

## **THE BORN WINNER (JACK AND KATHERINE)**

### **Chapter 20 Flaming Red Lips**

When Jack arrived at LJ Hospital, his mother was in the ICU ward.

The priority was his mother's health.

If his mother were fine, then everything would be fine.

Otherwise, with his personality, he was not sure what he would do.

Jack looked grumpy as he sat outside the ICU ward.

Gritting his teeth, he sent a message to Katherine.

His tone was almost pleading.

"You disregarded my mother's life last time. And now you want to harm her for the second time? Please

give her a break."

Five minutes later, Katherine replied.

But after seeing what Katherine replied, Jack couldn't suppress the anger inside him anymore.

She replied, "Jack, you are a liar! You are scum! You said that the 200,000 yuan was all you left to save

your mother. Why is she still alive? You have money! Can't I help my brother to ask your mother for

some money as a compensation for our divorce?"

Boom!

Jack smashed his fist against the wall. He gritted his teeth, "The Parry family and Katherine...you guys

are pushing me to the edge!"

The door of the ICU ward opened.

Jack rushed forward and held Mr. Hale. He asked with tears, "Dr. Hale, how is my mother?"

Dr. Hale took off his mask and smiled in relief, "Don't worry, Mr Hughes. Fortunately, your mother was

rescued promptly. She is fine now."

"Thank you, Dr. Hale." Jack was utterly grateful. He nearly knelt to Dr. Hale to express his gratitude.

Upon seeing that, Dr. Hale was stunned. He then stopped him from doing so.

Was that a joke?

Mr. Ward personally came to save Jack's mother. Mr. Hale couldn't afford to take Jack's kneeling,

neither was the head of the hospital.

Immediately, Dr. Hale advised solemnly, "As your mother's attending doctor, I have to tell you. I

understand that you are hiding the fact that you have divorced your ex-wife because you don't want to

agitate your mother. But I feel like your ex-wife is inconsiderate. Your mother's life could be in danger

because of her."

"You are lucky this time. But what if your ex-wife does it again? Your mother is weak that she can't

afford to take anymore hit."

Dr. Hale sighed before he turned around and left.

The smile on Jack's face vanished. He looked plain cold.

He clenched fists, and his veins popped out.

Last time, Katherine grabbed Jack's two hundred thousand yuan he meant to use for his mother's

treatment just for the down payment of her brother's new house.

This time, it was again for her brother's sake. Jack's mother almost died this time.

What Katherine did made him sick!

"To help your brother, you disregarded my mother's life?"

A glint of light flashed through Jack's eyes, "So you guys wish to have Tommy and Shirley engaged? I'll

fool you guys around this time!"

On the other hand, Katherine was panic and terrified as she sat on the curb. The sun was scorching hot, but she couldn't feel any warmth from it.

After getting Jack's ruthless reply for several times, she knew that he would turn her down again.

Hence, she thought of contacting Sophie Burton.

During recent years, Sophie was seriously ill. However, Katherine rarely had time to pay her a visit at

the hospital.

But Katherine knew that Sophie liked her very much. If she could get Sophie's help, it would be much

easier to ask Jack for money.

But when she arrived at the hospital with fruit basket in her hands, she was stunned to see Sophie did

not look pale. She looked healthy.

When she asked the nurse, she learned that Sophie had undergone a liver transplant and was

recovering.

Sophie was blown up.

This made her became more convinced about what Tommy just said.

Moreover, she realized that Jack probably divorced her intentionally with two hundred thousand yuan.

In fact, Katherine could get more from Jack if they divorced by agreement!

The more she thought about it, the angrier she became. Katherine then found Sophie immediately and

started to make a fuss.

After divorce, Katherine wanted to claim her fair compensation from Jack.

She was willing to go all out to get what belonged to her as it would help a lot to get her family out of

the trouble.

She would be guilty for her whole life if she couldn't help his brother because of her impulsive act.

But what she didn't expect was that Sophie's illness deteriorated and rushed to the ICU. She was fine at first, lying well in bed.

This terrified Katherine. She couldn't be bothered to make any amendment. Hence, she ran away hurriedly.

"It's not my fault. It's not my fault. Jack, you killed your mother."

Katherine shook her head relentlessly with tears, "Jack, you are a bastard. Why did you lie to me? I

disobeyed my parents' advice and even risked my life just to marry you. I accompanied you through

your tough time. Can't I help my brother now?"

"And just because of this, you divorced me! We've been together for so long. I am truthful to our

relationship, but you didn't appreciate it! Jack, you are so cruel!"

Katherine cried louder as she grumbled.

She broke down and sat on the road as she cried desperately.

Proud as she was, she was not bothered about how the other pedestrians looked at her.

Then, Elissa called her.

"So how? Did you get the money?"

"Mom...I didn't get it." Katherine was holding back with tears. Back then, it was her decision to marry

Jack. She also left him on her own will. If Elissa knew it, she would be done.

"I guess I am right. You're a useless bitch!"

Elissa snapped loudly, "Fortunately, your father managed to raise around two hundred thousand yuan

from his family side. We have 400 hundred thousand yuan as for our family saving. Now, we still lack

one hundred thousand yuan. I think it is your time to help."

"Really?" Katherine was overwhelmed. She wiped off her tears and said, "Mum, I will find a way to help Tommy."

Katherine was facing difficulty after she hung up the phone.

One hundred thousand yuan was still a large amount for her.

She hesitated when she was about to ask it from her friends. If she were to borrow it from them, it

would be apparent that her life was miserable after her divorce.

When she had just divorced Jack, she even sneered at him in front of her friends.

Shaking her head, she had a strange idea.

"Since they already raised four hundred thousand, why don't I write Shirley an IOU and follow up to

make it up to her? She would probably agree to the engagement, right?"

It might be hard for Shirley to accept that.

However, it was the best option she could think of. She was willing to put down her pride for the sake of

her brother. She didn't want others to know that she was having a tough time after the divorce.

She preferred to be embarrassed in front of her family rather than her friends.

Taking a deep breath, Katherine got up and went to look for Shirley.

Meanwhile, Shirley was distracted at work. She didn't sleep the whole night yesterday.

She had received complaints from the customers several times in the morning. Luckily, the manager

was on her side.

Ding!

The phone rang with a new message.

Shirley took a look at the phone. She trembled as her eyes turning wide open. "Ah!" she screamed.

The content of the text message was, your bank account number ended with 3827 has been credited with 5,000,000 yuan.

Shirley was dazzled with the digits. She didn't hesitate for a moment before she checked her account through the banking system.

She had five million in her bank account!

Jesus!

Shirley was confused. Suddenly, she received a message.

She realized it was Jack.

"Here's five million, get engaged with Tommy. But you have to do me a favor!"

Shirley's face turned scarlet red, and her heart was beating fast.

At that moment, she couldn't reason. She was getting carried away with the amount of money in her bank account.

The amount of money Jack had given her was so much more than what she got from Tommy's family.

Shirley quickly replied, "Shirley would like to be at Mr Hughes's service. XOXO"

She then quickly got back to work. Katherine's mind was floating as she stared blankly.

Jack just transferred five million yuan to her. Although she was asked to do him a favor, the amount of

money given to her was outrageous. Perhaps there was another possibility?

Shirley wanted to test him. So she sent out another message.

"Mr Hughes, could you please come to my house tonight? I'm getting engaged tomorrow (grievances)."

Soon, Jack replied.

"Sure!"

Shirley's face blushed when she looked at the message. Her heart went wild.

Her guess was right!

Shirley would have chosen the five million yuan over Tommy. What was more, it was Jack.

Tonight, she must perform well!

At eight o'clock in the evening, the lights were on.

When Jack arrived at her house, the dining table was already set with nice food for a candlelight dinner.

The lights were sparkling, and there was a strong fragrance in the air.

Jack frowned. He thought he was here to discuss their plan about the engagement, so he simply agreed.

But what he saw in front of him...something was wrong with his former sister-in-law!

"Mr Hughes, have a sit."

Shirley looked charming as she invited Jack to take a seat.

She turned off the light after pouring the wine.

In the dark dining room, a few candles were flickering.

Jack frowned again. How could he not know what Shirley was up to?

Suddenly, Shirley took off her apron and jacket. Under the dim candlelight, she was wearing a black

lace gauzy dress which made her look graceful.

"Mr Hughes, Shirley toast to you." Shirley flirtatiously lifted her glass and said in a delicate voice.

Jack smiled. He gently clinked the glass and drank the wine.

Shirley poured the wine again and clinked glasses with Jack.

Jack didn't resist either. He drank his wine with a smile.

Neither did they discuss anything nor had their meals.

They just had their wine in a nice atmosphere.

By the time they almost empty the wine, Shirley was a little drunk with a blushed face.

She seemed to have the courage to shake her glass as she walked towards Jack slowly.

Then, she sat on Jack's lap.

At that moment, Jack felt like falling into a wonderland. He was totally overwhelmed.

Even if he was aware of what Shirley was up to, he couldn't control himself.

Shirley closed her eyes with her lips coming closer...