

# Capturing the Millionaire's Heart on Divorce Day

## Chapter 16-20

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*There was no way for Madison to argue when he spoke in such a tone.*

*"It's not that I'm all heart. I may not get along with Lucas, but his parents have always been kind to me. Sometimes I wonder if they picked up the wrong baby." Madison chuckled softly, head bowed.*

*How could such kind-hearted in-laws have given birth to a child with Lucas's skewed moral compass?*

*"So, you've decided to care for your ex-mother-in-law?" Ethan's brows were already furrowed.*

*"I'll go and see them, at least inform them about the divorce. One should always finish what they've started." Madison replied.*

*Looking at the clear-eyed, straightforward woman in front of him, Ethan felt that maybe the world wasn't all bad.*

*At least, it hadn't yet tainted this woman's pure heart.*

*For some reason, Madison felt the need to say more. As they walked toward the garden, she whispered, "I may seem foolish in the eyes of powerful people like you. But I would rather have people call me foolish than point out my faults. Despite the unpleasantness between Lucas and me, I cannot deny the kindness his parents have shown me over the years. When I get the chance, I'll visit them, clear things up, and then we'll probably never meet again."*

*"Why tell me all this?" Ethan didn't look back.*

*Madison frowned slightly, taken aback.*

*Wasn't it because he kept prying into her affairs?*

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*When they got into the car, Ethan continued to ignore her.*

*Madison felt an inexplicable sense that he was sulking, but fearing she was overthinking, she decided not to say anything out of turn.*

*She thought to herself, no wonder everyone says Mokuno International is such a great company to work for. With a senior executive who cares for his employees' lives like this, it's no wonder the company is thriving.*

*Ethan, lacking x-ray vision, naturally could not sense Madison's inner thoughts.*

*However, once they returned to Slandon Harbour by helicopter and Madison asked for leave, Ethan felt slightly frustrated.*

*"You're really going?"*

*Madison blinked, "..."*

*She was a little surprised at how much her superior seemed to care about her personal life.*

*Ethan looked irritably over at William, "Don't we have another itinerary? Let's go!"*

*Twenty minutes later, Madison was dropped off at the address she'd given for Lucas's parents.*

*Ethan didn't look at her, "You go. I have time. Come out when you're done."*

*William, his co-pilot, was puzzled: What other itinerary? Why didn't I know?*

*Madison awkwardly smiled, not wanting to hold up Ethan's work, "You don't have to wait for me. I'll get back on my own."*

*Ethan's sharp gaze swept over, "Are you going or not?"*

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*Madison quickly got out of the car and left.*

*Watching the woman enter the villa, William sighed, "Mr. Grant, you are pushing her too hard. Everyone needs a process. How could she learn a profound lesson if she doesn't experience it herself?"*

*“Experience it?” Ethan laughed, “If something happens while she’s experiencing it, who can ensure her safety?”*

*Ethan wasn’t sure what he was feeling.*

*On one hand, he somewhat resented Madison’s kindness and compliance, while on the other hand, he wanted to protect her innocence.*

*But reality wouldn’t be gentle simply because she was a woman; in fact, it would be even more ruthless.*

*Just as they finished speaking, a car parked about ten meters behind them.*

*that one wearing a mask is Sophia.” William was*

*ook out his phone and snapped a photo of Lucas holding Sophia, then sent it to Michael on F\*\*\*\*\*k, hoping to stir up some drama.*

*Michael replied quickly: Are you trying to kill my cousin?*

*Ethan, looking at the couple clinging to each other, could already imagine what Madison, who had just entered, would look like.*

*Five minutes ago.*

*Madison had just entered the home of Lucas’ parents and was immediately surrounded by the elderly couple.*

*Lucas’s mother had been a strong woman in her youth. It was largely*

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*due to her wisdom that their family business had achieved its current scale.*

*Lucas’ father was a gentler and kinder elder, with little rules or restrictions. Each time Madison visited, he would personally cook for*

*her.*

*Back when she lived here, Lucas was always busy and often away on business trips.*

*During her difficult periods, it was Lucas’s mother who kept her*

company. On women's holidays, such as Women's Day, Valentine's Day, or her birthday, when Lucas wasn't home, it was Lucas' mother who would buy gifts for her.

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Even today, despite her hatred for Lucas, she could not be cold to Lucas' parents.

"Mom..." Madison called out awkwardly, "Lucas said over the phone that you were unwell. What's wrong?"

Lucas's mother glared at her, "If I didn't say that, would you have thought to come by?"

Looking at her daughter-in-law's expression, the wise and intelligent Lucas's mother had a vague guess about what was going on.

Just as she was about to ask, the door was opened from outside.

The first thing the Brooks family saw was Lucas holding Sophia, who was pretending to be pregnant, as they entered with smiles on their faces.

ven had the nerve to call out, "Dad, Mom."

early, Sophia's addressing was permitted by Lucas.

Because Madison noticed that after listening to Sophia calling his parents, Lucas did not look displeased.

On the other hand, Brooks' parents were stunned.

Soon, Lucas, with Sophia in tow, came over. He seemed guilty and didn't dare to look at Madison sitting there. He got straight to the point, "Mom and Dad, Sophia is pregnant. As a man, I can't abandon my responsibilities. You always told me to be a responsible man, I can't let my child be fatherless. So, this time, whether you agree or not, I am going to marry Sophia."

After Lucas finished speaking, he surprisingly knelt down.

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*Madison clearly saw Lucas's knees pressing against the carpet.*

*In her memory, he was an extremely proud, even somewhat arrogant man.*

*That he could beg on his knees to ensure Sophia's smooth entry was indeed...*

*Madison finally laughed.*

*At this moment, there was no pain in her heart, only a sense of relief.*

*Such a man, it was good that she let go early.*

*It turns out that heartbreak could happen in an instant.*

*Just now, Brooks' grandmother, who just came down, heard all of her grandson's words. She was leaning on her cane, her snowy white hair, bearing the marks of time.*

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*d the sound of the cane and instinctively got up to help*

*w, when Brooks' grandma was moving forward with difficulty,*

*ld and wrinkled hand patted Madison's hand.*

*There was a swirl of tears and deep guilt in Brooks' grandma's eyes.*

*She was already eighty years old, what hasn't she seen?*

*With this scene, it only took her a glance to understand.*

*The Brooks family was small, so in the past year, Brooks' parents had been constantly urging Madison and Lucas to have a child.*

*However, Madison had her difficulties and could only ambiguously say that Lucas was busy with work.*

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*Now, the words that Lucas said completely nailed Madison to the stage of a clown.*

*Brooks' grandma sat down heavily, her gaze sharp and terrifying. She held the top of her cane, looking at her grandson who was kneeling on the ground and refusing to get up.*

*Lucas's parents gradually regained their senses, particularly Lucas' mother, whose face was extremely unpleasant.*

*"Lucas."*

*Brooks' grandma called out.*

*Behind them, Sophia was furious seeing Madison still sitting there.*

*But to marry Lucas and use his money to pave the way for her own stardom was important. So, she could endure this for now!*

*Just wait until she becomes an international superstar, all these people here have to look at her face!*

*"If you insist on marrying this woman, Grandma doesn't mind letting your mother work a few more years to manage the company. After all, I don't want to ruin the little foundation of the Brooks family in the hands of a fool!"*

*Brooks' grandma spoke sharply, "You just talked about a man's responsibility and duty?"*

*Lucas, unashamed, maintained his assertive posture, "Yes! Sophia is the woman I love, and now she is carrying my child. How can I ignore her?"*

*"What about Madison?"*

*Brooks' grandma was not pleased, her words struck a chord:*

*"She has been married to you for over two years, taking care of*

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*The words felt like a mockery, a slap in the face to Lucas.*

*He sought solace in his parents.*

*But they, who had always adored him, remained silent, merely watching him.*

*Madison, on the other hand, was devoid of any emotion, as if a bystander observing a scandalous drama.*

*“Dad, Mom...” Lucas pleaded with his parents. “I’ve been with Sophia for so many years now, and I love her! Besides, didn’t you always want a grandchild? We have one now! Shouldn’t you be happy?”*

*While he was kneeling, Sophia stood upright.*

*Being a public figure with over five million fans and a fresh award- winner, how could she kneel and plead in front of these*

*traditionalists?*

*If Lucas wanted to marry her, he would have to make some sacrifices!*

*Hence, she waited without guilt.*

*Lucas’s mom noticed the fleeting impatience on Sophia’s face.*

*She ignored Lucas, and instead addressed Sophia: “Miss Xu, I remember very clearly. I had told you the decision of our family. I am not sure if it’s amnesia or the memory loss that comes with childbirth?”*

*Sophia was rarely humiliated this way.*

*She steadied herself, maintaining her smile, “But Lucas and I are truly in love. Even though you tried to separate us, we are back together. criticize me for having Besides, as a woman yourself, why would you*

*a child?”*

*Sophia’s voice was filled with dismay as she lowered her head, wiping away her tears.*

*Lucas was oblivious to the elders' attitudes, quickly stood up and comforted Sophia: "Don't cry. Too much crying isn't good for the baby."*

*They seemed to be in their world.*

*Grandma Brooks tightened her grip on Madison's hand, her face devoid of color.*

*Lucas's mom smacked the armrest of the sofa, reprimanding, "Lucas! Have you no shame? Your wife is still sitting here!"*

*Lucas retorted, "We are getting a divorce."*

*Divorce?*

*Processing a divorce?!*

*In a blink, six pairs of eyes turned to Madison.*

*Watching Sophia shed crocodile tears, Madison seemed to learn something.*

*So, she lowered her head, "A few days ago, Lucas came home for dinner and proposed a divorce at the dining table. He said that Miss Sophia was getting a divorce from her current husband, and once both were divorced, they could be together. He asked me to help him. I*

*She sighed, her eyes filled with sorrow, "Grandma, I'm alone. I don't have the courage to fight against injustice. Aside from aiding him, I have no other choice."*

*At this, Grandma Brooks exploded.*

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*Without hesitation, she swung her walking stick at Lucas, hitting Sophia as well.*

*Sophia cried out in pain.*

*While protecting Sophia, Lucas dodged her grandma's walking stick.*

*When Grandma Brooks finally got tired, she pointed at the couple and said, "I am telling you, as long as I am alive, don't even think about marrying this*



woman! She had a bad reputation back then, and your parents tried to stop you for your own sake. She can marry someone else at the drop of a hat. Don't you wonder why? Now she's cheating on her husband and messing with you. Can you guarantee that she won't cheat on you for some other reason?"

Grandma Brooks's words might have been harsh, but they hit Sophia where it hurt.

Sophia was furious, sobbing, "Grandma, why do you defame me at this age? I didn't offend you. I am just in love with Lucas, why do you bully me?"

"Enough of your nonsense!" Grandma Brooks scoffed, "You can fool Lucas, but don't try to play your mind games with me. You are too green!"

"Lucas, if you don't leave this woman, you'll have no share in the company's control. Think it over. On Monday, your mother will take your place at the company." Having said this, Grandma Brooks looked at Lucas's mom.

Lucas's mom paused, then slowly nodded, her eyes filled with disappointment for her son, "On Monday, I will go to the company."

"Mom..."

Grandma Brooks stopped him and ordered the servants, "Throw them out and change the door lock passwords. If you don't leave her, don't

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*It seemed that Lucas's mom turned her face away to wipe away her tears, "Mom can't persuade you. After all, my son is at fault, and he did such a disgusting thing! Over the years, your goodness, your sacrifices, your dad, and I, and Grandma, we all saw it."*

*"Maybe you don't know what kind of person mom is. I do love Lucas. After all, he is my only son. When he is sick or hurt, I will be worried, and I will take care of him regardless of everything. However, if he does something utterly wrong, mom will definitely not cover for him. If a person forgets the basic principles of being a human, he doesn't deserve to be called one!"*

*Lucas's mom's words were filled with anger and disappointment.*

*"Mom and dad won't support him. Whatever you should take, mom and dad will absolutely support." Lucas's mom came to Madison, holding her hands.*

*At that moment, the look in Lucas's mom's eyes was very much like a mother caring for her child. She straightened Madison's hair and touched her thin face.*

*"Madison, as a woman, mom understands your suffering and pain. I want to apologize to you, it's my fault for not teaching my son well, causing you to suffer. From now on... if you encounter anything outside, need help, do not*

*hesitate to call your dad, mom, or grandma. We will definitely help you. Even without Lucas, mom still likes you.”*

*Madison looked at the tears in Lucas’s mom’s eyes, and images of the past two years suddenly flashed through her mind.*

*She held back her tears, “Thank you.*

*Five minutes later.*

*Outside the Brooks house.*

*Despite Madison’s refusal, Lucas’s mom personally put a bracelet on her.*

*It was originally given by Grandma Brooks to Lucas’s mom, and now Lucas’s mom was giving it to Madison.*

*Lucas’s mom had actually planned to give it to her daughter-in-law when she was pregnant to make Madison even happier.*

*Unfortunately, they were no longer family.*

*Lucas’s mom held back her tears, Father Zhuo’s eyes were red, and Grandma Brooks’s eyelashes were trembling.*

*Madison gently touched the antique jade bracelet and bowed deeply to the elders.*

*“Thank you for taking care of me during this time.”*

*Lucas’s mom, a strong woman, couldn’t hold back her tears for the first time and turned around, crying bitterly.*

*ter, as Madison was about to leave.*

*She heard Lucas’s mom shout, “Madison, I will always be your mom! If you need anything, call me. Mom will protect you!”*

*Madison, who had lost her mother at a young age, was on the verge of tears.*

*How much Lucas’s mom liked her daughter-in-law, and how distressed she was now.*

*So much so that after that day, Lucas's mom fell seriously ill.*

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*The A-80000 vehicle had been parked outside for quite a while.*

*The passengers inside the vehicle had witnessed the eviction of Lucas and Sophia, as well as Madison, with tear-streaked face, walking in and out.*

*'President Grant?' William was somewhat surprised to see the president alight from the car.*

*Madison, lost in her thoughts, was pulled away by a man.*

*Inside the car.*

*William had dragged the driver out of the car early on to hide.*

*son sniffled, "President Grant."*

*llied again?" Ethan speculated.*

*Madison shook her head: "No. Lucas's parents are really nice to me, they drove those two out."*

*"Is driving them out enough?" Ethan suddenly smirked.*

*Daring to bring a mistress home?*

*Where did they get the nerve?*

*Ethan looked at the woman who was playing with her jade bracelet with her head down, then shot a glance at William who was squatting and smoking not far away.*

*Soon after, the driver and William got into the car together,*

*The car seemed to have no particular destination.*

*By the time Madison came back to her senses, she was already*

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*standing in front of a dessert shop.*

*Madison was aware of this dessert shop.*

*Lucas's mother loved their cupcakes.*

*But this dessert shop required an advanced reservation and buying in store was not an option.*

*Ethan stepped in first, then turned and looked at her: "Are your legs not working?"*

*Madison quickly followed.*

*She was still wondering: Do men also like desserts?*

*The manager of the Royal Dessert Shop was a foreigner who, after exchanging a few words with Ethan, made a 'please' gesture.*

*The pastry making area was fully open, there were no other customers in the store, and the pastry chefs were nowhere to be seen. "Madison."*

*e man was calling her.*

*Madison walked over.*

*Once she stood still, she watched Ethan put on an apron and gloves, pick up the cake-making tools, and start making a cake.*

*His technique was not exactly proficient, but he was definitely much better than those who had never had any experience.*

*Madison was looking around, admiring the cake models, as well as the history of the dessert shop displayed on the wall.*

*After what felt like a long time, the man called her again.*

*When Madison walked back, she was stunned.*

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*A roughly 18-inch cake was placed on the counter.*

*The cake's base was a simple cylinder, but what was unusual was the ring of Jacaranda flower petals around it in golden yellow, rose red, and purplish-red colors, representing the various stages of the Jacaranda's blooming cycle.*

*At the tip of the Jacaranda cake petals, a plane was perched at a 45-degree angle.*

*It was looking towards the sky, as if longing to take the leap and fly towards freedom.*

*Ethan took off his gloves, his hand resting on the edge of the counter: "Here are your favorite flowers and your dreams."*

*"So, can you cheer up a bit?"*

*His words seemed to have been sped up by the air, not only entering Madison's ears but also reaching the ears of William and the driver at the entrance.*

*The two men looked at each other.*

*William said: "If I didn't know any better, I'd think President Grant was pursuing Miss Clark."*

*The driver looked puzzled: "Isn't he?"*

*"Of course not!" William explained: "If you ask President Grant, he'll definitely say: he is rescuing the vulnerable community in distress." The driver: "....."*

*That answer indeed sounded like their boss's style.*

*Madison, on the other hand, looked at the cake for a very long time before looking up: "Did you make this especially for me?"*

*Ethan did not answer, but his eyes seemed to respond.*

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*Besides being flabbergasted, Madison only felt a continuous numbness in her heart.*

*In the end, she held up the cake with the most beautiful smile: "Thank you, President Grant!"*

*Ethan suddenly pointed at her lower eyelid with his finger, "Look at those eyes of yours, they're so red it's unsightly. I really can't*

*understand why you're crying for such a person."*

*"It's not for him." Madison later held the well-packed cake and followed him out.*

*"Then who is it for?"*

*"His parents."*

*Ethan turned back in surprise: "Are you such a kind-hearted person?"*

*"How am I kind-hearted?" Madison was confused.*

*Back in the car, William wisely opened up the partition between the front and back seats.*

*Ethan was choosing his words carefully, "I have no right to judge the character of your ex-in-laws. According to you, they are very nice to you. That's because you didn't infringe on their subjective interests, you just stepped on their values. That is to say, you can feel that they are good people in nature, but you can't feel that they are particularly nice to you. Do you understand what I mean?"*

*"For example, if one day your would-be ex-husband is physically hurt by you, do you think they will still protect you?"*

*Ethan was not trying to destroy her innocence.*

*He was seriously teaching her about life.*

*People can live in fairy tales, but they can't live in fairy tales forever.*

*Because there are no living people in fairy tales.*



*Madison fell into a long silence.*

*Even when she returned to her mansion, she didn't say a word.*

*Ethan was telling her: People are selfish by nature. You can be grateful, but you can't trust.*

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*When William walked into the next room, the first thing he said was: Your brother went to your family home for dinner again. Old Mr. Jiang is arranging blind dates for him, and many daughters of wealthy families have been invited."*

*Ethan seemed unsurprised, "Who all came?"*

*As if William knew what he was going to ask, he handed over the list immediately, "Eight families in total.*

*"Cut*

*ss ties."*

*m hesitated.*

*ose eight families, a few were quite powerful.*

*n looked up: "I control the family business based on my abilities, you separate the Grant family business and Mukino International, Mukino International is stronger than the Grant family business. So these people haven't figured out who they should be buttering up, what's the use of keeping such foolish people?"*

*"Understood." William took back the list and prepared to proceed.*

*"Wait."*

*Ethan seemed to be pondering something, "That Sophia, she's an actress?"*

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*"Yes."*

*No wonder he found her familiar.*

*William answered his own question: "There's a red carpet event in Pingsong Harbor the day after tomorrow. Sophia is going to appear there. After that, there's a red carpet banquet, and it's said that Sophia is ready to take Lucas."*

*When William found out this news, he was also incredibly shocked.*

*Sophia really had guts.*

*She hadn't even divorced yet and she dared to flaunt Lucas?*

*Did these two reckon that Sophia's husband and Madison wouldn't cause them trouble?*

*They were too blatant!*

*"What red carpet?" Ethan asked.*

*William immediately explained.*

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*Ethan pondered for a moment: "Contact the deputy make a temporary investment. As an investor, Mukino only has one request, that is to hold a press conference ed carpet, focusing on Sophia's private life."*

*saying this, he paused before adding indifferently: "Remember arrange a few people to go in."*

*This operation...*

*William understood and showed a grin that was very much like a cunning fox: "Understood."*