coat over her shoulders, and then she pulled on her own jacket.

"Let's go to the hospital," Bianca suggested.

"It's fine," Natalie said hesitantly. These injuries were relatively minor, and she didn't think they required a hospital visit. But Bianca's response caught her off guard.

"This is domestic violence! It'll be helpful in the legal battle, Bianca explained.

Natalie's expression tightened at the thought.

With that, she followed Bianca downstairs and into her car.

Domestic violence...!

She had never considered that Cedric would resort to violence. Now, she considered his actions from an outsider's perspective.

She once boasted that she was happy, saying that no one in the world treated her better than Cedric.

But now, how did Cedric look like to the people around her?

Natalie's heart ached. She had never experienced this level of pain before, even after being reborn.

And now.

could barely believe the situation she was in right now. Bianca drove the car and looked at Natalie's somewhat pale face.

She asked, "What's wrong? Do you still refuse to believe it?" Natalie glanced at Bianca and replied, "It's not that... I'm just in disbelief!" Even though Cedric had already slapped her, choked her, and she felt the sensation of suffocation, she still found it hard to accept.

In her eyes, Cedric's infidelity was already a catastrophe, and now it had escalated to domestic violence.

"He and you aren't from the same world. There's much he's capable of that you don't know," Bianca said calmly, as if she had experienced similar situations before.

Natalie tensed once again.

"I-I know," she whispered.

She was all too aware of how far Cedric could go, and he was only beginning to reveal his true self.

"Nat," Bianca said, her voice filled with concern. Before Bianca could continue, Natalie smiled bitterly and said, "Do you know why he came to see me tonight?" "Why?" "He wanted to take me to the hospital to apologize to Isabella. He said that she lost the use of her legs and eyes, so an apology from me isn't an excessive demand." "Is he a complete idiot?" Bianca was furious once again.

Just an apology?

Wasn't he also human? Forget about women. Even men wouldn't think an apology would resolve this entire situation, right?

Yet, Cedric seemed to believe that?!

What exactly were they supposed to say about him?

Hatalle didn't care about Cedric's current state. She simply laid bare all her recent hardships in front of Bianca. He even got Stefan to find evidence that I bribed and kidnapped those people who targeted Teabella. "What? You didn't do it, yet somehow there's evidence from out of nowhere?" "Exactly!" In fact, Natalie was sure that the evidence had been prepared for a long time.

After going through the transactions in her bank account recently, she realized that it had started a year ago. She had been unaware that she had slowly fallen into her enemy's trap starting then!

However, the rumors about Isabella and Cedric had only started six months ago!

It was clear that her enemy wanted to drive her completely insane. Everything was planned with precision, even considering her love for Cedric.

"In that case, you should divorce Cedric as soon as possible. Being part of that family brings nothing good!" Bianca commented.

How did they even get to this conversation?

Wasn't it tiring to scheme and manipulate others in secret like this?

"You have your own talents. Leaving Cedric will only make you better. A woman doesn't have to rely on her husband. The woman herself is the greatest asset," Bianca continued.

Natalie nodded in agreement, particularly when she looked at Bianca's life over the years. Although she lived alone and was independent, she was a role model in many ways. She didn't have to deal with a toxic mother-in-law, and no one was constantly scrutinizing her to see when she would have children.

Bianca's only worries revolved around helping her clients win legal battles and protecting their interests. On her vacations, she flew abroad to go skiing, basked in the sun by the beach, or explored canyons.

She lived a life that many women wouldn't even dare to dream of.

Natalie never found out which hospital Isabella and Rebecca were in. Bianca took her to the nearest hospital to her home.

It was late at night, and the doctors were initially reluctant to examine her. However, when they heard that it was for a domestic violence examination, they quickly checked Natalie for injuries and marked them as more severe on the medical report.

When receiving the report, the doctor looked at Natalie and said, "Who says someone can't survive in this world if you divorce? Pahl I wish you all the best," +15 BONUS
"Thank you," Natalie replied, taking the report and walking away. However, the doctor stopped her with a question.

"You seem familiar. Have we met somewhere before?" "I don't think so. I rarely get sick. Maybe I look similar to someone you've seen," Natalie replied and quickly walked away.

But she knew the doctor hadn't made a mistake.

During this time, she was either trending with her uncle or being compared to Isabella in online discussions. It was no wonder that many people found her face familiar.

Bianca was waiting outside. She stood up when she saw Natalie coming out and asked, "How did it go?" "It's all taken care of. Let's go."

"Give me the report," Bianca extended her hand. She was now Natalie's divorce attorney, and she needed these pieces of evidence immediately.

Natalie handed it to her, and Bianca was about to put it in her bag. Before she could do so, they heard Cedric's voice, "Why are you here?" Natalie and Bianca both turned to see Cedric standing in the corridor with a cold look on his face.

He had tried to bring Natalie to the hospital to apologize to Isabella, but she had refused to cooperate.

So, what was Natalie doing here in the middle of the night?

Cedric approached them with long strides. His steps were heavy, and they sounded foreboding in the cold corridors.

Bianca quickly slipped the medical report into her bag and took Natalie's hand.

"Let's go!" She was now more eager than Natalie to avoid seeing Cedric. They had originally believed that having Cedric protect Natalie was the only good thing about her being part of the Johnson family.

But who could have thought things would end up this way?

Natalie walked with Bianca, not wanting to engage with Cedric here. However, a hand forcefully grabbed her wrist.

hy are you running? Cedric's voice was chilly.

"Could you please let go?" "Why? Are you afraid I'd bite?" "I said, let go!" Natalie said more forcefully. She tried to shake off his hand, but he showed no intention of releasing her.

Natalie stared at the hand that held her wrist, knowing he wouldn't let her go. However, she was afraid for Bianca at this moment, fearing that Cedric would turn on her.

So, she turned to Bianca and said, "Bia, wait in the car for me, okay?" "But Nat..." "Go!" Natalie's tone was firm, making Bianca understand her concerns.

Reluctantly, she released Natalie's hand. Before she left, she shot a fierce glare at Cedric.

Now, only Natalie and Cedric were left.

She had no more inhibitions and looked at him with an even colder gaze.

"What did you give to Bianca just now?" Cedric inquired before she had a chance to speak.

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 34-Cedric's Explosive Rage Natalie didn't answer his question. She simply gazed at him in silence.

The conversation she had with Bianca in the car had deeply touched her.

Now, her eyes were only filled with coldness as she looked at Cedric.

There was also an underlying disbelief!

She found it hard to believe that this man, who she hadn't thought would ever lay a hand on her due to Isabella, would do so.

He even...!

"What were you thinking when you hit me for Isabella?" Natalie asked suddenly.

Cedric responded, "What?" "When you hit me for Isabella, what was going through your mind?" As those words left her mouth, Cedric's eye twitched in annoyance. His eyes showed traces of smoldering anger.

"Do you really think I hit you for her?" "Wasn't it?" The man fell silent. The rage in his eyes burned so brightly that it looked like it would explode at any moment.

And as Natalie looked at him, it was as though she was staring at a stranger. When had they reached such a level of mutual distrust? These thoughts had never crossed her mind before, but now... She took a deep breath. "I should go." Seeing Cedric being silent only made her feel colder. No, she was already emotionally dead. So even the feeling of heartache repulsed her.

"Do you think I won't find out if you don't answer me?" Cedric tightened his grip on her wrist.

What else do you want? Natalie asked. "Isn't this enough?" No!

"Yuvan!" "Yes, sir." "Go!" Natalie could easily guess what Cedric had told Yuvan to inquire about.

She felt her forehead throbbing even as Cedric's breath became increasingly rapid.

Yuvan, who had spent many years by Cedric's side, had been trained under difficult conditions and could quickly retrieve information.

Of course, Natalie leaving the country last time was an unexpected incident.

Soon, Yuvan stood behind Cedric. When he looked at Natalie, there was a trace of something unusual in his expression.

"Sir." "What is it?!" Yuvan was obviously anxious, and Cedric could clearly sense it.

Yuvan lowered his head and said, "Mrs. Johnson came here for a medical examination." Cedric tensed.

The look in Cedric's eyes wasn't just anger.

Natalie turned her head to the side, clearly sensing the oppressive aura coming from the man.

Yuvan stood by, waiting.

When in Cedric's presence, anyone could feel an immense pressure.

Natalie, who had not feared him before, couldn't help but feel a little scared now.

Bam With a sudden shove, she was pushed into the hospital room's corridor, and Cedric slammed the door shut. His imposing shadow enveloped her, and his voice, always so seductive, was now filled with an indescribable mix of emotions and coldness.

amination? Domestic violence?" Facing the Cedric she had been so unafraid of, Natalie couldn't help but feel anxious.

“Say something!” When Natalie didn’t respond, Cedric roared.

His voice was deafening, nearly shaking the entire hospital.

Natalie finally lifted her head and looked at the man before her, her voice firmer than ever.

“That’s right.” “What’s wrong? Since you dare to hit me, of course I dare to report it!” Cedric’s eyes narrowed as he gazed at the petite face before him that was now displaying an unprecedented determination.

He had been caught up in Isabella’s affairs recently, so he had been neglecting the lawsuit agreement she had presented.

But Natalie’s recent actions had escalated to the point where it was impossible to ignore.

Now, what was he going to do?

Not only had she engaged in such embarrassing behavior, but she also intended to win the lawsuit?!

She had made herself out to be quite capable, hadn’t she?

“Well, well, you really are something. I didn’t know you would become this unruly.” She was the young mistress of the Johnson family, and now, she was directly wielding the law as a weapon against him?

The man’s sharp and usually calm features were now shrouded in a gloom. They were devoid of warmth when he looked at her.

But Natalie didn’t care!

Stepping around him, she reached for the door of the hospital room. However, the dangerous tone in the man’s voice from behind caught her attention.

“Natalie, since you insist, don’t blame me for being ruthless.” Natalie’s hand on the door handle came to a halt.

Did he think he wasn’t before this?

Hah!

He hadn’t even seen the full extent of his own ruthlessness.

What the hell was he on about?

Having experienced this life before, Natalie was no longer afraid of him.

She simply left with the parting words: "Do what you want. I'm ready whenever you are." With that, she opened the door and left, leaving Cedric to fume silently behind.

Cedric stood in the darkness, thinking about her words.

He had no idea his little wife would change so drastically in just one night.

How bold she was now!

She even said she was ready whenever he was!

Natalie walked out of the room and bumped into Christina in the corridor. That was how she learned that Rebecca was a patient at this hospital.

Upon seeing Natalie, it became almost instinctive for Christina to come forward and berate her.

"Do you have any self-awareness left as the Johnsons' young mistress? Your mother-in-law has been in the hospital, and you haven't shown up once." "I won't be the young mistress of your family soon enough. Isn't that what you wanted? Why are you trying to use this status against me now?"

"You.

Christina's anger flared.

Back when Natalie was still with the Johnson family, she and her mother often made life difficult for her every time she returned home.

At that time, Natalie was anything but assertive, impressive now, huh?

"Hmph!" Natalie sneered.

Seeing the hatred and disdain in Christina's eyes, Natalie retorted without a care. Her actions only fueled Christina's anger even more, reminding her of Natalie's taunts during the morning tea..

The disgust and contempt in Natalie's eyes now only made Christina embrace the identity of the unloved stepdaughter more vehemently.

In response to her remarks, Christina didn't hold back.

"An orphan should consider herself lucky to be part of our family. But you don't seem to appreciate your good fortune." She was responding to Natalie's previous taunts.

Yes, Natalie was an orphan.

When she first met Cedric, she had been relying on social welfare to get through school every It had been tough back then.

month.

But no matter how difficult life had been then, it was nothing compared to the challenges she faced in the Johnson family.

Natalie didn't want to continue engaging in further conversation with Christina. She believed that talking to the people from the Johnson family was just a waste of time.

Just as she turned to leave, Cedric and a doctor suddenly rushed past her.

She watched as Cedric's hurried figure and anxious words echoed in her ears.

"What's going on? How did she get infected?" "We've been closely monitoring Ms. Morgan; this infection is an unexpected development." Ms. Morgan?!

Natalie was frozen in place. She had seen him lose his composure due to Isabella's situation earlier, and now she witnessed it again.

Her heart couldn't help but clench.

Christina stood behind her, taunting her. "See that? Ced's heart no longer belongs to you." Natalie turned back to look at the triumphant Christina +1 A mocking smile played on Natalie's lips as she boldly insulted her, "Yes, his heart isn't with me, but it won't be with you either. You supposedly have the most advantageous position out of all of us, yet you can't even do anything with it." "You...!" Christina was infuriated, struggling to find the right words.

A hint of malevolence flashed in her eyes as she looked at Natalie. She hadn't expected her to be so sharp -tongued now and seemingly immune to provocation.

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 35-Using Bianca to Threaten Her When Natalie left the hospital, it was already three in the morning. She had spent several hours there.

She looked apologetically at Bianca and said, "I'm sorry, Bia." "Cut it out; you don't have to say such things to me." Bianca didn't care. She only wanted to help Natalie break free from Cedric as soon as possible. If this continued, she was genuinely worried it might lead to a fatality. The people around Cedric were not to be underestimated, and Natalie had suffered countless hardships by his side over the years.

Now, the way those people were acting clearly indicated their intention to corner Natalie.

Bianca was also a smart person. After learning about the evidence, she understood that everything before had been a trap set for Natalie.

That night, Natalie couldn't find any peace.

Cedric wasn't at peace in the hospital either, given Isabella's eye infection. The doctors were actively treating her and recommended surgery to prevent further complications. However, they faced a problem with the source of the corneal tissue.

Yuvan tried to contact several places but didn't make any progress. He kept encountering issues that he couldn't solve.

In the end, the only option they had was a live donor. However, no matter how short of money a person was, they wouldn't exchange their eyes for cash.

The next day, Rebecca was demanding to be discharged. Cedric was already overwhelmed with time constraints, and the situation only added to his stress.

The doctor said you need to be observed for three more days." "There's no need for that I know my own b*dy well." Every patient said that. But in reality, could they know better than a doctor?

Cedric had a lot on his plate, and everyone else seemed intent on adding more.

That was when Christina casually asked, "How's Isabella?"

ked tension between Cedric and Rebecca.

Rebecca was even more upset when she thought of Natalie. "I never thought Natalie would be so wicked. I was really wrong about her before. She's not worthy of being our family's daughter-in-law." "Mom!" Cedric looked at Rebecca with a grave expression.

Such a look had been his reaction whenever Rebecca had treated Natalie poorly over the past few years. Now, seeing him look at her like this only infuriated her more.

"Do you see? That's the woman you chose! I don't know what you saw in her. Tina says she still hasn't apologized to Isabella. Is that true?" Even though Rebecca also disliked Isabella, she was a self-righteous woman. She was in firm belief that Natalie had committed a heinous act. Since the truth couldn't be covered up, it was only right for Natalie to apologize to Isabella, even if it was just a pretense.

Cedric was already upset about the whole situation.

Now, Rebecca's anger against Natalie flamed his own anger.

Rebecca was unaware of the complexities of the situation and took the perspective of the previous online harassers.

She angrily stated, "For doing such a malicious act, she should experience the consequences of blindness by losing her eyes and feel the result of her cruelty." Cedric already felt burdened by Natalie's role in this situation. However, Rebecca continued to be ignorant about it and said, "Her cruelty aside, she remains unrepentant even as the truth is exposed. She thinks that she bears no responsibility as long as public opinion shifts. It's only because our family is protecting her. Otherwise, she'd already be in jail!" Cedric's mind was buzzing, and his thoughts became increasingly muddled.

He was overwhelmed by the phrases: unrepentant, cruel, eyes, and jail.

All these notions constantly bombarded his senses.

enough.

Sitting down at the breakfast table, she answered her uncle's phone call. "Uncle." "Karina has arrived in Verde City. She'll help you from now on." Karina Zeller?

During her three months abroad, Natalie had become well aware of Karina's reputation in her uncle's company. Karina was known as a formidable character.

Natalie hadn't expected Stephen to assign this person to help her.

She choked up a little, finding it hard to express her gratitude with words.

"Thank you, Uncle." "Hmph! We'll show them that you aren't someone who relied on your husband to survive! It was that man who begged you to be a full-time housewife!" Natalie was moved by her uncle's words, despite their unexpected nature.

Stephen was right.

Back then, she was an orphan, but she didn't beg Cedric to support her. She excelled in many areas and would have easily found a job without Cedric's help.

But how did Cedric put it back then?

"My wife doesn't need to struggle for a living!" Now, it was clear that it was a huge pitfall.

After marrying Cedric, many people accused her of marrying him for the Johnson family's money. They repeatedly slandered her as if she was particularly interested in that wealth.

Now, she realized that she had been quite naive in her thinking at the time.

Rebecca saw that Natalie had no independent source of income all these years and thought that Natalie couldn't survive without Cedric. So, Rebecca felt she could manipulate her at will. That was why the older woman continuously insulted and humiliated her, believing Natalie would never leave him.

hastated to finish her breakfast and headed out. After getting into the car, she called Karina, Karina had acted swiftly once she arrived in the city. On the phone, Karina said, "I just inspected the office and posted recruitment notices online. We should meet and discuss the details." "Great. Please send me the location." Natalie was astonished!

Stephen had informed her moments ago that Karina was coming to Verde City. And now, Karina had already prepared the office and sent her the location.

So, there was definitely reasons why this woman was so successful!

Natalie hung up the phone, planning to navigate to the office. But just as she received the location from Karina, Cedric's call came in.

Since Natalie was not good with directions, she was naturally frustrated when he occupied her phone.

"I didn't expect you'd have time to call me now," she said, thinking that he must be catching up on sleep after the ordeal with Isabella last night.

On the other end of the phone, the man's tone was devoid of warmth as he said, "I'm coming to find His words were forceful, as though he was giving her a command.

In the past, Natalie had always assumed it was due to his protective nature that he sounded like this.

But hearing it now made her feel he was ridiculous.

"Talk to my lawyer if you have anything to say," Natalie replied.

They were already at this point, and that was the only choice she was giving him!

"Bianca will be fired from her law firm today. Are you sure she's still your lawyer?" When Natalie heard this, her face turned pale, and her eyes widened.

Screech!

Crash!

The sound of screeching tires, grinding against the pavement, and the impact of a collision followed Cedric's breath hitched on the other end of the phone when he heard the horrifying sounds, What was that? Natalie? Natalie! Speak to me!

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 36-Strapped to the Operating Table An hour later, Natalie lay on a hospital bed. She was drenched in cold sweat, and her head ached. Her face was scrunched up in pain as her right arm had been dislocated again.

“You need to rest properly. It’s easy to dislocate your arm again if you’re not careful,” the doctor advised while carefully bandaging her.

Natalie was in too much pain to respond. Cedric stood nearby, his demeanor far from comforting. He watched Natalie, but his gaze lacked warmth.

Once the doctor had finished, he left with the nurse, leaving Natalie and Cedric alone in the room. Natalie turned her head away, refusing to look at him.

Cedric’s tone was domineering as he scolded her, “You are not allowed to drive anymore.

Natalie had been lucky she had only knocked into another car. If it had been a truck, she would have probably lost her life.

Natalie didn’t respond.

This man had yet to understand what had happened between them. How could he still feel entitled to dictate her life?

Seeing how she remained silent, Cedric’s anger flared. “Did you hear me?” Natalie finally looked at him and retorted, “Why does it concern you?” Cedric seethed. “You...!” This woman was acting completely insolent! She was nearly driving him to madness!

He swallowed his anger. But just as he was about to say more, Yuvan called.

Answering the phone, Cedric said, “What is it?” “Sir, it’s impossible to find a live donor. The rules in Verde City are very strict. Even donations from the deceased are not possible,” Yuvan explained, referring to the problem with Isabella’s eyes.

Natalie felt her breath catch. She stared at Cedric silently. Upon hearing Yuvan’s words, Cedric subconsciously glanced at her, his eyes, there was a complex mix of emotions that only Natalie could decipher.

the phone and continued Blanca had taken good care of Natalie during this time. Meanwhile, Cedric had lost weight since her return, a testament to the constant challenges he had faced from those around him.

Natalie had an inkling of what was going on in Cedric’s mind right now. She waited for him to speak.

In her previous life....

She felt like she had forgotten what Cedric looked like when he first suggested she donate her eyes to Isabella.

This time, she needed to see it clearly. She didn't want to miss a single change in his expression.

For a long time, they locked eyes and remained in a silent confrontation.

In the end, Cedric silently stood and said, "You should rest here for now. The doctor said you need to stay in the hospital for a few days." Having said that, he walked away without waiting for Natalie's response. His departing figure looked as if he were fleeing from some formidable threat.

He didn't say it in the end.

Natalie closed her eyes, recalling the events of her previous life. At that time, she didn't have a protective uncle, and she hadn't been injured.

That day, Cedric had been smoking excessively in Scarlet Villa. When he said the words that made her hysterical and desperate, it was with a coldness he had never directed at her before.

He had said, "Natalie, you brought this upon yourself. You did those malicious acts. Since you owe her, you should pay her back." She remembered it even now.

Every word Cedric had spoken at that moment was hard and cold. Each word broke her heart further as he spoke. She had explained countless times, desperately pleading that it wasn't her, but Cedric never believed her. He threw her into a devastating situation without listening.

He was convinced that she had destroyed Isabella with her own hands. Therefore, giving her back what she deserved was only fair.

Hatalie's suffering was seen as retribution..

phone call interrupted her thoughts, causing Natalie to snap back to reality. It was a call from Kadina.

She answered, "Sorry, I'm in the hospital right now." "It's okay, I already know," Karina replied.

Her calm response took Natalie aback. She hadn't expected Karina to be informed about the situation. Clearly, Stephen's people were exceptionally thorough and sharp.

Before Natalie could say anything, Karina continued, "Is it serious? Do you need me to come over?" "No, I'm fine. I'll head over to you now." "No need, you should focus on recovering. I'll handle things here." "I'm really fine," Natalie insisted stubbornly.

Since Stephen had identified her shortcomings over the years, she needed to be better as soon as possible. It would be a waste of Karina's assistance if she didn't. Karina's time was precious. Now that novelbin she was in Verde City, she was receiving her salary from Natalie, which was quite expensive.

Natalie got up, dressed, and prepared to leave.

Just as she left the room, she bumped into Cedric, who had turned back.

"Where are you going?" His voice was cold.

The doctor had just left, and she was already heading out?

"I need to speak to you," Cedric said without waiting for Natalie to respond and forcefully pushed her back into the room.

Since there was no way for Natalie to leave now, she glared at the man before her and said, "What is it?" She took a seat on the edge of the hospital bed and waited.

Cedric pulled a chair out and sat down opposite her. He looked at Natalie, and he appeared to be struggling with words. There was inner turmoil in his eyes, which Natalie didn't miss.

Her heart chilled at the sight.

She had a rough idea of what Cedric was going to tell her. She knew it would be something she despised.

Rising from the bed, she said, "If you don't want to talk, I'll leave."

Finally, Cedric blurted urgently, "There's a surgery..." Natalie quivered, revealing her unstable emotional state. She turned around. In her eyes, there was He finally said it.

Unlike in their previous life, there was at least a trace of inner conflict in his eyes this time.

However, the scales still tipped in favor of Isabella, Natalie took a deep breath and asked, "What kind of surgery?" Cedric got up and approached her. He looked down at the petite woman before him, the one who had been under his protective wings since they met.

He had protected her before, and now... he still felt the need.

“Isabella needs to undergo surgery on her eyes. Nat, this is your debt to her! You have to repay it!” The words and tone were different, but the intent and meaning behind them were the same.

Regardless, the outcome was the same for Natalie. She looked up at the man before her with a smile on her lips.

Her tone was sarcastic as she said, “I don’t owe her anything.” “Nat!” Her words made Cedric’s expression turn cold.

Seeing him like this, Natalie grew even colder.

“What? If I don’t agree, are you going to strap me to the operating table again?” Hadn’t he done the same in her previous life?

He had pressured her into signing a surgical consent form and forcibly placed her on the operating table. That experience had made her intimately acquainted with the depths of despair, and she would never forget the darkness she had woken up to. She also remembered the fire she couldn’t escape due to her blindness. In her final moments of consciousness, all she had heard was the roaring sound of the flames tearing through the air, along with the grim realization of her impending fate.

Natalie looked at the man before her, her hatred growing stronger in her eyes.

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 37-She Can’t Afford It Her hatred stung his heart, but he remained resolute.

“I’m not asking you to remain blind forever. It’s temporary. Isabella needs the surgery now, and I will find suitable eyes for you as soon as possible...” Before he could finish his sentence, Natalie slapped him hard across the face.

Temporary?

What was that supposed to mean?

She glared at Cedric one last time and turned to open the hospital room door. Then, she said coldly, “She can’t afford my eyes, and neither can you.” With that, she left, ignoring the man who radiated an icy aura behind her.

Cedric had finally said it.

Natalie had given up on having any illusions about him, but it still hurt when it came to this moment.

Ten years. They had ten years together...!

What drove him to make such a decision for another woman?!

What was the reason behind it all? 1 Natalie asked herself these questions repeatedly but couldn't find the answers.

If Cedric didn't tell her, she... would never know.

Natalie had no recollection of how she left the hospital. In the car, she called Bianca. Bianca must have been very busy since she only answered at the very last second.

She didn't sound like she was in a good mood.

"Nat.

Bia, are you okay?

Thinking of what Cedric had said, Natalie's heart clenched. She had always known that when it came to Cedric, he would react like this if pushed too far.

Bianca responded, "I'm on my way home. Are you at home?" "I'll be back soon!" "Alright, I've bought groceries. I'll cook something delicious for you." Bianca's words comforted Natalie somewhat, but she knew how Cedric was. With how he was treating her now, there was no way he would spare her friends and family.

After ending the call with Bianca, Natalie looked out of the car window. She was unable to hide the hatred burning in her eyes, and her face was pale.

In the end, she called her uncle.

Stephen quickly answered, "Nat!" "Uncle, I need a lawyer." "Is there no one in Verde City who can handle this case for you?" "There is, but Cedric..." She didn't finish her sentence, but Stephen was a seasoned man and naturally understood the implications.

"Alright, I'll have Mr Yancey fly over there today." "Okay," Natalie replied.

Now that Bianca wasn't able to help her manage her divorce, Natalie knew that no one else in this city would dare take her case.

After all, no one in Verde City was willing to offend the Johnson family.

When she arrived at the apartment, Natalie heard the sound of running water coming from the kitchen. She was surprised by how quickly Bianca had reached home. She changed her shoes and walked over to find Bianca standing by the sink. The basin was already full, and she stood there motionless.

Natalie approached and turned off the tap.

sacing her, Bianca smiled and said, "Oh, you're back? Why don't you get changed? We'll have dinner. Though she said that, nothing had been cooked yet. Natalie looked at Bianca's clothes and noticed the cardboard box on the dining table that Bianca had brought home.

There was a flash of guilt in her eyes as she said, "I'm sorry. I've caused you so much trouble." "You already know?" Bianca asked.

Natalie nodded. "Yes." "Did he threaten you?" Natalie hesitated.

It wasn't just a threat. Their relationship had escalated to an irreconcilable point.

It was more than just a threat. He even...! 1 However, at this moment, Natalie didn't know what to say. She despised Cedric and wished for his death.

Who could have imagined that two people who were once deeply in love would reach a point where they wished for each other's demise?

Natalie lowered her head and said, "Bia, don't worry about my issues for now." Bianca responded nonchalantly, "Silly girl. If I don't take care of you now, who will? Who else will look out for you?" Seeing how depressed Natalie looked, Bianca added, "Don't worry! I already got an offer from another law firm! I'll get a new job soon, and I'll still be able to help you! I won't abandon you, ever!" To Bianca, Natalie was now a person without any family. If she didn't help her, Cedric would probably torment her to no end.

Tears dripped onto the back of Bianca's hand. She looked up to find Natalie crying!

"Oh dear! Are you feeling touched? If so, buck up and stand up for yourself! Let those people see that you're not someone who depends on a man but a man who begged her to depend on him." Natalie couldn't help but laugh through her tears. Bianca's words were so similar to Stephen's that she couldn't stop smiling. Is that amusing? Look, you're so beautiful when you smile. Is it worth crying over a man?" it's not Natalie replied.

Fighting to this extent after spending ten years with Cedric..

Crying was simply not worth it.

Bianca led Natalie outside, and they sat down. At this point, she didn't feel like cooking at all. Bianca ordered a variety of takeout dishes. It was then that Bianca noticed the bandage on Natalie's arm and asked, "What happened to you?" Natalie simply said, "It's nothing." "Tell me," Bianca insisted firmly.

Natalie looked at her and adjusted the pig in her arms. "It's nothing. It's all Cedric's fault. He was the one who messed with your job.

“Oh, stop thinking about it.” Natalie was surprised. “You knew it was him?” Bianca nodded. “Yes. It’s pretty obvious that he’s targeting me because of you.” Natalie remained silent.

Of course it was obvious!

Bianca had worked at that law firm for many years and had never lost a divorce case. Her experience and reputation meant that she was almost untouchable. That was why today’s events immediately made Bianca think of Cedric, as he was probably the only one in Verde City who was capable of doing such a thing.

“I’m serious, Bia. You shouldn’t worry about my problems for now.” “You say that, but are you sure you can find someone to handle your case?” “Don’t worry. I’ve found a lawyer overseas, and they’ll be flying to Verde City soon.” Bianca looked bewildered. She had never asked Natalie about her time overseas, even though she heard about it from the international media coverage.

Now she leaned in close to Natalie and asked, “Were you really involved with a man while you were abroad?” Natalie was drinking water. At Bianca’s question, she spat it out. She coughed for a good while before finally calming down.

Wow, Nat I really underestimated you, huh? Don’t tell me you really did have an affair like the news. If Natalie really did have an affair, it would be bad for her reputation. But it was an immensely satisfying thought since it was Cedric they were dealing with.

Natalie glared at Bianca and replied, “Of course not!” “Then tell me, who found the lawyer that’s flying in from overseas?” Bianca looked at Natalie as if she was sure something was going on.

Natalie sighed. She hadn’t planned on telling Bianca about her uncle’s involvement. However, with Bianca’s persistence, she couldn’t keep it a secret any longer.

Finally, she took a deep breath....

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 38-Annual Salary of Tens of Millions Natalie meticulously explained her experiences during the past few months abroad to Bianca.

As she listened, Bianca couldn’t help but look at Natalie in disbelief.

Although Bianca was an upstanding lawyer and was often busy, she also liked to read a lot of novels during her free time.

A Listening to Natalie’s story, Bianca couldn’t help but feel as if she was watching a soap opera unravel in real life!

“Your uncle?” “Yeah. The man you saw with me in the news was actually my uncle.”
“Does Cedric know about this?” “If he knew, he probably wouldn’t have tried to hit him back then.” “Why didn’t you explain it? Isn’t it bad to leave things this way?” “It’s not ideal. But if this misunderstanding can speed up the divorce process, then it’s a good thing. I just didn’t expect... Natalie had never anticipated that even after everything that had happened, Cedric would still refuse to divorce her.

Blanca struggled to digest this sudden revelation.

It was a truly astonishing turn of events.

Natalie hadn’t expected it either. In her previous life, she had been completely unaware of her uncle’s existence. Perhaps fate had been merciful, granting her an additional family member in this lifetime. After all, in her previous life, she had essentially been left with nothing.

Once she had lost Cedric, she had lost everything.

“You found your uncle after Cedric betrayed you. To top it off, your uncle’s a big shot. You don’t even need me to protect you, huh?” Bianca asked.

In Bianca’s eyes, Natalie’s uncle was practically a tycoon.

The company’s name is Regal Horizons International, right? The financial litigation attorney in my law ell, former law firm works there, you know? His annual salary is tens of millions! And you’re Bianca looked at Natalie in complete admiration.

Natalie pinched her friend’s cheek and said, “Stop it. Don’t look at me like that, okay?”
“You’re my idol, okay?” Bianca said, her admiration still clear in her voice.

Bianca was already a serious person, and she was now even more earnest!

She was already upset with Rebecca before this, so she took this chance to express her feelings, “Hah! If Rebecca finds out you’re the heiress of the Regal Horizons International, she’ll probably start treating you with great respect. She’ll surely do everything to get on your good side, even if she doesn’t want to!” Natalie was speechless.

Bianca continued, “We’ve got to rub this in her face! I can’t wait!” Bianca really wanted to know what expression Rebecca would make once she discovered that Natalie was actually from a wealthy family.

When Natalie heard this, her face changed.

“No, don’t say anything. Nob*dy knows about this.

“Why not?” “Because I don’t want to get involved with them. I don’t care about their reactions; I just want to put an end to all of this quickly.

Bianca understood her friend’s concerns.

If Cedric still loved Natalie, her status as someone from the Johnson family would still be useful.

However, Natalie didn’t even want Cedric anymore now. So, why would she care about what the people from the Johnson family would think?

I was only joking.” Bianca said. “Don’t take it so seriously. It’s better that you and Cedric part ways. You still don’t have children, and he’s obviously not the one for you. So, this is for the best.” It was easier for a couple to separate when they didn’t have children yet.

But the mention of children made tears well up in Natalie’s eyes, Two children.

ctually had two children together One was taken from both.

The memories of the fire from her past life were a never-ending source of agony.

“You’re right. I don’t have children with him, and it’s better to break up with him now.” Was she the one who never wanted children?

No!

It was the Johnson family who didn’t allow her to have them!

Even when she was pregnant, they wanted her to get rid of it.

They always wanted her gone, and now their wish would come true.

When she lost her first child, she knew the truth. However, she hadn’t said anything to Cedric. In retrospect, it had been naive to remain silent. His family would never have accepted her.

Not in any lifetime.

Now, Bianca had shifted her focus away from Natalie’s personal matters. Natalie was now working with a new lawyer, Clark Yancey. As Bianca was no longer working on Natalie’s divorce case, she could naturally return to work at her law firm.

News of this switch reached Cedric’s ears the next day.

On the following afternoon, Natalie met with Karina in the office the latter had managed to secure. The office was located next to Cedric’s company—Verde Biotech Ventures.

Cedric's company occupied the entire building, while Natalie's only occupied one floor as she was only running a small studio. It wasn't as extensive as his.

"I've already gotten all the necessary licenses. You have two meetings with clients this afternoon. There's also another scheduled for tomorrow." "Alright, thank you," Natalie replied.

Karina added, "We've received quite a few orders. Since our team is just starting to come together, we need time to adjust to the workflow. So, I've filtered the orders for you. There's no need to rush anything folie appreciated Karina's understanding and assistance. She had only just started her business, so was a promising sign Karina was obviously very capable to have been able to obtain orders so quickly, especially given that she had only arrived two days ago. It also showed that she had done her research before coming here.

By this point, Natalie's venture in Verde City was proving smoother than she had initially anticipated.

That afternoon, Natalie was with Karina as they prepared to meet clients. They left the office building and

saw Cedric's car arriving, with the man stepping out.

Natalie attempted to avoid Cedric when she saw him approaching, but he had already spotted her. He walked toward her with his usual icy demeanor. Even from this distance, Natalie could clearly see the gloom in his eyes.

"Why are you here?" Cedric asked. His tone was far from pleasant. It was undoubtedly due to the recent turbulent times.

Natalie had moved out of Scarlet Villa. Each time Cedric returned to an empty and cold home, his frustrations grew.

"Are you looking for work?" Cedric asked in an increasingly unpleasant tone when Natalie didn't immediately respond.

She looked at him and replied, "Yes." With those words, Cedric's anger rose. He firmly grabbed her wrist and said, "Come with me." He had initially planned to give her time to cool off. But Cedric now understood that the more he space to calm down, the more she acted out.

At this point, there was no need for her to calm down anymore.

They needed to have a serious conversation.

gave her Natalie didn't want to comply with his request, but causing a scene in front of everyone was unseemly. So she reluctantly followed him into a different office building.

Before leaving, she gave Karina a reassuring look, indicating that she wouldn't be away for long.

Karina nodded in understanding.

the grand and imposing office building, the receptionist was dressed neatly with a highly professional appearance. As Cedric, she stood and bowed politely. "Good morning, sir."

As Cedric and Natalie walked across the floor, all the employees showed the same respect to Cedric.

Natalie had been here before. Before this, everyone had treated her with the utmost respect, primarily because of Cedric's presence.

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 39-No Longer a Pet Now, everyone looked at Natalie with a sense of curiosity.

In the past, she would prepare a late-night snack and personally deliver it to Cedric whenever he worked late. Consequently, in the eyes of her colleagues, Natalie had always been associated with a gentle and caring image.

However, the situation was different now!

Inside the office, Cedric was obviously frustrated as he tugged at the tie around his neck and sat across

from Natalie. He picked up a glass of water and downed it in one gulp.

Setting the glass down with a bit more force than necessary, he said, "Move back to Scarlet Villa. That's your home." "I'm fine living at Bianca's," Natalie responded.

"Squeezing into a tiny apartment of only seventy square meters with her? Are you genuinely comfortable with that?" Cedric's tone had grown cold.

Natalie looked at him, and her eyes revealed no warmth. Yes, Bianca's apartment wasn't spacious. It was only seventy square meters, with two bedrooms and a living room.

For someone accustomed to larger homes, it would indeed feel small.

Natalie closed her eyes and said, "Yes, you've given me an excellent life these years—good food, shelter, and clothing. Everything was top-notch." Cedric remained silent.

“However, Natalie continued, “Even though I have to stand under a showerhead to shower and change my clothes in the bedroom... Even though I only have milk and toast for breakfast... I’m extremely content with what I have now.” “You...!” “You’ve surrounded me with luxury, but have you ever asked if I was truly comfortable by your side?” Did you think I wouldn’t feel hurt by you asking me to give my eyes to another woman? Am I nothing more than a pet to you?”

After all, a pet wouldn’t understand enough to feel this way!

Natalie had roared the last part of her sentence, and Cedric instantly froze!

He stared at Natalie with wide eyes. This was the first time... Natalie was talking about their life together over the years.

She didn’t bother waiting for Cedric to respond.

“These three years of marriage have been the most miserable of my life. While you’ve provided me with material abundance, I’ve had to endure judgmental gazes and bear pressures that were never meant for mek Cedric had no response.

“I am not your pet, and I am not content with merely being well-fed and sheltered. I’ve had enough of being with you. If you’ve finally come to your senses, save me the trouble and sign the papers right now.” Having said her piece, Natalie stood up. She grabbed her bag and headed for the door.

Meanwhile, Cedric was seething with anger!

“Is leaving me truly what you want?” “Yes!” “Is it because of that man?” “Yes!” Cedric was silent, but the air around him turned colder.

The heavy atmosphere made Natalie feel like she was suffocating. Despite this, she displayed no fear.

She stood firmly before Cedric Cedric gazed at her petite figure, wanting to say something to keep her.

But when he opened his mouth, all he managed was, “So, being with me makes you uncomfortable. Will making a monthly salary of a few thousand dollars outside truly give you comfort?” In essence, he was implying that without him, she probably couldn’t even afford to rent a place! What kind of comfort could someone who couldn’t even support themselves truly enjoy?

Natalie turned around, her eyes filled with frosty determination, So, the people outside didn’t have groundless opinions about her; they all believed she was just a full-time housewife dependent on her husband.

Back then, she had scomed such views However, now she realized Cedric might have seen her in the same light as those people.

A faint smile curled on her lips.

“Thank you for your care over these years, but I think... I can do well even without you.” She didn’t wait for the man’s response and left.

So, that was what he thought of her... Natalie walked away, leaving Cedric alone in the office.

He angrily swept the cups off the coffee table, causing a loud crash to echo in the room as they shattered on the floor.

Damn it! What had he been saying?

Natalie’s words must have driven him crazy.

That’s right.

He had gone along with what she had said.

He had never thought of her that way before...!

He had always taken pride in providing for her, ensuring her life was good.

“Damn it! I’ve lost my mind...!” He had intended to persuade her to return to Scarlet Villa.

Yet, what had he done...?

Natalie had been kicking up a big fuss lately. Initially, Cedric thought it was because she had been angry with him due to Isabella’s case.

But now, he knew it was different than usual.

She wouldn’t calm down on her own. He needed to coax her.

The matter about her eyes was now off-limits.

After exiting Cedric’s office, Natalie found Karina waiting for her in the car. On their way to meet their Natalie was aware of Cedric’s influence in Verde City.

After all, he wouldn’t have been able to disrupt Bianca’s employment if he wasn’t powerful.

Natalie wanted to take charge of her own life.

But now that she was openly seeking a divorce from Cedric, she had undoubtedly pushed him to the limits of his patience. She worried that he might cause trouble for her.

Lents we've However, Karina reassured her, "Mr. Jarvis has already considered that. That's why the clients accepted orders from all have some connections to him. You don't have to worry about it." "Do they know about my relationship with my uncle?" "They don't know, but Mr. Jarvis has already spoken to them and asked them to take good care of you." Natalie sighed with relief, but then she quickly started to stress again.

Just after she had stirred up some unfavorable rumors with her uncle, these companies received calls from him to take good care of her.

Verde City wasn't that large, and businesses often had some connections with one another. It's easy to imagine that Cedric would soon get wind of it.

If that happened, she...!

Even before anything had started, Natalie was already thinking of all the worst-case scenarios that could happen!

Her head throbbed painfully.

The meeting with her two clients went smoothly. They both agreed to use her designs and even told her not to worry about anything.

But the client she had to meet the next day was a difficult one!

In Verde City, there were two most prominent office buildings. One was Radiant Tower, where Cedric's office was located. The other was the Financial International Center. Companies that were able to secure office space within these buildings were usually big players.

talie never expected that her uncle had arranged such a significant client for her.

tried to reassure Natalie and said, "Don't worry. Mr. Frazier was Mr. Jarvis' student. He's bound to It was evident that Natalie was feeling a bit anxious. After all, her studio was relatively small. Securing this contract would sustain her for two to three years, at the very least. Big companies like this one didn't usually engage in personal favors or take matters lightly.

"Yeah," Natalie replied with a nod, though she still felt nervous.

The receptionist showed great respect after hearing why Karina and Natalie were there.

“Mr. Warren has already informed us of your arrival. You can head up directly. The CEO is currently in a meeting, so you’ll have to wait for a while.” “That’s fine. We can wait,” Karina politely responded.

The two were then led to a private elevator to the high-rise floors. After swiping the card, the elevator took them to the top floor.

Inside the elevator, Karina could sense Natalie’s nervousness. She helped Natalie adjust her professional attire as she said, “Even though you may not care for it, remember that you’re still the young mistress of the Johnson family. This kind of situation is nothing for you.”

A Divorce After My Rebirth Chapter 40-An Attractive Man “You’re right,” Natalie said with a nod.

However, she still felt a bit anxious.

She could tell that this was a substantial contract. She hadn’t expected to have a good chance at securing it, but she knew that it would demonstrate her skills if she managed to win it. Her mind began to circle back to the issues caused by her previous way of talking.

Natalie was awestruck on the top floor when the elevator doors opened. The company was on par with Cedric’s, and the successful partnerships she knew Cedric had cultivated made her realize the level of prestige here.

And now, she was here....

“Relax a little,” Karina advised.

“Okay,” Natalie replied, though her tone lacked enthusiasm.

When the secretary noticed their arrival, she greeted them politely and said, “Please come this way to the lounge. Mr. Frazier has just finished his meeting and will need a moment before he can meet you.” “Alright.” Natalie and Karina proceeded to the lounge, where the secretary poured tea for them. Every move the secretary made was with the precision of a well-oiled machine.

While Natalie had never worked in a large corporation, Cedric’s company also ran in the same systematic way.

This contrasted greatly with her previous meetings with smaller clients the day before.

Before long, the lounge’s door swung open, and a man wearing a suit and glasses entered. He appeared cultured and sophisticated, yet carried an air of professionalism.

“Hello, Mr. Warren. I’m Karina Zeller from Regal Horizons International,” Karina introduced herself.

‘Mr. Frazier is waiting for you in his office. Follow me,’ the man, Dylan Warren, said.

“Alright.” Natalie rose from her seat, and the two followed Dylan.

The man had a steady and powerful gait. For a leader to have such a subordinate, it was easy to tell that Natalie had meticulously prepared herself for this meeting, but her nerves were still getting the best of her. She couldn’t help but be anxious.

When they reached an office door, Dylan raised his hand to knock on it.

After a few moments, a deep, magnetic voice from inside responded, “Come in!” His voice sounded so pleasant.

That was Natalie’s first impression.

Karina turned to Natalie and said, “Come on.” She reached for the door, ready to push it open for Natalie when Dylan held her back. “Mr. Frazier requested to see Ms. Walker alone.” When Natalie heard that, she was stunned! She turned to Karina only to find that she was also in the same state. Neither of them had expected such a thing.

“Well... Will you head in alone?” Karina asked, Natalie hesitated, her face showing unease. She was already nervous. Having Karina with her provided some form of emotional support.

Now, it seemed that Natalie had no choice but to face this meeting alone.

“Yeah.” Natalie reluctantly nodded despite her reluctance and the uncertainty that lingered in her heart. Now that Karina could not join her, she felt her confidence crumble slightly.

Dylan pushed open the office door.

Natalie turned and entered the office before closing the door behind her, Looking up, she was prepared to introduce herself and state her purpose. But as she raised her head, her mind was momentarily overwhelmed by what she saw.

A strikingly handsome man sat at his desk, intently studying a document. From Natalie’s perspective, she could see his long, dark eyelashes fluttering as he read. The bridge of his nose, the shape of his lips- every part of his features looked perfect!

He was a very attractive man.

1250 That was the impression he left on Natalie.

In all her years at Cedric's side, she had never seen a company leader as young and handsome as him. Each time she accompanied Cedric to business meetings, it seemed like she encountered men with greasy hair or large potbellies.

However, now....

"Did you need something?" The man's deep and serious tone interrupted Natalie's thoughts.

When he looked up, his piercing gaze met her wide eyes.

At that moment, Natalie felt a jolt throughout her entire b*dy. She quickly regained her composure, feeling somewhat embarrassed.

m sorry, [...]" Her cheeks flushed slightly, and she stammered, "I'm sorry, "Who are you?" Compared to her discomfort, the man's voice was solemn. He looked unimpressed with her reaction.

Natalie began to grasp the absurdity of her situation. What was wrong with her? In the grand scheme of things within the Johnson family, she had witnessed far more significant events.

How could she stand here mesmerized by this man?

She needed to regain her composure!

Taking a deep breath, she met the man's intense gaze and said, "Hello, I'm Natalie Walker from Auro Studio. We had an appointment." The look in the man's eyes intensified as he closed the folder in his hands. There was even a hint of coldness in his gaze.

It sent a shiver down Natalie's spine as she stuttered, "N-nice to meet you." "I know you." His voice was still cold, and Natalie struggled to decipher the emotions behind it.

"Oh. Natalie didn't know how to respond.

She awkwardly stood where she was for another few minutes as the man remained silent.

Finally, the man said, "Please, have a seat." "Uh... Okay." Natalie moved cautiously, feeling uncomfortable. She walked towards the nearest couch and sat down.

The man got up. As he approached, Natalie felt enveloped in his shadow. His height of about 6'3", and his long legs were mesmerizing.

He commanded an impressive presence that almost took her breath away.

Sitting down on the opposite couch, the man elegantly adjusted his cuffs. His presence and gestures exuded elegance and nobility.

Natalie handed over the prepared documents. "These are some design sketches I've drawn previously. Would you mind taking a look?" "Place them down," he said, his tone commanding and authoritative.

Natalie obeyed and placed the documents on the table. As she sat back down, she felt overwhelmed by the weight of the moment.

The man's imposing presence exerted pressure on her, making it challenging to focus on this significant deal. Her hands trembled, and beads of sweat formed on her back.

As she sat there, uncertain of what to say, the man across from her looked at her. It was only a fleeting glance, but it made her feel like she was sinking into an abyss.

Natalie gazed back into his deep eyes.

Then, the man said, "Three days." Natalie was taken aback. "Three days for what?" "The bidding for the eastern suburbs closes on the 15th. Today is the 11th, which means you have until the end of the day on the 14th." Natalie processed his words. So, was he offering her an opportunity? It might not be a direct win, but the chance he was giving her was significant.

Nodding, a surge of determination coursed through her. "Alright." Three days might be a tight timeframe, but if she could secure the deal within this period, it would be a great achievement!

Even though Cedric had not had much dealings with Apex Global, Natalie had heard about the company when she had been at his side. The company was known for its rigorous approach to cooperation.

Natalie understood that her work was cut out for her during these three days!

After her meeting with the man, she couldn't recall how she left his office. Karina and Dylan were waiting outside for her.

When Natalie came out, Karina approached her and asked, "How did it go?" Natalie replied, "Let's head back for now." "Alright." Karina gave a grateful nod to Dylan and followed Natalie. It wasn't until they had left the office building that Natalie felt she could breathe more easily. She couldn't deny the immense pressure that man had exerted on her.

As the car started, Natalie said, "Let's head to Dragon Park in the eastern suburbs." "The eastern suburbs?" "Yeah." "Did Mr. Frazier give us the project in the eastern suburbs?" Karina looked shocked.

Strictly speaking, the eastern suburbs project wasn't under Apex Global's jurisdiction. It was a government -led development project to construct a new landmark in Verde City. The selection process was meticulous, and companies needed to present their designs to participate before anything was decided.

Several companies were vying for this prestigious project. This included companies even outside of Verde City. Winning the bid would be highly lucrative.

Moreover, one of Cedric's subsidiaries was among the bidding companies. He was particularly invested in this project.