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"You're so cunning!" Edward exclaimed. It seemed that his plan to look for an ally was not very smooth.

"As the saying goes, like father, like son. You must be very proud to have a son like me," said Justin with a proud smile. He was now standing 150 cm tall. His face had well-defined angles that highlighted his best features, his forehead, cheeks, and jawline.

"You may leave now." Edward rolled his eyes at the boy and gave up the attempt to make Justin his ally.

"No, I'm not leaving. You must tell me why you asked me that question," Justin said while looking at Edward. His father had already stirred his curiosity, thus, he decided not to leave without knowing the truth.

"Well, the reason is simple. Your mommy might be pregnant." Edward didn't plan to keep it a secret, so he told Justin honestly.

"Really? Wow, I'll have a sister or a brother." Thrilled about the news, Justin couldn't help but jump in excitement.

"Why are you so excited?" Honestly, Edward could have done the same as Justin upon hearing the news earlier. However, Daisy's reaction frustrated him as she seemed very unhappy about it.

"Why? Aren't you happy about it?" asked Justin in confusion.

"Your mommy seemed very angry this morning." Edward sighed with obvious resignation. He was so used to talking with Justin like he was already an adult. Justin was much more clever than kids of his age after all.

"Daddy, did you do something behind mommy's back?" Justin's jaw dropped. He knew that his father would get in trouble if his mother got angry with him.

"I didn't! I told her before that I want to have another baby with her." Edward felt that he was wronged. He had been telling her about this for several months now but she hadn't given much thought to it. Now she believed that he had done something without informing her.

"But she didn't say yes back then, did she? Daddy, you're screwed!" Justin chuckled at Edward's uneasiness. He could just guess how Daisy would deal with his father this time.

"Come on. Help me figure out a way to make her happy." The reason why Edward chose to tell everything to his son was that he wanted Justin to help him find a way to cool Daisy's head down. However, he really didn't expect his son's sarcastic remark just about everything.

"Well, to be honest, I am willing to help. It is just that I can't. Have you tried praying to God? Maybe you should try that

a sarcastic chuckle and looked at Edward in the eyes. "By the way, when will Daisy come back?" He had been coming back and forth abroad recently. His father had been suffering from poor health and he had to help him manage Ouyang Foreign Trade.

"How am I supposed to know that?" retorted Edward. Brian's question reminded him that Daisy was still angry at him, thus, he felt annoyed.

"She's your wife, isn't she? If you don't know, then who else would know?" Brian finally understood why Edward was in a bad mood. He might have had a row with Daisy. "I'm a generous husband. I would not meddle with my wife's personal affairs," Edward snapped back as he couldn't help but be angry at what his brother-inlaw said.

"It's not that you wouldn't meddle with her affairs. It's that she wouldn't allow you to do that. Am I right?" Brian gave Edward a scornful smile. He was always mean to Edward and that was why Edward disliked him.

"You may leave now. I still have work to finish," said Edward through gritted teeth.

"Hey! Since I'm already here, why don't you invite me to dinner?" Brian pretended to not see his angry face and looked at him with innocent eyes.

"Do you have no money? Why do I have to buy you dinner?" However, Edward rolled his eyes at Brian. Couldn't Brian understand that his presence alone was enough to kill his appetite?

"Come on! You are my brother-in-law. Do you want me to speak ill of you before Daisy?" Brian cast a challenging look at the man who was now raising his eyebrows at him. They were suddenly engaged into a staring war until Edward finally gave in.

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"Fine! You win!" Edward said. He then picked his phone up as he decided to call someone else to have dinner with them together. He really didn't want to face Brian alone. He needed people to be around them just to make sure that he wouldn't be able to do anything bad to him later. He needed some referee. Seeing Edward make phone calls, Brian shrugged and didn't stop him. The more the merrier after all. Moreover, it wasn't him who would pay for the meal.

"Hi, Edward! Why are you calling?" Rain's voice came from the other end of the line. He had been really busy recently. He was worried about Edward's calls as the latter would always assign tasks to him.

"Do you want to have dinner with me? I refuse to accept no as an answer." Edward was always bossy before Rain, and Rain was already used to it.

"Why did you even ask for my opinion if you're not accepting 'no'?" Rain rolled his eyes and dropped his pen on the table. He still had to eat anyway regardless of how busy he was.

"Hurry up! I'll see you in Westin." After saying that, Edward hung the phone up. He had been planning to talk to Rain for the past few days. Having him eat dinner with him was like killing two birds with one stone.

On the other hand, Rain sighed defeatedly upon hearing the call ended. 'He's my boss. What else can I do?' he thought helplessly before grabbing his coat and car keys.

"Why are you still sitting here? Come with me." Edward grabbed his car keys and walked out of his office.

"I'm so glad to see your long face. Haha!" provoked Brian. He was intentionally making Edward angry as he knew that Edward wouldn't dare to take revenge. He had Daisy in his side, thus, he was not afraid of Edward at all.

"It sounds like you are simply not in your right mind." Edward tried his best to suppress his anger. He kept telling himself, 'Calm down, Edward. You must not lose your temper. Otherwise, Daisy will get angrier.' He could still remember how Daisy looked while telling him of what she would do in case someone bullied her brother. "How can you say those hurtful words to me? I'll tell Daisy about it." Brian pretended to be hurt by Edward's words.

"Don't try to anger me, man. I won't buy it." As a reaction, Edward cast a burning glance at Brian before he opened his car door.

"Oh, no. That's not funny." A cunning smile spread across Brian's face as he opened the door for the passenger seat.

"Just shut your mouth," said Edward as he got into the driver's seat and ignored his brother-in-law.

That made Brian chuckle as he joined hi

ny years, thus, he knew Edward well enough.

"That's impossible! Daisy would by no means say yes." Brian turned him down without any hesitation.

"You do know her well." Frustratedly, Edward looked at Brian in dismay as his plan failed.

"Of course! She's my sister!" Brian cast a scornful glance at Edward. It was not even long ago that Daisy called him to say that she had been really busy recently. He was pretty sure that Daisy would not consider having another baby in this period.

"I know she's your sister. No one is denying that!" Edward snapped back. 'She's your sister. So what? She's my wife!' he thought.

"Well, Rain, you know what. Someone is so jealous here that he would cut in whenever I have a talk with Daisy." Brian rolled his eyes at Edward. He was getting curious about how Edward would look once his temper burst.

Rain was clever though and chose to remain quiet. He just pretended that he was not here. He got no plans of involving himself with whatever fight these two got.

"Rain, I heard the new dishes here are pretty good. Why not give them a try?" Edward turned to ask Rain as if he didn't hear what Brian had said.

"Oh, okay." Secretly, Rain was crying. 'Why do you have to drag me in. I'm really not interested in your fight. God, please save me.'

Meanwhile, Brian curled his lips and said no more.

Edward didn't enjoy this meal at all. His plan to make Brian his ally failed and he was mad at Brian because of his attitude.

On the contrary, Rain and Brian had a good meal. As the saying goes, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend." They ate and talked to each other happily. It was such a good bonding moment for two people who shared the same nemesis.



If Rain had been told what a mammoth task awaited him at the FX International Group, he wouldn't have volunteered to go to the company for the document. But there was no way anyone could predict the future. Rain had no other choice but to stay and deal with the problem, while the guy who called him was nowhere to be seen.

"Dear little Aaron, I heard that Anna just had a baby. That's good news! Congratulations!" Rain teased Aaron for fun and to while away the time. Finding someone to make fun of helped relieve the boredom of having to deal with loads of files. "Thanks. I am still waiting for your gift. I hope it's a fancy one." Aaron was too excited at having become a father, that he didn't notice Rain was teasing him by calling him 'dear little Aaron'.

"Humph! You only care about a gift!" Rain pouted. He wondered when Aaron became obsessed with money and gifts.

"I have no other choice! I have a family to raise," Aaron teased, shrugging. It was easy to tell he was really happy now.

"Stop showing off! I also have a wife and kids to raise, you know." Besides, Rain had two kids.

"I am nothing like you. Your kids have already been raised somewhat when you met them. But my girl is still a baby, and it will cost me a fortune to raise her." Aaron just blurted it out to argue with Rain, not intending to remind him of the fact that he had been absent during much of his children's lives. He didn't notice there was something wrong with what he had just said, until he noticed Rain's face fell.

"Well, I didn't mean to hurt you. It just came out." 'I am screwed, it really hurt him, ' Aaron thought to himself.

"It's okay. I am going to work on these files." Rain walked away in frustration. It was the biggest regret in his life that he missed most of his kids' childhood. And it hurt every time someone reminded him of how bad a father he was.

As Rain began to deal with the files, his phone rang and he left in a rush after answering it.

Rain thought he was done with the Ke family, but deep down, he didn't expect he could totally cut all ties to them. So he left after Lawrence called him.

"Mr. Xia." Lawrence rushed to Rain as he arrived.

"What happened? Why did he black out?" Rain frowned as the whole house was filled with the smell of disinfectant water.

"Well. Cyrus and Vance said something awful to enrage him," Lawrence sighed. Mr. Ke was not a happy man, despite h

gate.

"Well, don't you want to be picked up by me?" Rain reached out to take her bag and led her by the hand along the concrete path, instead of picking her up.

"No! I love to be picked up by you, daddy." Because then, she could show off her very attractive father to her classmates.

"Where is your brother? Is he still in class?" Rain looked around for his son, but the little guy was nowhere to be seen.

"He was surrounded by girls. They wanted to offer him some snacks to impress him," Joyce pouted. At the previous kindergarten she was the popular one, followed by all her classmates, but the situation had changed at the new school. Huey, due to his mysterious brooding face, became the most popular kid in school. That was typical of human beings - they always chased the unattainable, what was out of their league.

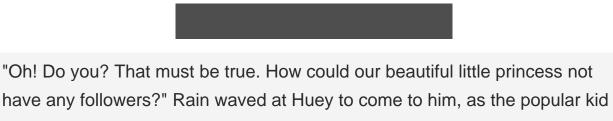
"Really? Is he that popular?" Rain stared at Joyce in amazement. He couldn't believe his son already had so many followers at this young age.

"Who knows," the little girl pouted some more. Even though she was jealous of his brother's popularity, Joyce was still glad to see her brother was this popular. After all, he shared all the snacks he received with her.

"Is our little princess jealous of him?" Rain picked her up and kissed her on one of her cheeks. Joyce was so adorable when she became angry at being teased. "No, I am not! I have many boys chasing after me." Even though she kept explaining she was not jealous, Joyce defended herself with a cutting acidity in her voice. Rain couldn't help chuckling as his little princess didn't realize how cute she was.

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Chapter 1764 You Asked For It (Part Two)



emerged surrounded by girls. Actually, Rain was tall enough to easily be spotted among the crowd and there was no need for him to wave, but he was afraid his son would not see him.

"Daddy." Huey smiled seeing his father. He didn't appear as excited as his sister was. Huey had resumed his old habitual behavior of being cold and aloof, as always.

"Okay. Let's go!" Rain held his hand and waved at the other kids who had begun noticing his celebrity presence. It was a natural move, but it was enough to show off Rain's attractiveness and impress them. The kids' mothers began to complain why such a charming man was not their partner.

"Daddy, could we visit Aunt Leena's home tomorrow? It's Saturday tomorrow." Huey asked him carefully after they got into the car.

"Why do you want to visit her home?" Rain asked, amused, buckling his kids into their child seats.

"Because Richard is there!" Huey stole a glance at his father and hoped Rain wouldn't see through his scheme.

"Oh? So Richard is the reason you want to go to Leena's, not her delicious home-made snacks, right?" Rain slid behind the wheel with a sly smile, turned to check his kids' seats one last time, and then he turned the key in the ignition.

"Well, that's part of the reason," Huey smiled in embarrassment. Rain certainly read his mind.

"Huey is a foodie, right?" Joyce grinned, seeing her brother was awkward.

"You are a foodie!" Huey gave his sister a stern look. Joyce was definitely a foodie, as all the snacks from Huey's followers died in Joyce's mouth.

At this moment, Rain had no other choice but to remain silent. He didn't want to show favoritism to either, so he waited for them to sort it out themselves.

While the three of them were on their way home, Annie phoned Rain unexpectedly, saying that she got a flat tire for no reason. She asked Rain to come pick her up.

Annie had endured a long day. First, her water was drugged with something, and then Eleanor picked at her all day. But none of that really fazed her. However Annie really blew her top when she ended up with a flat tire, just as she was about to go home. She had no other choice but to phone Rain for help. While waiting for her life saver, Eleanor approached her again, evidently not done with her ruthless campaign against Annie.

"Annie, have you changed your tire? How about I give you a ride?" Eleanor smirked at Annie, taking a dark pleasure at her discomfort.

"No, thanks!" The weasel goes to pay his respects to the hen, not with the best of

nd she was completely at a loss for action in the moment. Eleanor attacked her viciously with nails, pushing and shoving her up against the car. Fortunately, Rain arrived just in time and saw what was happening. He rushed from his car immediately and ran to the two of them.

"Stop it! What are you doing?" Rain roared above Eleanor's screaming, his face livid. He was shocked by the unexpected scene that greeted him. Rain quickly dragged Eleanor away from Annie.

"Mr. Xia, I..." Eleanor stammered, still holding her hand to cover her now swollen face, evidence of Annie's hard slap.

"Annie, are you okay?" Rain ignored Eleanor, his only care was for Annie, and if she was okay. Gently he helped Annie to fix her hair and checked if she was hurt.

"I am okay," Annie answered, biting her lip. She was embarrassed that Rain found her fighting with someone, she had been raised better than this. Annie was flushed and afraid to look into his concerned eyes.

"Tell me what's going on." Rain glared fiercely at Eleanor as he spoke. He couldn't believe that this crazy woman was messing with his wife again. It seemed that he wasn't up to date with what happened inside FX lately. Otherwise he would never have allowed his wife to work with Eleanor again.

"I... She attacked me first!" Eleanor's voice trembled, on the verge of tears. Rain was as cold as Mr. Mu, they both cared nothing for women that they were not involved with.

"But I'm guessing that you messed with her first." Rain knew Annie as someone who didn't like rocking the boat in any way. She always ignored other people's unkindness as much as she could and never fought back, unless they went too far. That she struck Eleanor proved one thing: that the crazy woman had gone too far, and was way out of line.

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Chapter 1765 At Odds (Part One)



Eleanor bit her lips, not knowing how to defend herself. She knew that she was in the wrong in this matter.

"Rain, don't be angry. I am also partly to blame. Miss Xiao kindly invited me to ride her car at first. I must have said something wrong that offended her, thus, we got here." Annie pulled Rain's sleeve to prevent him from making further actions. She looked embarrassed with her face completely turning red. However, her natural charisma didn't waver and she remained as beautiful as always.

"Really?" Rain asked, unconvinced. He knew Annie like the back of his hand. She was a mild person and would not offend others simply because of a word or two.

"Huh! Don't you believe me?" Annie frowned as she felt her scalp tingle a bit. She just realized how much Eleanor hated her. She could just imagine how much force Eleanor exerted when she pulled her hair. Nevertheless, Annie didn't want Rain to know that she was hurt. Thus, she just pretended that nothing happened.

Eleanor shot Annie a confused stare. She had thought that Annie would take the chance to slander before Rain. It surprised her that Annie didn't make a big deal of the whole chaos. It weirded her out that the woman even blamed herself for what she did.

"I believe you, okay? It's just that I don't trust the other person here," Rain said as he cast a sharp glance at Eleanor. She should feel lucky that she was a woman, otherwise, he would definitely give her black eyes upon seeing her bullying his wife like that. "Miss Xiao, you'd better leave now," Annie reminded the actress. She feared that Rain might lose his temper and beat her in public. That would be really barbaric.

"Okay." Eleanor suddenly became submissive. She hurriedly got into her car without saying a word and drove away in full speed. She wouldn't forget how Rain looked while staring at her moments ago. He looked like he was about to grab her and slam her on her car's hood.

### "She was

never get tired of waiting for Daisy since he loved her so much.

Time ticked by fast. It was already a quarter past seven in the evening but he still hadn't seen Daisy's car come out. Did he get here on the wrong date? Was it even possible for him to read his calendar wrong? Edward wondered.

Meanwhile, Daisy was looking at Kevin apologetically. She was very sorry for his injury. She didn't really mean to hurt him due to her carelessness. Although the wound wasn't that bad, Kevin would still need to endure the pain of it for the next few days.

"This will make Leena really sad." Daisy couldn't help but tease him after the military surgeon bandaged up his wound.

"Don't worry. She is very busy with Richard right now. She won't notice this wound at all. Moreover, this is nothing serious," replied Kevin in a jealous tone. Daisy could sense that Leena's attention had shifted from Kevin to the child and that made Kevin somewhat unhappy.

"How could it be possible? You're everything to Leena. How could she not care about you and miss such an important thing?" Daisy asked curiously. It was spring now and they were all just wearing shirts and trousers. Although Kevin could cover the wound with his clothes, it was still possible that Leena would sense the subtle changes in him.

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"Did she tell you that I'm everything to her?" Kevin's eyes lit up upon hearing Daisy. Her words just rekindled his hope.

"Did she have to say it? Everyone could see that she cares so much about you," Daisy snapped and stared at him. Why did men have the tendency to think too much? It was said that women had the tendency to have cranky thoughts. However, most of the men Daisy knew turned the tide. They were always the ones with strange thoughts.

"Fine, Major General Gu. Be careful with the wound and keep it from getting wet. Moreover, don't eat spicy foods." The military surgeon also prepared some medicines and gauze bandages for him.

"Okay. I know, thank you!" Kevin relaxed his elbow. His elbow was wrapped with the bandage too tight and he could barely move. He still felt a little pain whenever he tried to move his arm though.

"Let's go! I'll drive you home," said Daisy. She was not in the mood the whole day. If it wasn't for that, she wouldn't have zoned out and scratched him by mistake.

"No need. Lee is here. He can send me home. It's late. You'd better go home now. Edward would be worried." Kevin had noticed the changes in Daisy in the past few days. She seemed to be unusual though she looked the same. He was a very keen observer, thus, nothing could escape his eyes. He clearly sensed that she had something on mind. However, he didn't want to bug Daisy by asking about it. "Don't mention him to me." Just the mention of Edward's name annoyed Daisy. It was all because of him that she didn't perform well in the military drill. Worse, she almost made a terrible mistake by hurting Kevin.

"What happened? Did he make you angry?" Kevin raised his eyebrows. No wonder that she became really irritable these few days. She looked so grumpy the whole time that all the other soldiers had been avoiding her.

"Alas! It's a long story. I don't want to talk about it now. Since you don't need me

e they doing? One is escaping and the other is chasing. Are they playing the officer-catch-the-thief game? But isn't Daisy the officer? They must have exchanged the roles by mistake, ' thought Luke.

"Senior Colonel, Mr. Mu is catching up. What should we do?" Mark asked worriedly. It was lucky that they were driving on the army base road and there were a few cars on the way. However, it would be too dangerous to keep on with the chase once they reached the main road leading to the downtown.

"What? Is he crazy?" Daisy knitted her brows. She had qualms about ordering Mark to drive faster because she knew that Edward would also accelerate to catch up. Things might get out of control if they would continue like this.

Mark's mouth twitched. He actually didn't know what to say. It was a tough question and he didn't think that he would make a good bet by answering yes or no. Therefore, he chose the best for the situation and shut his mouth up. Staying silent was the best solution to avoid drawing fire against himself.

A sinister smile appeared on Edward's face as he focused on the car ahead of him. He pressed the pedal to its limit and smiled even more. His eyes were deep and unfathomable. His stern look could intimidate anyone who wanted to screw around with him.

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"Mark, pull the car over." Daisy sighed defeatedly. She finally caved in and admitted that she lost to the man she loved the most.

"Okay, Senior Colonel." Mark slowed down and pulled the car over to the side of the road. He was very slow and cautious because he didn't want to be bumped by the speedy car just right behind them.

The moment their car completely stopped, Daisy jumped off the car and leaned against the door. She looked at the crazy man with cold eyes as she wondered about what he was up to.

On the other hand, a playful smile cracked Edward's lips as he turned his car's steering wheel. His tires made a screeching sound against the asphalt before his car stopped precisely behind hers. He quickly got off his car too.

"Huh! Senior Colonel Ouyang, just keep running. Why you suddenly stopped? Edward's eyes were burning in anger as he walked towards her. He was trying his best to look calm even though he was actually furious to the hilt.

"If a crazy man is chasing after you in hot pursuit, will you still keep running?" Daisy was also enraged. She wondered if Edward even cared about how dangerous the situation was just now.

"I have no choice. My wife ran away and I can't sit by and just watch her leave," said Edward as he stood before her. Although he was angry, he still cast worried glances at her from head to toes to check if she was hurt during the military drill. "Mark, you may go back first." Daisy didn't want to argue with Edward while Mark was there, so she asked his bodyguard to leave.

"Okay, Senior Colonel." Much as Mark was worried about the two, military orders could not be violated. Thus, he followed Daisy's order again without any resistance at all.

Meanwhile, Edward folded his arms across his chest as he emotionlessly watched the two. He waved at Luke after Mark left to order him to leave too. He would like to see how Daisy would throw a tantrum at him.

Luke was a little hesitant to leave but then he followed

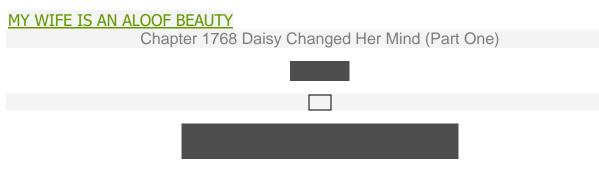
d sat down on the passenger seat. It was only then that she noticed that something was wrong. She saw Edward flexibly bent down when he followed her inside the car. She couldn't believe that she was tricked! However, Edward acted fast upon seeing how her expression changed and quickly locked all the doors with a single click. There was nowhere for her to escape now.

"Edward, you cunning man!" accused Daisy angrily. She regretted being careless and falling into his trap.

"Yes, I am cunning. Actually, I am also shameless." Edward didn't mind her mad rebuttal. He had always been a maverick who did things his own way. He really didn't care about manners or morals.

What he said made Daisy pissed off again. It took all her willpower to suppress her urge to shoot him and stop his proud smile.

"You don't feel ashamed at all." In all honesty, Daisy couldn't do anything to this brazen man anymore. Thus, she could only glare at him as she imagined slicing him with her stare. "There is nothing to be ashamed of when I'm with my wife. Why? Do you hate me?" Edward tried to lighten the atmosphere. He suddenly felt so pathetic. He had waited for her outside the army base for two hours and was not even welcomed properly after. Worse, he even had to put down his dignity and pride in order to make her happy.



"Yes, you're exactly right. I have had enough of you. Hmph!" Daisy felt defeated as Edward knew her so well that he always found ways to soften her up. She just couldn't stay mad at him.

"I know how women think even better than you know. You're saying yes but you mean no. I won't take your words to heart." Edward smirked and smugly crossed his arms in front of him. He was confident that she really didn't mean what she said, and it infuriated her.

"That's because you men like to hear those fake words," Daisy snapped back. She knew that she would always lose in their arguments, but admitting defeat so easily was the last thing on her mind.

"I understand you completely. Why not? It makes perfect sense. But here's the thing. I'm not like most men; I'm the exception." Edward rubbed his chin after he said this, betraying no doubt in his face. Inwardly, he thought, 'I'm rich as hell, devilishly handsome and loyal to a fault to my wife. How can she even compare me with other men?'

"You are so shameless!" It was like Daisy heard his thoughts as she spat the words. She knew Edward was a narcissist, but it never ceased to stun her whenever he patted himself on the back.

"But hey, I'm only shameless in front of you," Edward said as he smiled mischievously and looked at Daisy straight in her eyes.

"Stop it!" Daisy immediately stopped him. She knew where this was headed. She knew how relentless and tireless he could be when it came to sex.

"Alright, fine," Edward said as he raised his hands in mock surrender, his expression smug as ever. "But I have one more question. Are you still really mad at me?" As long as the answer was no, he would begin to persuade her for their baby's acceptance.

"What do you think?" Daisy asked with one eyebrow raised. In truth, she was actually much calmer now compared to moments ago.

"How am I supposed to know? That's why I'm asking you." Edward looke

mocking him, he still felt incredibly happy as long as she dreamt about him.

"I haven't finished yet! I also beat you up." Daisy laughed. Edward made a mocking face in response. She just rolled her eyes at him as she opened the car door and got out on the hard pavement.

Edward couldn't help but feel a cold chill creep down his spine. 'What a scary woman!' he thought.

It felt weird for the couple to arrive at home and not find Justin running out to welcome them. The servant hastily went out and informed them that Justin's grandparents had taken him to their old house to spend the weekend.

Edward felt relief rush to his cheeks as he heard that. Now he had the space and time to convince his wife. The odds were with him. Edward was an aloof and commanding man in front of others, but a caring and considerate husband before Daisy. They went about eating a delicious supper in silence. When they were both finished, he asked her to take a warm bath first.

All throughout dinner, Daisy kept thinking about her problem. She knew deep inside that running away from reality wouldn't solve anything. She then went to take that warm bath. When she was satisfied, she went to their wardrobe, dressed in a frilly nightfown, went downstairs and sat beside her husband.

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Chapter 1769 Daisy Changed Her Mind (Part Two)

"Well, anytime now," she said in a calm voice. She gave him a couple days to think things over and she believed he had made a decision already.

"I will respect your choice. No matter what decision you've made, I'll accept it. I won't force you to do anything you don't want to do," Edward said seriously, with an intense look in his eyes. He turned to her and just looked at her. The fireplace's cackling and spitting were the only sounds during that moment. He didn't have any right to force her to keep the baby. Hell, if she wanted to have an abortion, he couldn't lift a finger.

Daisy shifted uncomfortably under her husband's intense gaze. "If I... choose to give up on the baby, will you think I'm a cruel woman?" Daisy knew how badly he wanted to have a daughter, but she just wasn't ready yet. It was an extremely hard decision for her to make.

"Yes. I will. It's the ultimate culmination of our love," Edward admitted without hesitation albeit with a pained expression. Sure, they already had Justin.

Although Edward loved him very much, he was still an accident. They weren't in love back then. Edward hadn't even known of Justin's existence until the day Daisy brought him to Edward. This baby was different, and he really wanted to keep it.

"But we already have Justin," Daisy said as she stared at him, careful not to miss a single change of expression on his face.

"But this baby is different and you know it." It didn't mean that he didn't love Justin. On the contrary, he owed a lot of time to Justin. He hadn't been at his side for at least a couple of years.

"Okay, I guess I know your answer now. I have to think about it more," Daisy said as she planted both of her feet on the carpet and walked towards the balcony, le

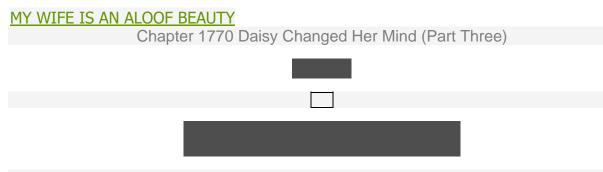
sacrifices they would have to make. Otherwise, he would just take it for granted.

"Why?" Edward asked in a hurt tone. He was frowning like a little boy who didn't get what he wanted.

"Because it's not good for a baby." At that moment, a lightbulb appeared in Daisy's mind. She could turn this thing around. If ever he made her angry, she could just turn him down with the excuse of harming the baby whenever he wanted to have sex. A fitting punishment, Daisy thought.

"Damn it!" Edward rolled to the other half of the bed and stared blankly at the ornate ceiling. The thought of harming the baby through sex hadn't crossed his mind. 'It seems as though I'll be living a bachelor's life in the coming months, ' he thought.

Daisy felt elated. She chuckled to herself after her brilliant plan. But her happiness was short-lived. She knew what was coming in the next nine months. She had to juggle her pregnancy and her work, hardly an easy task. When Kevin opened the door to their house, it was already in the wee hours of the morning. Apparently, Leena didn't know when the military exercise would end, so she just went to bed early with their son, Richard.



When Kevin stealthily went up the stairs and slowly opened the bedroom door, he turned on the night light and saw his beautiful wife and cute son sound asleep. Happiness flooded his chest, and he felt reinvigorated.

He walked over to the bedside quietly, careful not to wake his family up. He skillfully dodged the various toys strewn about. When he reached the bedside, he kissed both Leena and Richard on the forehead. Richard didn't wake from this, while Leena murmured something and turned, her eyes still closed.

Kevin smiled at this and walked towards the bathroom. His arm was still injured, so he made sure not to get the affected area wet. So it took more time to shower than usual.

After being satisfied, he washed away all the dirt and grime, turned the valve off and stepped out the shower to dry his hair. A smiling face welcomed him. Leena was standing by the door.

"Did I wake you up?" Kevin stopped drying his hair immediately and skillfully put the towel on his arm in an attempt to cover the wound up. As the gauze and towel were both white, it was difficult to notice the gauze under the dim bathroom lights. "No, you didn't actually. I'm just so thirsty, so I got up to drink water." Leena was still groggy, talking with her eyes still half open. She still had trouble adjusting to the light.

"Alright, you stay put. I'll get you a glass of water," he offered. He had originally thought she was still sound asleep, so he hadn't brought his pajamas into the bathroom with him. He could only send her away with an excuse so that he could wear long pajamas to cover his wound.

"Hey, it's okay. I'll go grab it myself. When did you get back? Have you eaten?" Leena slowly went back to normal. When she and Kevin were newlyweds, she would feel shy seeing his half-naked body. But now, she was already used to it.

"I just arrived, actually and just took a bath. Also, I ate already." Kevin wanted to take his beautiful

said it was only a flesh wound. You are thirsty, aren't you? Let's go downstairs, okay? Let's get that water. I need a drink too." Kevin put on his dark blue pajamas quickly. The silk material clung softly to his body. He grabbed her hand and they walked out of the room quietly. Richard was still sound asleep.

"Don't get your wound wet, okay? It'll get infected if you do. You just took a shower, didn't you? Quick, let me check the gauze." While they were walking towards the stairs, Leena kept nagging Kevin. It didn't annoy Kevin at all; he was actually happy that his wife cared about him so much even if it was just a flesh wound.

Maybe this was the true meaning of family. Although you wouldn't hear the end of it if you did something wrong, you wouldn't get angry because you knew deep in your heart that they were only saying this for your own good. If they didn't care, they wouldn't even say a word, let alone get mad at you. As they got their water and went back to the bedroom to sleep, the night went on. Leena cuddled up against her husband and was fast asleep. Tomorrow is a new day, and anything could happen. But even if they might argue with each other, they would make up real fast because of their deep love for each other. That was the only thing that mattered to Kevin.