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Chapter 441 Celeste and Jordyn continued playing games at the arcade . Just then , Trevor's phone rang . Seeing the caller ID , he stepped away to answer the call . It was Wynn . Ever since the Velotra press conference , she hadn't been able to calm her heart because of Celeste , and also out of concern for InnovaTech's future . And the fact that Trevor hadn't contacted her at all since yesterday afternoon , and not even a message by mid - morning today , only made her growing anxiety worse .

In order to force herself to stay calm and not keep checking whether he had reached out , she had deliberately left her phone behind during her morning meetings and at lunch . 1 But in the end , she hadn't been able to hold out long . After finishing lunch just now , she couldn't resist checking her phone - only to discover that he had called her once at around 11:00 am . Furthermore , on her office desk , there was now a market research report on the future of autonomous vehicles .

After reading it , she realized she had never really taken the time to understand the true scope of the autonomous vehicle market . Only now did she learn that it was far bigger than she had originally imagined . In other words , InnovaTech still had significant growth potential . Beyond that , Trevor had also included several directions for future technical development in the report .

After reading it , her confidence in InnovaTech's future returned , and the anxiety that had been gnawing at her finally settled . Thinking of all this , she calmed her excitement and said , " I was in a meeting earlier and didn't bring my phone , so I missed your call . " " Mhm , I know . Someone told me . " So , that meant that when she didn't pick up , he must have checked with others in the company to make sure she was okay before he could relax .

2 Wynn smiled a little and added , " I've read the report too . I know what I should do next . " 1 " Mhm , " Trevor replied . " The autonomous vehicle market is huge . If you can find ways to improve the product's weaknesses , InnovaTech still has a lot of potential . " 6 " Alright , I understand . " Hearing him say these things , Wynn's voice couldn't help but soften a little more . Then she asked , " How was the parent - teacher meeting with Jordyn ? Have you had lunch yet ?

" "Yeah, it's all done. " 1 Wynn still wanted to keep chatting, but just then, another call came in. She hurriedly excused herself and hung up to deal with work. 1 Celeste didn't

pay much attention to what Trevor was doing , nor was she interested in knowing who he was talking to on the phone . 1 She glanced at the time and ended the game after seeing that Jordyn's afternoon class was about to start .

Jordyn , reluctant to part with her , clung to her and said , " Mom , I want you to take me back to school . " Trevor didn't interrupt , waiting quietly for her decision . 1/3 Chapter 441 Since the school was nearby , Celeste agreed . This time , Trevor didn't follow them . Instead , he looked at Celeste and said , " Thank you . " What was there to be thankful for ? She was just sending Jordyn one in a while . The truly exhausting days were already behind her .

Celeste didn't respond . She simply lowered her head , patted Jordy's head , and said , " Let's go . " 1 " Okay ! " Jordyn beamed . Still holding Celeste's hand , she said goodbye to Trevor , then got the car and left with her . Trevor watched them leave before finally getting into his own car and driving away . 14 $^{\circ}$

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Chapter 442 In the afternoon , after finishing her work , Wynn wanted to ask Trevor out for dinner . She called him several times , but none of the calls went through . Finally , she called his secretary , Jacob . Once the call connected , she asked , " I can't get through to Trevor's phone . Is he still busy ? " Jacob sounded a bit surprised . " Boss flew overseas this afternoon for a business trip . You didn't know ? " Wynn froze . She really didn't know . Trevor hadn't told her .

"Was the business trip a last - minute decision?" Yes, it was. "Even if it had been a last - minute decision, he surely could have found time to call or send her a message. But he didn't say anything at all. Realizing this, her expression darkened slightly. 1 After a moment's silence, she picked up her bag and left the home office while dialing Jordyn's number. Jordyn was lying in the living room playing with a puzzle. Seeing the call, she quickly answered. "Wynn?" Mhm.

"Wynn's voice was gentle . " Jo , are you home already ? " "Yeah , I'm home . "Wynn smiled and asked , "Were you happy having your dad go to your parent - teacher meeting today ? "Hearing this , Jordyn responded cheerfully , ' 'Wynn , you got it wrong ! The one who came to school today for the meeting was Mom , not Dad ! " 2 At the mention of Celeste , Wynn's smile and tone both calmed slightly .

" Is that so ... " parent - teacher After a short pause , she added , " I called your dad around noon and asked if the meeting was done . He said it was , so I thought he was the one who went to your school . " Because Celeste had gone instead , Jordyn had been in a very good mood all day . Now , hearing Wynn bring it up , she excitedly said , " Nope ! But after the meeting , Dad came to have lunch with me and Mom !

"Hearing this, Wynn froze in front of the elevator and stopped pressing the button." He had lunch with you two? Did you ask him to? ""No, Dad suggested it. He said after he finished his work, he'd come join me and Mom for lunch." He offered to go have lunch with Celeste? Wynn's smile faded further. But then she thought that since the divorce cooling - off period was almost over, maybe the were still some important things they needed to discuss.

That could explain why Trevor would ... She probed gently , " I see ... Then during lunch , did your dad say anything to your mom ? " Jordyn was half focused on her puzzle while talking to Wynn on the phone . Hearing the question , she paused to think . " Not really ... Dad kept trying to talk to Mom during lunch , but Mom didn't seem very interested . She didn't really want to talk to him and didn't seem very happy eating together either .

" Upon hearing that , Wynn lowered her eyes and murmured to herself , " Is that so ? " 13 " Yep . Wynn said nothing more . In truth , she knew that for the past two years , no matter whether communicated directly .

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In truth , she knew that for the past two years , no matter whether big or small matters , Trevor and Celeste had rarely communicated directly . 3 , Most of the time , they didn't even speak on the phone , just sent text messages . Which meant , even if there were issues related to the divorce to clarify , Trevor could have easily handled them via text . Or even more directly , he could've let the lawyers handle everything .

In fact , if he wanted to do anything , he had no need to consult Celeste at all . 4) In other words , there was no reason for them to meet . But they did meet today . And from what Jordyn described , it was Trevor who made a point to go see Celeste ... 12

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Chapter 443 The Rodriguez family had already heard about Velotra's situation . Now that Celeste had achieved great success in her career , both Ivan and Betty were genuinely happy for her . To celebrate , they arranged to have lunch together with her on Saturday afternoon . As Ivan's car approached the restaurant and was about to enter the parking lot , it nearly collided with another vehicle coming from the opposite direction .

The other driver had failed to control their speed , so technically it was their fault . However , Ivan decided not to fuss about it . Since his car was in front , he should have had the right of way , bulie other car tried to cut in . Frowning , Ivan rolled down his

window to reason with the driver . Coincidentally , the other driver rolled down their window too - clearly believing they were in the right . But the moment Ivan saw who was inside , his face turned cold .

Harvey didn't expect the other party to be Ivan and Betty . Whatever words he'd intended to say immediately stuck in his throat . In the passenger seat was Lilian , and in the back were Erin and Patricia . All of them saw Ivan . None of them had expected such a coincidence . Ivan looked away and , before Harvey could react , drove straight into the parking lot . They had been in high spirits earlier , looking forward to the celebratory meal .

But upon encountering the Locket family , Betty's face turned cold almost instantly . Celeste held onto her arm and gently patted her hand to soothe her Thinking of how her daughter's health had improved and how Celeste was now doing better than ever , Betty felt comforted . She realized she truly should look forward and not let past people or events disturb her peace . Her mood gradually improved . After parking , Celeste and the rest of the family were the first to enter the restaurant .

Thanks to Betty's change of heart , their group's mood remained largely unaffected . But the Locket family and the Shaw family were another story . Watching the Rodriguez family walk away , everyone - Erin , Patricia , and even Wynn - had unpleasant expressions . They had all heard about Velotra . Even though , thanks to Trevor's help , InnovaTech now had a clear direction , all the investments they'd made previously had gone to waste .

1 Moreover, even with a clear direction now, InnovaTech's future was still uncertain. What unsettled Patricia and Erin even more was the press conference where Celeste had openly claimed credit for Velotra's technology, and where Maxwell had also confirmed that all the technology Velotra and YodaVision collaborated on came from Celeste alone. 3 If that were true, then Celeste's current worth could easily be in the hundreds of billions. But how was that even possible?

Could Celeste really possess such extraordinary technical prowess? Was there truly no help from Matthias involved? Could it really not be his work? Yet Celeste had dared to claim it as her own ... 1/3 Chapter 443 Thinking about this, the mood among the Locket family and the Shaw family soured even further, especially for Wynn. She clenched her fists and said in a calm tone, "Let's head inside.!

Snapping out of their daze, Erin and the others followed her into the restaurant. Over an hour later, just as they were about to leave after lunch, the heard someone near the elevator say, "Matthias is still single. If you know any good young women, remember to keep anye out for him." "Of course, we've been friends for years. You've said it so many times! If we come across any good matches, of course we'll introduce them to him

"Hearing this, Wynn looked up and realized the speaker was none other than Matthias's mother. But Melissa didn't notice them as she entered the elevator. Lilian and Patricia had met her before, and upon hearing her words, Patricia seemed to understand something and gave a faint smile. Wynn paused, then suddenly understood what her grandmother was smiling about.

If all the technological breakthroughs announced at the Velotra press conference had truly come from Celeste , then yes , current worth could very well be in the hundreds of billions . Not only that - if she had that kind of talent , she likely had a lot more potential ahead of her . her There was every possibility she would develop new technologies in the future . In other words , if Celeste really was this capable, she was a walking goldmine .

1 With that level of skill and value , even the most elite of families probably wouldn't care that she'd been divorced . In that case , how could Melissa possibly not acknowledge the relationship between Celeste and Matthias , and instead still be asking people to introduce other women to him ? 8 The answer was clear - the so - called " technology " Celeste claimed probably wasn't all hers to begin with . There had to be a lot of exaggeration . 23 2/3

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Chapter 444 Not only did Patricia and Wynn think of this , but so did the others . Linda immediately scoffed , " I said it before - she's not that capable . You just wouldn't believe me . " Ruby laughed and added , " It's just that we never expected she'd be so bold , daring to fake it in front of so many people . Right , Wynn ? " Wynn didn't reply , but a faint smile slowly curved on her lips .

- 1 At that moment , Linda cheerfully added , " So , that means after that bitch gets divorced , it probably won't be easy for her to marry into the Yoder family . " If Celeste's actual abilities were inflated and her chance of marrying into a wealthy family was slim , then whether it was her or the Rodriguez family , their chances of truly rising up would be even slimmer . With that thought , Patricia , Linda , and the others all felt much better .
- (3) Once they got into the car , Patricia smiled and said , " Next Wednesday is the last day of the cooling off period . Once Trevor returns from overseas , they can basically go and finalize the divorce . " 7 Linda perked up with excitement , " Exactly ! " 2 Even though she wasn't directly involved , she still felt thrilled .

After all , even if she'd been addressing Trevor as her "brother - in - law every day and believed that Wynn and he were deeply committed , the thought that Trevor and Celeste were still legally married had always bothered her deep down . Patricia and Lilian felt the same . Even though they knew Trevor and Wynn had a stable relationship the fact that he was still legally married to Celeste made them uncomfortable .

4 If they , as outsiders , were bothered by the relationship between Trevor and Celeste , then Wynn herself certainly felt it even more intensely. 1 Before , because the relationship between Trevor and Celeste had been terrible , Wynn thought herself clearly superior in every aspect . She was convinced there was no way Trevor would ever develop feelings for Celeste . So at the time , the legal bond between them didn't bother her much .

But ever since Celeste had shown real ability in her career and especially after seeing how Trevor's attitude toward her had noticeably changed , this legal marriage began to gnaw at her . 1 Just as she was thinking about that , Linda asked , " By the way , Wynn , when is Trev supposed to come back from his business trip ? " That question immediately reminded her of how Trevor had deliberately gone to see Celeste yesterday , and how he hadn't contacted her at all since leaving on this trip .

Just then , a wave of frustration surged within her . Every year around this time , business overseas was always especially busy . It wasn't unusual for Trevor to be working day and night , too busy even for a phone call ... Maybe she was just overthinking it . Thinking that , Wynn replied lightly , " Not sure yet . " " Not sure? " Linda frowned . " You don't think he'll still be overseas when the cooling - off period ends , do you ? " 1/3 Chapter 444 Patricia didn't seem concerned .

She said , "When work gets busy , scheduling can be unpredictable . Whether he makes it back by Thursday or a few days later - what does it matter ? " As long as the divorce happens , she didn't mind waiting a few extra days . Linda nodded . "Alright then . " Wynn didn't say anything after hearing that . After returning home , she called Trevor . But once again , no one answered .

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Chapter 445 On Monday , Celeste went to work as usual . With the high volume of work , she contimed rumming between Vetra and YodaVision . On Tuesday evening , while getting off work and standing in the elevator , Celeste glanced at the date on her phone and lowered her gaze . Having worked all day , Matthias was exhausted too . He suddenly had a hunch and asked , " Tomorrow should be the last day of the cooling - off period , right ?

"Celeste put her phone back into her bag and replied," Yes, "After all these years between her and Trevor, they were finally about to end things for good. Matthias wasn't sure if he should feel happy for her or sad. Though he had nothing but resentment toward Trevor, thinking of how Celeste had loved him for so many years, only to end up like this, he couldn't help but feel a little sympathy for her. Still, no matter how hard something was, there would be a day when it ended.

Once the divorce was finalized , Celeste would finally be able to truly start over . Thinking this , he patted her shoulder comfortingly but didn't say much . The next morning , after her run and breakfast , Celeste returned to the office and was just about to start work

when her phone rang. It was a call from Trevor. They had agreed earlier that on the first day after the cooling - off period ended, they would officially register the divorce.

So , it was only natural that Trevor would call . She answered , " Hello . " Before he could say anything , she said , " I'll be there on time at nine in the morning tomorrow- Trevor interrupted her , " I'm currently overseas on a business trip . Celeste paused . Before she could say anything , he added , " I probably won't be able to make it back for a few more days . We might need to delay registering the divorce . " 2 Celeste furrowed her brows and stayed silent .

Sensing her displeasure, Trevor apologized, "I'm sorry. This was my fault." Celeste took a deep breath. After a brief pause, she finally said, "Got it." Without waiting for him to speak again, she ended the call. She rubbed her forehead, trying to steady her emotions, but her phone rang again almost immediately. This time, it wasn't from Trevor. It was Caleb. Celeste frowned deeper. She'd likely be visiting the military base often in the future.

Even if they weren't constantly bumping into each other , they'd still run into each other now and then . 1/3 Chapter 445 Though she had a good impression of Caleb , she truly didn't have that kind of interest in him . Answering his call now would give him hope . But not answering it ride . After hesitating a while , she finally picked up . " Hello . " On the other end , Caleb's voice was warm and pleasant . " Are you basy ? " " Kind of .

"Perhaps sensing the frustration in her tone, he chuckled lightly." haven't started my vacation yet. Just had a moment today, so 1 I thought I'd give you a call. Even if my call bothers you, I regret to inform you - I don't plan to stop. "Celeste was dumbfounded. Before she could say anything, Caleb asked," How have you been lately? Still busy with work?" "Yeah, very busy." "And the divorce?

"he asked, clearly concerned about her well - being but also curious about her marital status." I know this might be a little forward, but I'still want to ask - you two ... were supposed to finalize it tomorrow, right? "Caleb didn't know many details about her marriage. But he had the vague impression that it was the husband who wanted the divorce and that Celeste had just gone along with it. Because of that, he had assumed there was no real obstacle to the divorce going through.

So before she could answer , he continued , " I'll be busy for a few more days . Once I'm free- " Celeste cut him off and said bluntly , " That was the plan , but it's been postponed . " Caleb's smile froze . After two seconds , he asked , " Can I ask why ? Was it your decision , or his " " He went abroad on a business trip . He won't be back in time tomorrow . " " So , once he's back , you'll go finalize it right away ? " " ... Yes . " That was good .

Caleb thought to himself that hopefully , by the time he had vacation , they would have already officially divorced . Though he didn't say that out loud . At that moment , Celeste said , " Mr. Jennings , I actually picked up your call because I wanted to- " But he

interrupted her . " I know . You're going to tell me that answering my call doesn't mean you're interested , and that you only answered out of politeness and maybe to gently turn me down again . I know .

" " You- " " I know , " Caleb said with a light laugh . He found her honesty rather endearing . " But my stance won't change . " Then he added , " I don't have much time now . Once I'm done with everything , I'll come find you for a meal . See you soon . ' Without waiting for a reply , he hung up . " 2/3

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Chapter 446 Counting down the days , the ones waiting for Celeste's divorce weren't just Matthias and Caleb , but Beck was as well . 3 So , besides Matthias , Beck also knew that Thursday was the day Celeste and Trevor were supposed to finalize their divorce . He had been on business trips out of town frequently . But this time , he specifically rushed back at dawn on Thursday .

After a few hours of rest at home , around 10 in the morning , after he handled some matters , Beck ultimately couldn't suppress the urge to call Miles . " I've been really busy lately , and it's been a while since I last had a meal with you and Trevor . Want to grab lunch together today ? " Miles replied , " I'm free , but Trevor won't be able to make it . He went abroad on a business trip a few days ago and still hasn't returned . " Beck's heart tightened .

"Trevor ... went on a business trip?" So that means they couldn't finalize the divorce today? He hadn't been in touch with Trevor or Wynn much recently. Calling Miles was actually his way of probing into the divorce situation. If they were already divorced, he'd be able to- He didn't expect this outcome. "When will Trevor be back?" he asked. Miles wasn't paying close attention to the divorce anymore and honestly hadn't realized their cooling - off period had already ended.

He answered casually , " No idea . You know how this time of year is - he's always swamped with business overseas . Who knows how long he'll be gone this time ? " Beck lowered his gaze and said nothing more . After hanging up , he looked at Celeste's contact info on his phone . He had originally thought he'd get the chance to call her today . Now , it seemed he still had to wait . Busy days flew by quickly . Friday afternoon , while Celeste was working , she received a call from Jordyn .

She said that school was officially out for summer , and since Trevor wasn't home , she wanted to go stay with her . Celeste refused . Based on what Treyor had told her during their last call , he had already been away for several days at that point . She thought he'd be back soon . But now , nearly a week later , he still hadn't returned . After a few days alone at home , Jordyn couldn't take it anymore . On Wednesday , she called Celeste again

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" Mom , Dad's been away on his trip for so long , and I don't like staying home all by myself . Can I stay with you ? " 1/2 Chapter 446 Hearing her lonely little voice , Celeste's grip on her phone tightened . After a moment , she finally replied , " I'll be home after work . Go wait at your granny's place . " Yar Hearing that Celeste was finally free , Jordyn immediately brightened and happily packed up to go to the Rodriguez residence .

Naturally , the Rodriguez family was aware that Trevor's business trip had caused the divorce to be delayed again . That night , after Jordyn arrived and they were having dinner , Betty couldn't help asking , " Jordyn , do you know when your father is coming back ? " Jordyn didn't understand the complicated thoughts the adults were having . While eating , she answered honestly , " Dad said it's still uncertain .

But when I talked to him on the phone yesterday, he said he probably won't make it back in time for my birthday. " 3 Betty frowned. It had already been nearly a week since the end of the cooling - off period. Trevor still couldn't confirm his return date. Was he planning to only return after the decision period was over?

If that was the case , it meant they would have to wait for another full cooling - off period just to get divorced , Hearing Jordyn's words , Celeste also furrowed her brow . $8\ 2/2$

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Chapter 447 Monday morning , just as Celeste arrived at the office building downstairs , she bumped into Kieran , who was also arriving for work . Kieran smiled as he said , " Morning . " Celeste responded , " Morning . " As soon as she spoke , she caught sight of Caleb nearby . Seeing him made her pause slightly . Kieran noticed Caleb as well and frowned in displeasure . Caleb didn't pay much attention to Kieran and walked straight over to Celeste . " I got home early yesterday morning .

We haven't seen each other in a while , so I thought I'd come by and say hello . " Caleb really had come just to see her . Her attitude had been clear all along , so he didn't want to make her uncomfortable or annoy her . He added , " Go ahead with your work . Don't mind me . I'll leave in a bit . " There was honestly nothing more Celeste felt needed to be said between them . His sudden appearance had left her at a bit of a loss for words . Since he said that , she didn't stand on ceremony .

She nodded and turned to head upstairs . Kieran glanced at Caleb before following behind Celeste . Caleb watched her retreating figure . After a long moment , he turned and returned to his car . There was a bouquet of flowers in the car . He had originally planned to give them to Celeste , but given the way things looked now , if he actually brought them out , she'd probably be even more put off and want to avoid him . Thinking that , Caleb gave a helpless laugh .

In the elevator, Kieran stood beside Celeste and pressed the button. Seeing how he was silently watching her, Celeste looked up and asked, "What is it?" Kieran shook his head

. " Nothing . " But he couldn't hold it in and finally asked , " About Mr. Jennings \dots Does he often ask to meet with you ? " Celeste replied , " No. " Caleb's work was quite demanding , and he didn't have many breaks . Even if he wanted to see her , he didn't have the time .

Earlier , Celeste had clearly turned Caleb down , and Kieran had secretly felt relieved . Still , he couldn't help worrying that if Caleb stepped up his pursuit , Celeste might eventually give in . That thought suddenly made him think of Beck . As far as he knew , Beck also liked Celeste . But he hadn't shown up for quite a while , and like himself , had never really pursued her seriously . (1) Why was that ? Did he give up ? 1/2 Chapter 447 Then a new thought struck Kieran .

Could it be that Beck knew Celeste's husband? (1 Still hesitating, Kieran finally asked, "I'm a bit curious ... " "Hm? "Celeste responded. Kieran said, "Mr. Jennings is a pretty good guy, but you don't seem interested in him. Why is that? "What he really wanted to know was whether there was something specific she disliked about Caleb or if she had any limits when it came to relationships and marriage. If she did, he'd make sure to avoid triggering them himself in the future.

3 To Celeste , Kieran wasn't the gossipy type . Since this was the first time he had asked her a personal question , she didn't feel annoyed by it and answered directly . " I haven't officially divorced yet . How could I consider him ? Besides , I'm sure I don't have any romantic interest in Mr. Jennings . " 2 Kieran had thought she was already divorced . Hearing this , he froze . " You ... You're not officially divorced yet ? " Celeste shook her head and said , " Not yet .

" Just as she finished speaking , the elevator arrived . Celeste stepped out and headed straight to her office . Kieran stood there watching her figure retreat , momentarily blanking out . Then something suddenly clicked . Could it be that the reason Beck never made a move on Celeste wasn't because he gave up ? But because he knew she wasn't officially divorced ? Or ... Was it because Beck knew who her husband was ? 2/2

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Chapter 448 In the following days, Celeste remained as busy as ever. She left early and came home late every day, even though Jordyn had been staying with the Rodriguez family, the mother and daughter didn't actually spend much time together. Trevor, though also busy with work, reportedly called Jordyn almost every day. However, Celeste was never around during those calls, so she didn't know what the father and daughter talked about. Jordyn's birthday was on Friday.

Perhaps due to Trevor having always given her enough love and attention , when she found out he likely wouldn't be able to make it back in time for her birthday , she wasn't too upset . Instead , she hugged Celeste's arm and said , " It's okay . As long as Mom is with me on my birthday , that's enough .

"When she later found out that Celeste was really busy and might only have time to cook her a bowl of her favorite soup and give her a gift on her birthday, Jordyn did feel a little disappointed . (3) It had been a long time since she'd had one of Celeste's homemade cakes . She missed them . She had assumed that , at the very least , Celeste would make her a cake .

59 But over the past few days, seeing how busy Celeste had been at the Rodriguez residence, she didn't throw a tantrum or make any demands. She simply said, "Okay, I understand..." Celeste was truly swamped lately. Whether it was with YodaVision, Fleming Group, or Velotra, there had been an endless stream of matters needing her attention. She'd been working overtime late into the night every day - there really was no time to spare. 2 It was Jordyn's birthday after all.

She had given birth to her . So , no matter what , she had a responsibility . Even though she and Trevor hadn't officially divorced yet , she had already started stepping back from parenting duties . That in itself was already somewhat irresponsible . But , now ... Thinking of this , Celeste said , " If I get off work early tomorrow , I'll make you a cake . " Jordyn beamed . " Yay ! Thank you , Mom ! " However , by Thursday , Celeste was so busy she completely lost track of time .

By the time she finished everything and snapped back to reality, it was already around three in the morning. After returning home and washing up, it was already 5:00 am. And she had a meeting at Velotra scheduled for a bit past 9- There was simply no time to make a cake. She only managed to cook a bowl of Jordyn's favorite soup and hand her the birthday gift before rushing off to her meeting at Velotra. By the time her workday ended, it was already past 9:00 pm.

1/3 Chapter 448 Celeste checked the time . Thinking about how she had barely exchanged a word with Jordyn that morning before rushing out , a flicker of guilt crossed her face . Matthias noticed the shift in her expression and asked , "What's wrong?" "Today is Jordyn's birthday . "Matthias could understand Celeste's complicated feelings toward her daughter . And he knew that no matter what , she hadn't truly let go .

1 Seeing how Celeste had been busy all day without even managing to make a phone call home , he checked the time and said , There's still time . If you go back now , you can still keep her company . " Celeste hummed a response . Then , she left the office and drove straight home . When she arrived , Betty was still awake . Seeing her return , the elderly woman softly said , " You were gone all day , and Trevor didn't call either . Jordyn hasn't been very cheerful today .

" 1 Celeste was momentarily stunned . She hadn't expected that Trevor hadn't called all day . Betty sighed and gently patted her hand . " She's still awake . Go spend some time with her . " Celeste nodded and went upstairs . Upstairs , Jordyn was lying on her bed reading a comic book . Seeing Celeste return , she glanced up and greeted her flatly , " Mom , you're back . " " Mm . " Celeste set down her bag and paused for a couple of seconds before walking over to her . " Sorry .

I've been busy with work , so ... " " I know . " Jordyn looked up at her . " Mom , I understand . " 2 She seemed very mature , but Celeste knew she was genuinely upset . When Jordyn was truly happy , she loved to act spoiled with her . In the past , when Jordyn was upset , Celeste had all kinds of ways to coax her into a smile . But now , standing there watching her , she suddenly didn't know what to say or do to comfort her .

Only now did Celeste realize that even though things between them seemed normal on the surface , there was already a distance growing between them . 7 Just then , Jordyn's phone suddenly rang . She glanced down and saw that the caller was " Dad . " She didn't look particularly happy , but she still answered the call quickly , though her tone was a bit cold . " Hello ? " On the other end , Trevor smiled and said , " Jordyn , happy birthday .

"Still flipping through her book , Jordyn responded flatly , "Okay . "Trevor seemed to sense she was upset , but he didn't sound surprised . "You're mad , huh? "Jordyn pouted silently and didn't respond . "Sorry , "he said . "I was on the plane earlier and couldn't make any calls , so ... "Still , she said nothing .

2/3 Chapter 448 Then , Trevor chuckled softly and said , " I'm actually outside Granny's neighborhood right now , Jordyn , you- " At those words , Jordyn jumped up from the bed . " Dad , you're back ? You're not lying to me , are you ? " Trevor's voice still carried a smile . " Mm , I came back just to spend your birthday with you . It's only a bit past ten . So , I'm still on time . " 5 "

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Chapter 449 She excitedly ran downstairs with her phone in hand . When Jordyn learned that Trevor had rushed back from being abroad just to surprise her , she finally brightened up . Th Tw Tu Celeste watched her , paused for a moment , and then followed her down and notified the security guard to let Trevor's car in . When Trevor's car pulled into the Rodriguez courtyard , Jordyn ran out and threw herself excitedly into his arms as he stepped out of the car .

Today was her birthday , but Trevor hadn't called once , and Celeste had been out working all day . She'd felt like neither of them cared about her and had been upset and down the entire day . Now , seeing that Trevor had rushed back just to spend her birthday with her , her eyes turned red in an instant . The bottled- up sadness surged back as she felt the weight of his concern . When Jordyn pounced into his arms , Trevor reached out to rub her head . As h crying .

crouched to hug her , he realized she was His hand froze for a moment , a flicker of surprise in his eyes . But he quickly understood . It wasn't just because he didn't call her all day . But Celeste must have done something that made her feel neglected and hurt , too . That was why seeing him now triggered such an emotional release . He looked up at Celeste , who stood a short distance away without approaching . Their eyes met briefly , but Celeste said nothing .

Seeing Jordyn cry , she knew the girl felt neglected and hurt . But even so , she just stood there watching , saying nothing . Seeing that Celeste didn't speak or respond to their daughter's crying , Trevor didn't comment . Instead , he turned his attention back to Jordyn , gently wiping away her tears and saying , " It was wrong of me not to call and not to get back earlier . I messed up . " Jordyn's feelings weren't entirely because of him .

But now that someone was comforting her , she finally let it all out . The more Trevor spoke , the more wronged she felt and the harder she cried . Trevor didn't try to stop her from crying . He just held her in his arms and patted her back gently in silent comfort . After crying for a while , her emotions gradually settled . Her sobs quieted and finally stopped . Only then did Trevor let her go and hand her the gift he had prepared .

Seeing the present , Jordyn cheered up and wiped her tears , saying , " Thank you , Dad . " While father and daughter chatted where they stood , Celeste remained in place , still not coming closer . After a while , Trevor asked Jordyn , " There's about an hour left before midnight . Is there anything else you'd like to do ? " Jordyn tilted her head , thought for a moment , then shook her head . " Nope .

"Trevor glanced toward Celeste and asked," Then, would you like to come home with me, or stay here with Mom tonight?" Jordyn paused and then turned to look at Celeste. Celeste said nothing, quietly waiting for her to decide. 1/2 Chapter 449 Jordyn knew Celeste didn't prioritize her like she used to. But whenever she made a request, Celeste still tried her best to fulfill it. That meant, deep down, Celeste still cared about her.

With that in mind , she walked over to Celeste , took her hand , and said to Trevor , " I want to stay here with Mom . " 2 Trevor didn't object and looked to Celeste . It was still Jordyn's birthday , and what she just said counted as her real birthday wish . Since she wanted to stay at the Rodriguez residence tonight with her , there was no way Celeste could say no . So , she reached out and gently held the girl's hand . " Alright .

"Then she added , "It's getting late - we should all rest now . Jordyn , say goodnight to Dad . "Jordyn said , "Goodnight , Dad . "But right after , she seemed reluctant to part and blurted out , "Dad , you have to come pick me up tomorrow morning . "Trevor smiled and agreed , "Okay . "Then he turned to Celeste and said , "Thank you for tonight . "Celeste replied flatly , "It's my responsibility . "3 With that , she said no more , just turned and led Jordyn back into the house .

Trevor watched them walk away and entered the house before getting into his car and leaving . 11

The Breaking Point of Love

Chapter 450 Upstairs , while unwrapping the gift Trevor had given her , Jordyn chatted with Celeste . Celeste was listening quietly by her side when her phone suddenly buzzed . It was a message from Trevor . " I have to fly back to Andostan tomorrow afternoon for

work . The divorce might need to be postponed another week . " Celeste frowned as she read the message and began typing a reply . " Can't you fly back on Monday morning instead?" Trevor replied quickly .

" I tried , but it's not possible . Sorry . " Celeste pressed her lips together and didn't reply . Perhaps sensing that she would be upset , Trevor sent another message . " Even if I can't make it back by next Friday , I will definitely be back before the Monday after that . Rest assured . " Since he had now given a clear timeline , Celeste felt a bit more reassured . She didn't reply further and set her phone aside . Trevor likely knew she had read the message

Since she didn't respond , he didn't send her any more . After chatting with Celeste for a while , Jordyn grew sleepy and soon fell asleep . Celeste tucked her in , then went to the bathroom to shower . She had been exhausted from the day's work . After showering , she got into bed and was about to turn off the lights .

Sensing her presence , Jordyn reached over and curled up in her arms , mumbling softly , " Mom ... Mom ... " Thinking she was awake , Celeste responded gently , " Mm - hmm Go to sleep . But Jordyn didn't reply When Celeste looked down , she realized the girl was still asleep - yet her small hand was tightly clutching her clothes . The next day , Trevor arrived on time to pick Jordyn up . She had already changed and was carrying her little backpack .

When she learned Trevor was outside , she grabbed Celeste's hand and pulled her downstairs . The rest of the Rodriguez family members , Betty and Ivan , knew Trevor was outside , but pretended not to see him . They didn't greet him or invite him in . When Jordyn said goodbye to them , they simply said , " Have fun , Jordyn . Since she was pulling Celeste along , Celeste had no choice but to go outside to send her off . But she only walked Jordyn to the doorway before letting go of her hand .

She didn't walk over to Trevor with her . Jordyn ran over and threw herself into Trevor's arms . " Dad! " He picked her up and said a few words to her before looking over at Celeste . " I'll bring her back later today . Thank you in advance for taking care of her for the coming week . " Celeste simply replied , " Got it . " 1/2 Chapter 450 Trevor nodded . After Jordyn waved goodbye to her mother , he carried her into the car and left the Rodriguez residence .

Currently , YodaVision , Fleming Group , and Velotra had many technical matters that required Celeste's direct involvement . Even on weekends , she had no real free time . So , after Trevor left with Jordyn , Celeste with Betty and Ivan made a quick trip to visit Isabelle in the hospital . After returning home , she just went upstairs to continue working . Trevor's flight back to Andostan was scheduled for just after five in the evening .

After personally bringing Jordyn back at around three , he rushed to the airport . 2 News that he had flown overseas again so soon after returning had reached the Lockets and the Shaws . www Patricia , in particular , was unhappy . " Since he came all the way back ,

what would've been the harm in staying just one more day to finalize the divorce? " 1 Linda pouted and echoed, " Exactly.

"Even though Trevor was divorcing Celeste because of Wynn , and Wynn had said that no matter what , he'd be back by the Monday after next to finalize the divorce , they were still uneasy . 1 As long as he and Celeste remained legally married , there was always the chance something could change . So , even if Trevor couldn't marry Wynn immediately after the divorce , they all hoped the divorce could happen as soon as possible . Wynn herself naturally wished for the same .

But with things as they were , all she could do was wait . Still , when she thought about how Trevor had found time from his packed schedule to fly all the way back from Andostan just to celebrate Jordyn's birthday , it made Patricia a bit uncomfortable . She said , " Trevor really is overly devoted to that daughter of his . " Wynn didn't respond . After all , she understood better than anyone how much Trevor valued and cared for Jordyn .

Noticing that Wynn didn't look too pleased either, Patricia comforted her. "Don't worry. Once you and Trevor have a child of your own, given how deep your relationship is, I'm sure he'll love your child even more." Wynn simply responded with a hum.