Chapter 241 The Two Families, Irrevocable Estrangement

Madelyn blushed and pushed him away. "No!"

She couldn't lie down anymore and got out of bed to change clothes in the wardrobe.

Benjamin followed her inside.

They had been a couple before, and he didn't know how many times he had seen her like this.

Madelyn didn't avoid it either. When she put on a sweater, he hugged her from behind and spoke softly, "Madelyn, you still blame me in your heart!"

Madelyn didn't deny it.

Some things simply couldn't be forgotten by just saying so.

She whispered, "Benjamin, we both need time."

He made a soft sound of agreement, much better at communicating than before. At this moment, when they were alone together, he didn't do anything further to her. After all, now she was not only the woman he wanted but also little Everest's mother.

Those improper things could only be done at the right time.

Coincidentally, Benjamin's phone rang.

It was a call from Alexander. With one hand around her slim waist and the other holding the phone, he said, "Dad?"

Alexander's tone wasn't too good. "Ben, bring Madelyn back here!"

Benjamin wanted to ask why.

Alexander asked him to give the phone to Madelyn and said a few words to her. Madelyn nodded, "Okay, we'll come over in a while!"

The call ended.

Benjamin asked softly, "What did he say?"

trouble there. They want me

Benjamin became angry.

mention that Madelyn is not a suitable match at all, even if she were, does that mean she has

You seem to have a problem with

off

front of Madelyn, explaining, "You'll know when we go back! In any case, it's an unpleasant matter. My dad and W... William also

there was

...

family of three returned to the Clark family.

Bennett throwing a tantrum, with Constance and Eleanor present as well.

saving William back then, he wouldn't have ended up infertile.

handed Everest to

why don't you go begging

The Ryan family?

Madame Bennett's face

suppose you know that you're guilty towards Madelyn. Instead of reflecting on yourselves, you cause trouble in our Clark family?"

Bennett clung to that topic

time and couldn't hold back anymore. "Yes, William did save Eloise! But do you know why

Bennett family were

her hands. Did Eloise lose her memory again? Did she remember?

Alexander and I had doubts back then, but

course, Eleanor denied it.

Benjamin and adamantly

paid attention

this favor to blackmail

a suitable match

What?

Bennett didn't believe it.

suspicion and distress, "Are you resenting William like your mother, so you

bone marrow registry when I was 20! If I were

Madame Bennett sat down on the ground.

She stared blankly at Madelyn, feeling a sense of unfamiliarity.

This child couldn't save William. What should she do about her William?

Her gaze shifted to Everest.

Madame Bennett's eyes lit up, "Everest also shares a blood relationship with William. She..."

Madelyn hasn't spoken yet, and Benjamin has a bad temper.

He went straight up and said, "Who do you think you are? How dare you have thoughts about Everest!"

Madame Bennett is an ignorant woman.

She rolled on the ground and threw a tantrum.

Alexander had a headache.

He used to think William was a gentleman, but now it seems that he can't even handle family matters, allowing his family to behave recklessly.

He stopped Madelyn and spoke for himself, "If it's about matching in the bone marrow registry, if Madelyn is willing to donate, we won't stop her. That's her compassion for strangers! But she will never go as a daughter to match with William, let alone Everest... How old is she? How dare you say such things?"

Madame Bennett was unwilling to accept it.

Constance spoke up, "Alexander, considering our many years of friendship!"

Alexander spoke coldly, "That has all been your one-sided demands! I don't believe you and William didn't know about Eleanor pushing Eloise into the water, but you concealed it from us and made the Clark family continuously repay you!"

Because of this, Ben's marriage almost fell apart.

Over the years, how much have they sacrificed?

And now, when the Bennett family is in trouble, they have the audacity to act as if nothing happened and seek repayment!

Alexander called the butler and declared on the spot.

"In the future, if someone from the Bennett family comes, there's no need to open the door."

Chapter 242 Do You Want to Leave Everest without A Proper Status?

William came over and happened to hear this conversation.

He stood at the entrance of the hall, feeling extremely embarrassed, his voice trembling slightly, "Alexander, are you really going to cut ties with me?"

Alexander looked at him with a sickly appearance, and his heart was also filled with reluctance!

But he was the head of the family.

He was Madelyn's father-in-law and also little Everest's grandfather. The Clark family couldn't have any more involvement with the Bennett family, otherwise it would be the greatest injustice to Madelyn and her daughter!

Alexander made up his mind and nodded, "That's right! This is where we part ways!"

William leaned against the door handle, his body swaying.

To think that his relationship with Alexander had come to this point... Was he really such a failure as a person? Why couldn't he ever keep the people around him?

When he asked, Alexander said in a deep voice, "As a man, one should make decisive decisions! If back then when Madeline misunderstood, you had chased after her in time, would we be in this situation today? You love this one and feel sorry for that one. One mistake after another! You want Madelyn to call you father, yet you greedily want her to become good friends with Eleanor too. William... you're truly confused!"

William's face turned pale.

His gaze fell on Madelyn and the little Everest by her side.

He finally managed to see her one last time.

With only one wish before he died, he asked in a trembling voice, "Madelyn, can you call me father?"

Madelyn calmly looked at him.

She was never one to beat around the bush and calmly refused, "Mrs. Clark, take care!"

William's face turned even paler.

He gave a bitter smile and took out a beautiful small object from his pocket. It was a glass trinket he had bought, intending to give it to little Everest. But his fingers trembled and it slipped onto the ground.

The sharp fragment grazed Everest's tender little leg.

Bright red blood slowly seeped out!

Benjamin quickly picked up Everest and pressed paper towels against her leg. Then he whispered to Madelyn, "There's hemostatic enzyme in her small backpack!"

Madelyn immediately found it and gave one to little Everest to eat!

The fresh blood on the little one's leg kept slowly seeping out. Everest was afraid of blood and buried herself in Benjamin's arms, delicately crying out for her daddy to make it better...

Benjamin comforted the little one, his brows and eyes filled with tenderness.

Unintentionally, there was also impatience directed towards William.

William visibly startled.

He didn't expect it to turn out like this; he only wanted to give the child a toy.

you! William... just go, and don't disturb

left in a daze.

couldn't help but complain, "It's just a small cut, yet everyone's making such a fuss about it! Benjamin's gaze could devour you!"

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"That child is too fragile!"
William remained silent.
Clark family
William left, Alexander picked up little Everest, showering her with kisses,
Little Everest's tender face scrunched up. "Grandpa, blow on
grabbed the little hand and lovingly blew
little one was coaxed into laughter.
granddaughter and said to Madelyn, "This child looks
his face was filled with
Madelyn smiled gently.
down, she
donate blood to her, and this type of blood is
it explicitly, but
sacrifice their career
a soft sound
heavy. She glanced at her son and told Madelyn to go to the small flower hall
only the three
do you think? Do you two
"Dad, isn't there a process for that? I can't just drag Madelyn to the marriage registry now, can I?
Besides, we're living together now,
muttered softly, "Mommy sleeps with
Benjamin was speechless.
still looking at Everest
his head, speaking tenderly to his granddaughter, "Grandpa will handle
Little Everest giggled.
kissed her grandfather's face, one kiss here, one kiss there, her
Alexander's heart softened.
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I see

could Benjamin not understand his

Everest Group keeps me busy enough! Plus, the Clark Group... Dad, I would

see that you have plenty of

they were not a

deceiving little Everest!

Well!

Useless waste!

having

and noble, but there was always

couldn't bring herself to call her

served Brianna coffee, her gaze soft when she lowered her eyes.

a mother, of course, I hope you can forgive Ben. He did make mistakes in the past! But if there

spoke, she gently held

tenderness and love, how could Madelyn resist?

and

Madelyn, naturally placing his palm on her shoulder

Madelyn lightly hummed in agreement.

Brianna was pleased to see them getting along, but she always had something on her mind.

Eloise rarely came home, although she occasionally called.

In the afternoon, Everest stayed at the mansion.

Madelyn had plans for afternoon tea with Vivian, and Benjamin was heading to the office, so he offered to drop her off.

In the car, he turned his head and asked, "Are you tired?"

Madelyn smiled faintly, "Are you talking about Everest?"

Benjamin gently stroked the seat belt without saying a word... He was afraid that if Madelyn saw Eleanor today, she would be reminded of those unpleasant memories.

He wanted to express his loyalty to her, but Madelyn seemed indifferent.

Benjamin had never been so unsure and anxious.

He wanted to hold her in the palm of his hand, but he didn't know if she would accept it.

Madelyn closed her eyes lightly, "She is adorable!"

So, why would she be tired? Besides, even if it takes up all her time, she is willing to give it.

Benjamin didn't ask any further, gently stepped on the accelerator, and took her to the coffee shop.

He now highly valued Madelyn, and he respected her friends as well.

They got out of the car together and went inside to greet Vivian. Benjamin also ruffled Vivian's son's head before leaving.

Once he was out of sight, Vivian smiled and said, "He's quite different now!"

Madelyn ordered an iced coffee.

She stirred it gently, took a sip, and chuckled, "What's different about him?"

Vivian whispered, "In any case, he's not the same as before! The previous Benjamin was like a solitary moon in the sky, quite difficult to approach. Now, he's descended to earth..."

She made a gesture at Madelyn, "You've done well!"

Madelyn smiled lightly.

Vivian patted her hand and said, "Don't take it lightly! Seriously, he's good to you! Give him a test and if you think he's good enough, accept him! Just look at his physique and face... Where else can you find someone like that?"

Madelyn's cheeks turned slightly red.

She asked back, "Are you saying that I'm with him just for his face and physique?"

Vivian glanced at her son and lowered her voice, "Judging by the way he is, he must be great in that aspect too!"

Madelyn almost sprayed her coffee.

She looked at Elliot.

Fortunately, the child didn't have as much cunning as little Everest and didn't notice!

Madelyn was about to discuss it with Vivian when her gaze froze.

She saw Eloise!

Chapter 243 Eloise Had a Child!

Next to the coffee shop was a milk tea shop.

There was a long line at the entrance, and Eloise was standing in the middle, holding the hand of a two-year-old boy.

After standing for a while, the little boy became unhappy.

Eloise picked him up...

Madelyn quietly watched.

Her eyes gradually became moist, and her heart felt sour.

Eloise had been pampered since childhood, and Madelyn suspected that she probably didn't know about having to queue for milk tea before. But now, she was carrying a two-year-old child, standing in line under the scorching sun.

She was no longer dressed in fancy clothes.

Just a simple white shirt and faded jeans.

She had become much thinner than before, and there were hardly any traces of being pampered on her face...

Madelyn gently closed her eyes.

Vivian followed her gaze and also saw it. She was surprised and blurted out, "Isn't that Eloise? How... how does she have a child?"

With Vivian's personality, she would immediately capture the person and bring them home.

Madelyn held her hand back, "No!"

She had experienced it herself and understood Eloise's thoughts.

This child wasn't born out of nothing. If Eloise didn't want to go home, it must be because she loved this child and was afraid of disappointing her parents, afraid that they would force her to get rid of the child...

Madelyn lowered her voice, "Vivian, don't make a scene!"

Just then, little Everest was causing a fuss, wanting his mother. The driver had brought him over.

The little guy came bouncing over and saw Madelyn crying.

He leaned against his mother's arms, using his small hand to wipe away her tears and comforting her, saying, "Mommy, don't cry!"

Vivian looked on with envy, "Daughters are so considerate!"

Madelyn said softly, "Stay here for a while longer. I'll go check on Eloise! And don't tell Grayson about this yet. I'm afraid Eloise will be startled and run away again."

Vivian understood the gravity of the situation and nodded, "Talk to her properly!"

Madelyn took little Everest's hand and went outside.

Just then, Eloise bought her milk tea and was about to leave while holding the child when Madelyn called out softly from behind her, "Eloise!"

Eloise's body stiffened.

She slowly turned her head and saw Madelyn, as well as little Everest by her side.

Eloise's lips trembled.

It had been two years since she last saw Madelyn and little Everest... but seeing them, she couldn't help but think of that person.

After a long while, she called out softly, "Sister-in-law!"

Her voice was always filled with grievances, always filled with sadness. She wanted nothing more than to bury herself in Madelyn's embrace and act spoiled, but she couldn't anymore. She wasn't the same Eloise as before.

Madelyn's emotions were overwhelmed.

She approached slowly, reaching out to touch the child's head and said to little Everest, "This is your auntie!"

Little Everest was thrilled.

He called out in a soft voice, "Auntie!"

Eloise's throat felt choked, and she gazed at little Everest... This moment was like going back three years ago, back to that crazy night...

grown so big!" She kissed little Everest and said to Madelyn, "This is my child, his name

to her and took Emerson in her arms.

and tender little face,

was no need to ask, whose child this

hair is the same color as

atmosphere became

his face up and said softly, "Mommy, you can hug him, I'm not jealous...

said gently, "You go

a bit

let her go, whispering, "Come to your place

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minutes of walking, they

house was only 40 square

and children waiting to be washed. After looking for a while, there didn't seem to be anything decent in of water. They divided the milk tea between the two little ones. Eloise couldn't afford arms and whispered, "Your brother said you haven't come home in two

Eloise nodded. I was didn't defend for old and didn't even have a household registration herself down and said, "Come home with me." go back? My parents, as well as my brother, won't let Emerson be raised for nothing. They will her. Eloise froze. gently touched little Emerson's hair and said tenderly, "You can't Eloise still refused. you've grown so big. This is the first time Auntie has seen took off her necklace. thing she brought from the wanted to give it to away, but couldn't help but cry in the end. Eloise cried too! started crying. Little Everest looked at her with longing eyes. She was as Madelyn couldn't convince Eloise. Eloise at ease. As she was leaving, Madelyn gave Eloise Eloise accepted it. surreal. Who could have imagined that the prestigious Eloise would also breathe a sigh of relief couldn't bear against a tree as she walked out of her leg. Madelyn squatted down, Everest touched her head and said, "Daddy knows, he will definitely feel gradually calmed

live in such a place, and it was inconvenient to tell Alexander.

better for

Daddy comes home tonight, you tell him that Mommy cried and that you saw Auntie...

little head and pondered carefully.

she asked, "Mommy, why don't you just

Madelyn: ...

with Benjamin was still a problem. How

Everest shook her head and said, "The adult world is really complicated!"

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the evening,

home from overtime work, and Madelyn was teaching Everest

a light pink long dress, with a slender waist, and a glimpse of her fair and translucent legs under the dim

Benjamin sat next to Madelyn and was about

Madelyn saw him return and stopped playing, asking gently, "Have

I'm actually a little unaccustomed!... Make me a

went to the

off his coat and casually threw it aside. He picked up Little Everest and asked, "What happened to

remembered her

knee, her fair and tender

Benjamin frowned.

Little Everest dropped another bombshell, "Mommy met Auntie and a cute little brother."

Eloise?

Little brother?

Benjamin felt a surge of anger, but he calmly touched Little Everest's head and smiled slightly, "From now on, when Mommy cries, you have to tell Daddy."

Madelyn brought the noodles over.

She was particularly considerate today and even set up chopsticks for him.

Benjamin's gaze was deep. He didn't ask her in front of Little Everest but quietly finished the bowl of noodles.

When Little Everest fell asleep.

He walked into the children's room, sat by the bed, held Madelyn's hand, and asked gently, "Everest said you cried today! You're an adult and a mother, why are you still crying? Did I neglect you?"

Madelyn sat up, "If you want to ask something, just ask. Why bring up these things?"

Benjamin smiled ambiguously, "Didn't you send me a message through Everest? I have to feel sorry for you first!"

Madelyn turned her head to look.

Little Everest was sound asleep.

She carefully lifted the blanket and spoke softly, "Let's talk outside."

But Benjamin stopped her.

His voice was hoarse, "Don't get up, just say it like this! Everest won't wake up."

Madelyn contemplated for a while, "I saw Eloise."

Benjamin pretended not to understand and snorted, "That's a good thing! Where is she?"

Madelyn looked at his expression.

She was really hesitant to tell him because, after all, her dear sister suddenly had a child, and anyone would find it hard to handle!

Madelyn was trying to please him. She placed her hand on his shoulder and gently caressed it, "Don't be angry, she has a child with her."

Benjamin looked at her hand.

How could he not know her thoughts? Usually, he is willing to carry her to the master bedroom. He believes that tonight she won't reject him.

But tonight, he is not in the mood...

There was a spark in Benjamin's eyes, but his tone was casual: "This is a good thing! Run out for one, come back with two!"

Madelyn somewhat understood him.

Seeing that he was about to leave, she held onto him and whispered softly, "Let's go together tomorrow!"

There was anger in Benjamin's heart.

She was so gentle and submissive, as if she could do anything for Eloise, even offering herself to him now. It made him both angry and amused...

Suddenly, he dragged her beneath him and kissed her.

He kissed her roughly, making Madelyn somewhat uncomfortable, but she still yielded to him, letting him have his way.

Benjamin kissed her neck and then stopped.

He leaned against her neck and breathed lightly, "Go to sleep early, we'll go together tomorrow!"

Seeing that he agreed, Madelyn felt relieved.

She gently closed her eyes, her obedient appearance made him feel slightly moved, unable to resist the temptation, he kissed her deeply and shallowly for a long time...

Late at night.

Benjamin changed his clothes and went out. The car drove into an old alley, and when he opened the car door, Benjamin's eyes suddenly throbbed in pain.

His precious sister lived in such a place.

Leaning slightly, he knocked on the door.

After a while, Eloise's voice came from inside, trembling, "Who is it?"

Between Benjamin's slender fingers, there was a cigarette, and his voice was deep, "It's me! Open the door!"

Eloise slowly opened the door.

Her face lost color, and her voice trembled, "Brother!"

Chapter 244 Tell Me Who Is The Father?

In the dark night, in a dilapidated house in a small alleyway,

Benjamin stared at his sister, who had been in pain for many years. He looked at her plain clothes and then at the rundown house behind her.

His eyes began to ache, and his hand holding the cigarette trembled slightly.

After taking a deep drag of smoke, he walked inside and looked around, asking, "Where's the child?"

Eloise was taken aback and asked, "Did my sister-in-law tell you?"

Benjamin replied impatiently, "No, she didn't tell me. Did she help you hide and continue living in this broken place?... Whose child is it?"

Up until now, he truly didn't know who the child's father was.

Eloise tried to block him from entering the room.

Benjamin stubbed out the cigarette and exhaled the last puff of smoke, saying, "Tell me."

Whoever it was, within a day, he would give that person a good beating!

Eloise stood in front of the bedroom door and pleaded softly, "I'm doing well with Emerson! Brother, I can take care of him myself. Please don't ask anymore!"

Benjamin's eyes reddened.

He was only half a step away from her. He reached out, pulled her behind him, and entered the bedroom himself.

The bedroom was simple, less than 10 square meters in size.

Apart from the old bed, there was only a small desk with dozens of magazines on top.

Benjamin walked over and flipped through those 18+ magazines. The covers all featured Eloise--Ms. Green of the Clark family!

His Adam's apple bobbed a few times, and then he approached the old bed.

The child was sleeping soundly, so small.

A fair face with a short, brown hairstyle.

Those familiar eyebrows and eyes, along with that unique hair color, made Benjamin's eyes well up!

He didn't ask who the child's father was anymore because he didn't need to ask!

Benjamin suddenly turned around and glared at his own sister.

Eloise's lips trembled, and her entire face contorted. She pleaded cautiously, "Brother, don't look for him! Please don't look for him... I'm separated from him."

Benjamin reached out and gently touched the little one.

Warm and cozy...

Benjamin paused for a moment and asked softly, "Him? Which him? Eloise, tell me!"

Eloise covered her mouth.

Deep down, Benjamin already knew whose child it was.

Suppressing his voice, Benjamin said, "When did you get involved with him? Do you know what you're doing? He's over ten years older than you, someone with his status in his forties who doesn't get married. He's been with so many people, how could he be interested in a little girl like you?"

Eloise felt extremely embarrassed.

She knew that she had overestimated herself!

Benjamin didn't ask any further. He took off his coat and dressed little Emerson, then gently picked him up.

"Brother!" Eloise grabbed his arm and pleaded.

In the dim light, Benjamin's face was as calm as water. "Either you come back with me now, or I'll call Kenneth and have him come pick you and your son up. You choose one!"

Eloise had no choice.

She packed a few clothes and left with Benjamin.

were going downstairs, Emerson

looked at Benjamin drowsily, with a slightly frightened expression but

touched his head and said very gently, "I'm your uncle! Mommy

saw Eloise beside

his eyes

Benjamin's heart ached. When they reached the car, he carefully placed the

into the car and whispered, "Please don't tell Mom and

still afraid,

car door, and went around to the front to get in. He was really

was silence for a while, and then he gently pressed the accelerator.

half an hour, the car slowly entered the gate of the villa.

to disturb Madelyn, but she already had something on her mind, and the sound of

she saw Benjamin holding Emerson, with Eloise following behind.

was momentarily

whispered, "Tonight, let Emerson sleep with Everest first! You talk to Eloise!"

Madelyn nodded.

upstairs and opened the

little one in

and little Emerson didn't wake up.

other hand, woke up slightly. He opened his eyes just a crack, then turned over and hugged Emerson, holding him as

had similar fair faces, features,

Benjamin's heart softened.

then lightly touched Emerson, and softly

Madelyn felt guilty.

have figured out whose bastard

it rudely!

let the child hear. Let's talk

glared at her

so afraid anymore... As she walked out of the bedroom, she had the courage to say, "You shouldn't take your anger out on me! It's not like I did

expression softened a bit.

hand and said, "Spend some time with Eloise. I'll go to the study and

Madelyn nodded.

they still had resentments between them, but when faced with what happened in the family, they instinctively relied on each other.

they

him brother and called her

brother is angry, don't mind it! Take a shower first, and I'll make

about to leave, Eloise

heart became

Eloise's back and whispered, "You should have come back

called out, "Sister-in-law!"

"I'll go prepare some food. You take a shower first! There's

in

late-night snack, Madelyn went downstairs

own pajamas, made of cotton fabric that had almost faded in

Madelyn noticed it.

voice and said, "Come and eat! It's all

sat down to

remained silent, no longer the chatterbox she used to be, like a printer running out of words.

stayed by

eating, tears welled up in Eloise's eyes. She said, "Sister-in-law, I'm scared! Back then, he couldn't marry

she still have

raising her child alone, living in such difficulty, worrying every day about formula money and

had seemed like fleeting smoke, blown away by

she would see him in the

respectable,

the youthful and tender girl, as time had worn away all her edges...

make any

brother will eventually let go of his anger! But he

tears in her

to find Benjamin in

the heavy door to the study, it was dimly lit,

front of him was full of cigarette butts, a sign of his frustration and

went to open the

whispered, "Why do you smoke so much? Aren't you

quietly watched her.

from usual. Madelyn took the initiative and walked up to him, sitting on

stubbed out his cigarette and leaned

Just like that, they embraced each other silently for a long time before he finally spoke up softly, "Madelyn, am I a failure? If it weren't for my insistence on going to Monatiz, your uncle and Eloise might not have had a chance to get together. Kenneth's time in the hospital was probably a catalyst for their relationship!"

Madelyn asked in a low voice, "Do you agree?"

Benjamin lightly pinched her slender waist and said, "Why don't you ask my parents about that? Do you think I'm easily swayed, so you're putting in effort with me first and then planning to persuade my parents later?"

Madelyn didn't deny it; she slowly leaned her face towards his.

Benjamin's face was very warm...

After a while, he asked softly again, "Are you speaking up for your uncle or pleading for Eloise?"

Madelyn shook her head.

She held onto his shoulder and spoke softly and tenderly, "Neither! It's for Emerson!"

Benjamin remained silent.

Madelyn was too clever; she knew what was on his mind.

Indeed, he was currently angry with Eloise and that old man. The only person he cared about was that child. She casually brought up the child, effectively capturing his attention.

Madelyn cradled his handsome face and took the initiative to give him a light kiss. "Regardless of the circumstances, let's give Emerson the utmost dignity, okay? He will definitely grow up in the Clark family, go to school, get married, and have children."

She was so good with words, staring into his eyes. "He is also related to you by blood."

Suddenly, Benjamin chuckled softly.

He pulled her closer into his arms, pressing his forehead against hers. "But he really looks like that idiot."

Madelyn didn't argue.

She kissed him gently, using her feminine tenderness to soften him.

Benjamin held onto her slender waist, sliding his hands up and down. His voice was low and deep, "Madelyn, are you trying to solve this with your body? Let me tell you, even if we do it tonight, the things I need to do after getting out of bed won't be any less!... Besides, I hope that we truly reconcile and that our married life happens naturally because we both desire each other, not for anyone else."

Madelyn didn't tease him any further.

She lay on his shoulder, feeling the warmth of his neck, listening to his rapid heartbeat, and murmured, "Benjamin, it seems like you have much better self-control now!"

His gaze was deep, and he disagreed with her.

"Madelyn... You're my wife, and I want to respect you! I want to make you truly comfortable and make every moment we spend together worth remembering!"

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Madelyn couldn't bear to listen anymore.

Wasn't he supposed to be angry? Where did all these sweet words come from?

She got up from his legs, silently tidied her sleepwear. But Benjamin pulled her back and passionately kissed her. After kissing for a while, he whispered, "Tonight, let's sleep in the master bedroom!"

Madelyn didn't refuse.

Mainly because she knew that tonight he wouldn't be in the mood for anything else.

As she lay on the bed in the master bedroom, she quietly contemplated. The difficulties between her and Benjamin were mostly emotional issues between the two of them, rather than involving Eloise and her uncle too much.

Madelyn thought deeply, half-dreaming and half-awake, when she heard the sound of a car starting downstairs.

She was startled and immediately got up and ran upstairs.

Benjamin's car had already driven away.

She quickly asked the servant, "Where did Mr. Clark go?"

The servant shook their head, indicating they didn't know.

At that moment, Eloise also rushed downstairs with a pale face. She guessed what had happened...

Madelyn said softly, "Don't worry, I'll ask Paisley."

Disturbing someone late at night was generally not good, so Madelyn spoke very politely.

Paisley readily told her, "Mr. Clark arranged a private jet to fly to Vadiff."

Madelyn thanked her with a faint smile.

She hung up the phone and looked at Eloise. "Your brother went to Vadiff."

Eloise tightly held Madelyn's hand. "Sister-in-law, I'm scared."

Madelyn was also helpless. Benjamin's phone was already turned off, so there was no way to stop him from going to Vadiff.

She hugged Eloise and whispered, "How about... let them have a fight!"

Chapter 245 Benjamin: I Just Want A Word from Mr. Ryan!

Vadiff.

At the entrance of the Clarks' mansion, a shiny black sedan drove in.

The car came to a slow stop.

A slender figure got out of the car, and the servant respectfully greeted him, "Good day, young master!" Benjamin frowned, "Where is Mr. Ryan?"

The servant, sensing something wrong with his expression, didn't know how to respond.

Kenneth happened to come out and saw Benjamin, asking indifferently, "Why are you here so early?" Benjamin gritted his white teeth.

He sneered, "Of course, I've come to find you, Uncle!"

Kenneth glanced at his watch, "Unfortunately, I have a meeting shortly. The driver is already waiting!"

Benjamin blocked his way and said with a fake smile, "It won't take much of Uncle's time. We can talk and then you can go."

Kenneth frowned.

Benjamin lowered his head, lit a cigarette, took a few slow puffs, and then spoke in a calm voice, "I want to talk to Mr. Ryan about Eloise!"

Mr. Ryan?

Kenneth signaled, and his secretary and the servants all withdrew.

Once the scene was cleared, Kenneth also lit a cigarette.

Standing in the wind, smoke rose and dissipated as he breathed in and out, and his handsome face appeared clear and blurry at times.

After a while, he asked hoarsely, "How is she doing?"

Benjamin sneered, "How is she doing? A girl who is dragged on until the age of 31, not returning home, not getting married, renting a shabby 40-square-meter house outside... Mr. Ryan, what do you think of her situation?"

Kenneth's slender fingers, holding the cigarette, trembled slightly.

He was accustomed to maintaining a calm composure in his high position.

But even after more than two years, upon hearing news about that person, he couldn't help but feel unsettled.

He speculated that Benjamin knew something!

Kenneth's voice became hoarser, "Why... why doesn't she come home?"

Benjamin stared at him with an intense gaze, as if he wanted to tear him apart.

Yes, he came to settle the score with Kenneth!

Clark family's heiress, was Benjamin's sister. There was

stared at Kenneth and asked slowly, "How long did you sleep with

Kenneth's eyebrows twitched.

the truth was finally exposed.

year! It started when Madelyn was

for a

six months, Madelyn went abroad, and Kenneth seemed to

that's how it

age... We are still related by marriage! Yes, you certainly don't have to care about these things because sleeping with her is not illegal for you, but... ask yourself honestly, out of all the times you slept with her, was there ever

looked deeply into Benjamin's

couldn't refute

his coat and casually tossed it

"Can't say it,

you going to fight

is Eloise's brother. She may be innocent and timid, but I'm not easily fooled. Now I'm asking you, what

was always had been separated for over two years now, and there was no need to involve her in his extinguished his cigarette and said, "It's impossible landed a punch without any blow, flesh against flesh, and soon his profile but he had been hiding nearby, stepped forward quickly and reached out to stop them, persuading, "Mr. Clark, calm down! You and Mr. Ryan are family, don't and continued fighting Kenneth. bastard! My sister is 16 years a hand on her?" do you think you're going?" recount all the things you did to Madelyn?" your own was in the house watched from afar and knew that the young master was fighting with Mr. Ryan, the courtyard to seek Athena hurried over. fighting fiercely. Both sides were fighting as if their lives depended on it, angrily shouted. first, taking a step back and looking at Benjamin. "We'll talk about like this, how can you go to a meeting? Aren't

Kenneth was speechless.

stood between them and admonished her son, "How old are you? And how old is Ben? You're usually a mature person, so how did you end up fighting with someone younger? And in front of the servants too! How are you going to discipline others in the

showed favoritism.

he gently appeased his mother, "Because of Madelyn!

they a

rubbed his

helped the old lady sit down. He had won her favor, so he directly exposed the old lady's secret, "He has been dating my sister... for more than half a year!"

Kenneth: ...

Athena was stunned.

cane and waved it at her son, scolding him, "Tell me if this is true! Tell me! I always thought you were powerful when facing Ben, but today you kept quiet. It turns out you did something shameless... Today, I'll

She hits hard.

Kenneth took several hits behind his back, and it stung painfully.

He had always been filial and didn't dare to anger the old lady any further. He knelt directly in front of her, "It's my fault! I couldn't control myself! But... we're not compatible."

Athena was visibly taken aback.

She hadn't expected her son to admit it so readily.

She remained silent for a long time before whispering, "Losing control once is one thing, but you've been dating her for six months. What does that say? Kenneth, you know your own abilities and charm. It's easy for young girls to fall for you. If you reject her just like that, what will she do in the future?"

She was clearly disappointed and started to leave.

Benjamin quickly helped her up.

The old lady looked at him and said softly, "Tomorrow, I will personally go to Gredax to apologize to your parents and that girl. This is a result of Kenneth's wrongdoing, and I will give an explanation to your family."

Benjamin came in with frustration.

But at this moment, his heart couldn't help but soften, and he took the initiative to say, "I also have my impulsive moments."

Athena shook her head, "What's wrong with standing up for your sister!"

Benjamin said quietly, "I'm not trying to force anything. I just want my uncle to make a statement. If he doesn't have those feelings for Eloise, then... I will arrange for Eloise to go on blind dates."

Kenneth felt a wrench in his heart.

Blind dates...

These two words, in his calm and unruffled heart, felt like a giant rock had been dropped.

It stirred up unrest in his mind!

Benjamin calmed down, stood in front of Kenneth, and spoke in a matter-of-fact tone, "She didn't say anything, but I could feel that she really liked you and was deeply hurt! If you saw her now, you might not even recognize her... Uncle, Eloise was raised in the Clark family. She has never washed a dish or done any housework, but she..."

Benjamin's voice choked.

He made an effort to calm himself down before whispering, "If you don't want her, then don't disturb her anymore!"

Kenneth's emotions surged.

He once... had a deep fondness for that innocent girl.

They separated because he felt it wasn't right.

The past was being dug up now, and it was not that he didn't want to see her, but what would happen if they do meet? They entered a dead end more than two years ago.

Kenneth spoke softly, "I'm the one who owes her an apology! Tell her that she can ask for any kind of compensation she wants."

Benjamin's gaze was deep.

He smiled faintly, "The Clark family doesn't need any compensation. All I wanted was a word from Mr. Ryan. Now that Mr. Ryan says it's not suitable, I can rest assured! I'll go back and tell my foolish sister to give up early, and then make her go on blind dates... Maybe she won't encounter someone like Mr. Ryan again, but it's not difficult to find someone who truly cares for her!"

After saying this, Benjamin turned around and left...

Kenneth stood there, looking somewhat dazed.

Kaleb pondered for a moment and said softly, "Mr. Ryan, please gather yourself. We have a meeting soon!"

Kenneth remained in a daze.

After some time passed, he suddenly became furious, "What's the point of having a damn meeting! I don't even have the freedom to like a woman, so why bother with a meeting?"

Chapter 246 When I Fought with Him, Who Are You Worry about?

Benjamin returned to Gredax at 10 am.

The villa was quiet.

Little Everest had gone to school, Madelyn held Emerson and talked with Eloise.

In that moment, Benjamin's restlessness subsided a bit.

He stared at Madelyn for a long time before going over to take the child from her arms. He calmly said to Eloise, "Now, with your sister-in-law, we'll take you home!"

Eloise looked somewhat flustered.

She looked at Madelyn.

Benjamin snorted softly, "Scared now? You were out there on your own having children. Were you not scared back then?"

Eloise dared not speak.

Madelyn supported Benjamin's arm and gently pressed a tissue to his handsome face as she asked in a low voice, "You got into a fight with Vadiff? What did you say?"

She was particularly gentle and considerate. How could Benjamin not understand her thoughts?

He replied in a flat voice, "Yes, I got into a fight! But I didn't mention anything about Emerson! If he has a heart, he'll find out eventually..."

He couldn't help but sarcastically add, "Isn't he always all-knowing?"

Madelyn glanced at Eloise, who didn't dare to retort.

It was really heartbreaking!

When Benjamin went upstairs to shower and change clothes, Madelyn followed him. In the bedroom, she continued, "You're right, if Uncle has any intentions towards Eloise, he'll find out sooner or later."

Benjamin had taken off half of his clothes.

He turned his head and smiled, "Are you speaking up for both sides now? Madelyn, how did I not see this before?"

Madelyn helped him pick out an outfit and pointed with her finger, "You don't have to mock me with this matter! I can get involved or not..."

Before she finished speaking, he hugged her.

Then she was pressed against the wardrobe.

Benjamin held her slender waist and caressed her face with one hand, "Of course you should get involved! You are Eloise's sister-in-law, you usually have the best ideas, help me take care of her... hmm?"

Madelyn leaned on his shoulder and smiled faintly, "Aren't you afraid that I'll take Uncle's side?"

Benjamin took a step forward, leaning close to her ear and whispered softly, "When I fought with him, who are you worry about?"

He deliberately teased." Madelyn also felt it. She pressed her lips against his and murmured softly, "No one."

Benjamin chuckled softly.

to flirt with her. Perhaps because he had been repressed these past few days, he eagerly wanted to be close to her. Even though time was not abundant and it wasn't the best timing, he gently slipped his hand into her clothes and made her comfortable for

against his shoulder, trying to catch her breath.

a while, he said, "Don't leave later! My dad has a bad temper and

shook her head. Her eyes were slightly moist as she whispered,

remained silent and unmoving for a

up and asked, "What's wrong?"

a hoarse voice, "You mentioned my dad... Madelyn, am I still your husband in your heart? Do

She pushed away his hand and said, "We're

pinched her earlobe before taking his clothes and heading into

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noon, Benjamin and the others returned to the Clark family estate.

butler ran inside excitedly to

happily, waving his hand and saying to his wife, "This child

was also

a black

out of the car, holding the hand

Alexander's eyes widened.

also

household staff dared not make a

long pause, Alexander regained his voice and said, "Eloise, is this child yours?"

dare to lift her head and murmured softly

extremely angry and wanted to go up and reprimand her, but Brianna, with tears in her eyes, held him back and said, "After finally coming back, restrain your

his wife

hall, the family sat down, and Benjamin handed

"Do you think I would let this matter go just because of the child? She hasn't finished dealing with this matter yet, sneaking around outside by herself..."

his gaze on

similar eyebrows and eyes, fair skin,

he seemed less confident.

sighed softly, "What a

and wore a troubled

could they do?

undeniably adorable, and Alexander genuinely liked him. He turned to his son and said, "Ben, you uneasy deep down.

his eyes and looking at his beloved daughter, seeing her plain attire, a wave of

after coming back! You can't keep living at your brother's and sister-in-law's place all the time. They have their own private lives... Your mother and

blame, but he

that, he went upstairs

burst into tears and said, "Both of you siblings never give

lips and whispered, "Mom, I'm sorry!"

glance with Benjamin.

Benjamin went upstairs.

the room was filled with smoke, the pungent smell of cigarettes

butt, saying, "You've smoked very little in recent years, claiming it's for Everest's health. Why are you so happy today

of yours saw me happy? Look at her, how many times has she

him a cup of

went to Vadiff last night and had

his hand over his eyes and sighed softly, "He

him wouldn't have maintained such a relationship with Eloise for over half a year... I think Kenneth felt it wasn't suitable! Who knows

why he didn't mention Emerson's existence.

The Clark family can afford to raise a child.

Upon hearing this, Alexander fell silent...

He was still shocked and couldn't understand how his precious daughter ended up getting involved with a ruthless person like Kenneth, especially considering their families' in-law relationship!

After a while, Alexander spoke, "Given the situation, don't make things difficult for Madelyn. She's caught in the middle and it's not easy for her! Don't let this affect your marital relationship."

Benjamin nodded, "It won't!"

He suddenly smiled and said, "Although Madelyn doesn't say it, I can tell she wants Eloise to be with Kenneth."

Alexander wiped his face, "That's her kind-heartedness! Women always want things to work out!"

After the father and son finished talking, they went downstairs together.

Alexander put on a different face and showered affection on Emerson. The little face resembled Everest and Madelyn.

Alexander held the child and said to Madelyn, "Ben has to go to the company, so leave the child here. You accompany Eloise to the department store and get some things for her and Emerson. The current situation is unacceptable."

As he spoke, he lovingly kissed Emerson.

Madelyn nodded, "Don't worry, Dad, I will." Benjamin chuckled and pinched her cheek, "You certainly have the demeanor of a daughter-in-law from the Clark family!"

Madelyn pushed his hand away.

Benjamin wasn't annoyed and turned to his sister, saying, "If you dare to run away again, I'll break your leg!"

Eloise teared up.

Little Emerson felt scared and clung to Alexander's embrace.

Alexander felt sorry for his grandson and immediately reprimanded his son, "Why did you scare her? Look, even Emerson is afraid!"

Benjamin smiled and glanced at Madelyn before leaving in his car.

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After having dinner with the Clark family, Madelyn took Eloise out.

Two years later, Eloise still felt somewhat restrained.

Madelyn was considerate and took her to some niche brand stores that weren't too expensive, at least not compared to what Eloise used to wear.

In half a day, Madelyn bought a lot for Eloise and Emerson.

While having coffee, Madelyn took out a black gold card from her bag and placed it in Eloise's hand. "Your brother asked me to give this to you. It's his supplementary card."

Eloise was hesitant to accept it.

Madelyn closed her hand and whispered, "He may look fierce, but he cares about you a lot! Stay at home with peace of mind in the future, or you can come and stay with us. Little Everest also likes Emerson."

Eloise nodded in response.

Madelyn had an extra diamond necklace in her hand, designed by a famous designer named Clido. Embedded on it was a very rare deep-water pearl. She put it on Eloise and said gently, "Eloise, I'm glad you're back!"

Eloise touched the precious pearl and tears welled up in her eyes.

She understood her sister-in-law's intention. She wanted Eloise to be the old Eloise again, not someone who treated herself as an outsider with caution.

Eloise started crying in the bustling café, and Madelyn embraced her tightly.

Chapter 247 Kenneth: Let's Meet

Madelyn didn't return to the villa until 9 o'clock in the evening.

Dim yellow light spilled out from the hall, casting a warm glow in the foyer.

Everest sat at the piano while Benjamin accompanied him.

Benjamin was dressed in a classic three-piece suit. He had taken off his coat, revealing his slender and well-built figure. Upon seeing Madelyn, he lightly swayed his wine glass and asked, "How was your shopping?"

Madelyn put down her bag and sat on the sofa, gently massaging her sore legs.

Everest wanted to run over...

She had initially learned to play the piano to find her mother, but now... she couldn't let it go!

Benjamin gently held back her brown curls and said seriously, "Play this piece five more times!"

Everest: ...

Daddy was so mean. When you asked me to help you win mom over, you didn't look like this!

Everest continued playing the piano with great enthusiasm!

Madelyn felt amused and exasperated as she said to Benjamin, "She's only four or five years old. Why do you have to push her like this?"

Benjamin squatted in front of her, massaging her feet, his voice soft and gentle. "She has talent! Madelyn... I've always wanted to apologize to you, but no matter how many apologies I give, your feet can never fully recover. So, I want to give Everest another choice!"

Madelyn remained silent, simply gazing at him.

She rarely looked at him like this because in the past, she had always avoided developing such feelings for him.

After a long while, she whispered, "Even though that's the case, don't push her too hard! I want Everest to live freely, and besides... with you here, she won't be lacking in the future."

Benjamin smiled lightly. "It's rare that I still have some merits in Ms. Green's heart."

They changed the topic and talked about Eloise for a while.

Benjamin had probably thought a lot during the day. He held her snow-white instep and murmured, "I won't force you or make you do anything because of Eloise's situation! They are them, and we are us!"

Madelyn looked at him under the light.

Her gaze carried a touch more tenderness than usual, natural and not deliberately done to placate him.

Benjamin became somewhat emotional.

His voice was hoarse as he said, "Madelyn, do you perhaps like me a little?"

Madelyn reached out and lightly touched his handsome face. "It seems like I do, just a little!"

Benjamin chuckled softly.

Just as they were both becoming somewhat emotional, little Everest angrily played the piece five times and ran over, demanding that Daddy massage her feet.

Benjamin doted on her.

He held the little girl in his arms, not only massaging her feet but also her hands.

Finally, Everest stopped feeling jealous and nestled in his embrace, feeling a bit embarrassed as well.

Madelyn ruffled her little head and said to Benjamin, "She really likes you."

Benjamin playfully flicked her nose, saying, "She's still getting jealous at this age."

That night, Madelyn still slept with little Everest.

Benjamin didn't bring up the idea of her sleeping in the master bedroom again, nor did he demand any intimacy from her. The way he had acted towards her in the walk-in closet during the day without her pushing him away... showed that she no longer rejected him like that.

He wasn't in a hurry.

This time, he wanted to take it slow with her.

To have a serious, proper love.

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night, Eloise stood on the terrace.

this was probably the most relaxed evening she had in years. She should have been happy, but after going through so much, she could never

came from inside

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walked over to answer it, and it was an unfamiliar number.
and immediately picked up
remained silent for a
body froze.
It was... Kenneth.
unpleasant separation. When they parted ways, she left with despair and
trembled, but she ultimately
calmer. He asked softly, "Did your brother say you
as if her throat
her emotions for a long time before managing to squeeze out a voice, "Mr. Ryan, why are you calling
me? We made it clear that we wanted
he used to coax her in the past. "Your brother said you're not doing
eyes and replied, "I'm fine now!"
between them.
in Gredax! Can we meet? I'm
exploded, "Meet? Mr. Ryan, what do you take me
you a delicacy that you suddenly remembered, or one of your
that unbearable to
Kenneth's breath hitched.
a meeting, let's have a
whispered, "Mr.
up the phone.
cried alone on the terrace for a long time...
working in the hospital, or when she saw him smoking alone late at night. Perhaps it was because she
witnessed a man's loneliness...
called him
she always carefully stayed by
went on, he allowed her to stay close to
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she woke up and found him covering her with a blanket. His face under the bright light was particularly attractive, and she couldn't help but call out, Later, they kissed. a mature man. He night, he toyed with didn't possess her. In seek her out until the night Everest was leaving, and Kenneth got drunk that she Uncle Ryan looked very couldn't resist kissing him... And then they and surrendered herself to him relentlessly... At that time, she didn't even know how much it would only be one started going on frequent and every were sweet and loving in that for her when he came over, and after eating, enchanted, knowing she shouldn't be, yet still succumbing to his charm. He never mentioned marriage or talked about the future with her. Unable to resist, that she realized they and she was yet to be from beginning to end, was the secret sweetness within the to be seen by him publicly! sat in the apartment, and he made but he couldn't resist and deliberately made the trip, and

upstairs, opened the apartment

was the same as before, just missing a person.

calculating life, nor did

the couch in the apartment for an

nestled in his arms,

other girl had her kind of innocence.

wasn't

long lost sincerity, but in his early forties, he found himself lost in a love game with a young girl. He liked her, but he didn't want her to be tainted by his

was too dangerous.

she couldn't protect herself; she needed his

only did she feel cold and hopeless, he also felt that they were not suitable for each other... After more than

out, he hadn't

rays of morning

Kenneth got up and made breakfast. After finishing, he habitually went to the bedroom, intending to wake the girl up for breakfast, as usual. She ate a lot but was easy to feed, always enjoying junk food.

The bedroom was empty.

The fragrance she left on the bedding had long disappeared.

Kenneth slowly retreated from the bedroom and had breakfast alone...

Kaleb called, saying there was a meeting at ten o'clock.

Kenneth calmly spoke, "Postpone it to tomorrow! I'm in Gredax and want to see Madelyn and Everest."

Kaleb understood what was going on.

He sighed lightly, "If we talk about who Mr. Ryan owes anything to in this lifetime, it's only Eloise!"

Indeed, Kenneth was indeed going to see Madelyn.

He bought the toy that little Everest likes and went over early. Fortunately, Benjamin had already left on a business trip, so they didn't run into each other.

But Madelyn knew the truth and always felt somewhat uncomfortable when they met.

She watched Kenneth doting on little Everest with an affectionate expression, and she couldn't help but think of Emerson.

She asked softly, "Uncle, have you ever thought about starting a family?"

Kenneth smiled and said, "What's this? Are you acting as a matchmaker for your grandmother?"

Madelyn remained silent and quietly brewed coffee.

After a while, she spoke softly, "I can see that you love children, Uncle."

Kenneth picked up little Everest and kissed him. "Having little Everest is enough for me!"

Little Everest lovingly kissed him, holding his handsome face in his small hands. "Emerson is also handsome, with brown hair like Everest's and fair skin."

Kenneth frowned and asked, "Who is Emerson?"

Madelyn placed the coffee on the coffee table and hugged little Everest. "He's a child from the Clark family."

That statement wasn't a lie.

However, Kenneth didn't think much of it and forced a smile.

He came here to inquire about Eloise's situation after all, but Madelyn was particularly tight-lipped and didn't reveal a word. Kenneth felt that she was very crafty.

Madelyn kept him company in conversation and handed her phone to little Everest.

Little Everest looked at Kenneth and then at his mother.

Madelyn gave a faint smile, and little Everest immediately understood.

With his tender little fingers, he tinkered with the phone.

[Auntie, I miss you!]

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Mommy doesn't feel well, can you come and take me to school?]

After finishing, little Everest threw the phone onto the sofa.

Kenneth didn't agree with it too much. "It's not good for such a young child to play with a phone!"

Madelyn calmly checked and lightly smiled. "She does her own kindergarten assignments on it. Benjamin insists on fostering her independence."

Only then did Kenneth refrain from saying anything!

He sat down briefly and was about to leave, as his mood wasn't good after all.

Madelyn insisted he stay for a cup of coffee. She heard the sound of a car in the courtyard and smiled, "Alright, I won't keep Uncle here! Another day, I'll bring Everest to visit Grandma at Vadiff."

Kenneth gently patted her head and turned to leave.

Madelyn accompanied him to the door.

On the parking lot, a white Bentley slowly came to a stop. Eloise got out of the backseat with a smile and spoke, "Sister-in-law, Everest said you're not feeling well..."

She suddenly stopped, her gaze fixed on that person.

Kenneth did the same.

He had not expected to see her here, and his gaze was deep, with a slight hint of unease.

Eloise, she was very different from before!

Chapter 248 You Used to Call Me Uncle Ryan

Kenneth stared at Eloise.

She had changed so much, so much...

Once radiant like a wealthy flower, she was now much slimmer, and her dress no longer had the delicate colors of the past, but leaned towards a mature charm.

She had transformed from a girl into a woman.

In that instant, Kenneth knew that he still longed for her.

He stared intently at her face and whispered, "Long time no see, Eloise."

Eloise's emotions were out of control.

Her voice choked, and she mustered all her strength to say, "Mr. Ryan, it has been a long time."

They exchanged glances.

Madelyn found it difficult to be caught in the middle. She picked up little Everest, had the driver take the reliable nanny to send her to kindergarten, and little Everest obediently kissed her and said, "Goodbye, Mommy!"

Madelyn also gave her a kiss and said, "I'll come pick you up tonight!"

Everest got down from her, held the nanny's hand, and obediently went to school.

Madelyn turned around and cleared her throat, saying, "I'll make some floral tea!"

Eloise became somewhat dependent and held onto her, saying, "Sister-in-law!"

Madelyn smiled and said, "You two talk."

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Kenneth looked at Eloise and whispered, "Come in!"

Eloise lowered her head and went in, but as soon as she entered, he grabbed her wrist and dragged her into the bathroom.

The bathroom door closed, creating a small space.

And her back was pressed against the wall.

Kenneth propped one arm above her head, trapping her with his body. There was a faint tobacco scent emanating from him, which made her feel somewhat dizzy...

For a long time, no one spoke.

After a while, Eloise trembled and said in a soft voice, "Let me go!"

Kenneth stared at her and lowered his voice, "I waited for you all night last night!"

She suddenly looked at him.

In those eyes, tears filled every corner, ready to fall with the slightest blink.

So she dared not blink.

She didn't want to cry in front of him. After they separated, she had endured so much hardship. What did it matter if she cried in front of him now?

Kenneth was also struggling.

He glanced towards the direction of the door and then shifted his gaze to her face, softly asking, "Why didn't you come home for two years?"

Eloise smiled faintly, "What does it have to do with Mr. Ryan? If I don't come home, it must be because I'm fooling around outside... What right do you have to ask?"

Fooling around...

Kenneth's gaze became unfathomable.

He reached out and lightly touched her face, causing her entire body to tremble... Even her teeth were chattering.

"So unwilling to let me touch you? Have you found a boyfriend?"

Eloise's face turned pale.

She stared at his eyes and whispered a word through her clenched teeth, "Yes!"

moment, darkness clouded Kenneth's

grip on her.

steady herself and asked, "Can you let go of me now? Mr. Ryan, as a charming and elegant man like you, I'm

used to

was when I was young and

...

him away little by little, saying, "My sister-in-law

his hold on

do you really want to part ways with me like this? We can restore our previous relationship. You can call me Uncle Ryan,

sorry to her.

she found a good man, he would bless her.

would give her anything she wanted!

slightly and restrained herself before whispering,

never forget what happened back then.

Vadiff to give him a surprise but was kidnapped.

to drink, unable even to use the bathroom, tied to a chair like that... The kidnappers said they wanted the chip in his hands.

very scared.

thought he would do anything to

voice was calm

she was rescued...

and she was still his sweetheart, but when she walked out of the dilapidated shack, what awaited her was not his embrace but a beautiful scene of him

the only one who

for herself, but used the

that person,

that she was one of his

Ryan is more charming than Eloise, more

him looking miserable...

could never be

had someone settle her in, and only late at night did he enter her room. The first thing she said when she saw him was, "Eloise, let's end this

up and still

her for a

welled up in her eyes.

let him stay.

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said softly,
Ryan, and also the last time she saw him.
bear it.
who loved him wholeheartedly a final hug, but she dodged him, restraining her voice, "I'll leave...
hesitated, staring at her for a
soon as the door
the bathroom counter, there was a used pregnancy test stick with
had thought about telling him that she was
her
heart still ached.
sat on the couch in the lobby with two cups of coffee in
Eloise's eyes, she gently smiled, "Finished talking? Come
and called out,
next to Madelyn,
so passionately, from beginning to end, was nothing more than a momentary pleasure for him! What
was even sadder was that she still
let her lean on her shoulder.
out, and the
and he couldn't explicitly tell Madelyn...
of her! I'm going
He was leaving...
asked you last time if you ever thought about starting a family, now... I want
his steps.
were thoughts
a family because that time was too beautiful for him. It was beautiful
what did it
he couldn't
as he softly
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Grandma is here. Everyone is heading to the Clarks' mansion now!"

Kenneth turned around.

face also lost color.

She insisted on coming to apologize!... Uncle, older people tend to be more conservative."

on Eloise's face, and she looked

of those

whispered,

while Madelyn said she wanted to change her clothes and would join later... The two cars left, and Eloise made a

Half an hour later.

Kenneth's car arrived first, and he bumped into Athena at the entrance of the Clarks' mansion.

Athena had a grand scene, with a total of 18 black cars and 12 servants to carry gifts. It seemed more like a marriage proposal than an apology.

Kenneth had a lot of influence outside, but he was particularly filial.

When the old lady glared at him, he had no way to resist.

The Clarks' mansion was very big, so it wasn't a problem to park 20 cars. The cars filled the mansion instantly.

When the butler reported, Alexander was playing on the lawn with Emerson.

Emerson was rolling a soccer ball and never grew tired of it.

After the butler finished speaking, Alexander lit a cigarette and exhaled a smoke ring slowly. "Let them come!"

It was a good opportunity to meet this child!

The butler immediately went to invite Athena and Kenneth, smiling and saying, "Mr. is playing with the young master over there. There's a pavilion. Grandma and Mr. Ryan might as well go there!"

Athena immediately took her son and went over.

Alexander was holding a cigarette, looking from a distance.

Well!

He still remembered the first time Kenneth came to the Clark family. The grandeur and aura were as if he wanted to conquer the Clark family. But today...

Following his mother, he appeared so submissive and lowly!

Athena approached closer.

The butler led them to sit in the gazebo and served them coffee.

Alexander carried Emerson over, the little one was sweating profusely from playing. Alexander took a towel from the servant's hand and wiped away his sweat, holding him like a precious treasure on his lap.

Athena initially didn't pay much attention and was still contemplating how to speak.

But then, a glance!

Something wasn't right!

This little face and hair color, they were carved from the same mold as Madelyn. Upon closer inspection, there was also a strong resemblance to Kenneth, especially in the expression between the eyebrows.

Athena lost her composure...

Kenneth did too.

He looked at that child, his blood froze, he could hardly believe his eyes.

This was the Ryan family's child!

But he was sure, absolutely sure, that Madelyn didn't give birth to him!

Kenneth was in his forties, it's not that he didn't long for a family or having a child, but he was too busy and reality didn't allow him to think about it!

But now, such a child was right in front of him!

He crouched down in front of Emerson, his voice trembling slightly, "Who is your mother?"

Alexander directly told him, "Eloise's child!"

Kenneth clenched his fists...

Eloise had given birth to his child!

He really wanted to touch his own flesh and blood, but Emerson looked at him with unfamiliar eyes, actually a little scared...

Kenneth suppressed his emotions and slowly stood up.

Just at that moment, Eloise's car returned, and she stumbled over to pick up Emerson.

Everything... didn't need further explanation.

Athena's mouth opened wide, finally managing to squeeze out a sentence, "This is Kenneth and Eloise's child?"

She had come to apologize, after all, her son had played with the girl's feelings.

But now, out of nowhere, they suddenly had a grandchild!

The old lady was in her seventies, thinking that she would never get to hold a grandchild in her lifetime. Suddenly, a beautiful and tender grandchild appeared before her...

She suddenly felt that 18 cars were not enough!

Not sincere enough!

Chapter 249 His Belated Apology

In the hallway of the Clark mansion, Alexander introduced Kenneth's mother to Emerson, "Emerson, this is Grandma!"

Although Emerson was a bit shy, he mustered up the courage and approached Athena, jumping into her arms.

Athena held the little boy and experienced a whirlwind of emotions.

There was delight, but also a hint of guilt!

Despite her advanced age, she insisted on holding Emerson and planting a gentle kiss on his cheek.

The gifts she had brought were initially intended to secure a marriage for her son.

But now, all those gifts were given to her grandson.

As Kenneth sat beside Athena, his gaze lingered on the child for a moment before shifting to Eloise, who was sitting across from him.

Eloise understood his curiosity and admitted, "Yes, we have a child!"

Kenneth closed his eyes gently, trying to find the truth.

It must have been during his last visit to Gredax when she became pregnant.

And when she went to Vadiff, she must have already known about the baby.

At that time, how did she have the courage to end their relationship?

Kenneth failed to make it clear, but he realized that their relationship had ended.

He was no longer the naive young man. He understood that a woman, who could stay away from home for two years and raise a child alone, must bear her love for the child and harbor some resentment towards him.

Kenneth's gaze darkened.

Suddenly, he remembered what Benjamin had previously mentioned: "A girl in her thirties who doesn't get married or live alone, how can she live well?"

Just as he was lost in these thoughts, Benjamin returned with Madelyn.

Benjamin observed the scene in the hall and smiled, "What's going on today? Why is everyone gathered here?"

He lovingly touched Emerson's face and warmly greeted Athena.

Athena had always admired Benjamin, and now she still relied on his help. So, her admiration for him was stronger.

Benjamin sat down with Madelyn, quickly grasping the situation.

He glanced at his own father, and Alexander also looked back at his son.

They exchanged glances, neither of them wanting to be the villain in this situation.

Finally, it was Brianna who broke the silence.

Tearfully, she called out, "Alexander!"

Alexander got her meaning and took a sip of coffee.

He smiled and said to Athena, "The kids are so naughty to make trouble. Let's hear their suggestions."

Athena finally rose from her seat.

situation, Madelyn took Emerson

Athena found

more, Eloise is younger than you... How could you hurt her?! You even left her and made her bring up

her, was

was filled with shame. "I'm

hand. "You owe an apology to Eloise, not me! You have to take some

Alexander and

shocked by

status, it seemed out of character for him

that Eloise must have had genuine

already fought with Benjamin.

that, Alexander gave a

gently said, "It is better for you to have a

felt even more ashamed.

at his sister and inquired. "Eloise, what's

calmly stared at Kenneth, and he returned her gaze.

due to

desire to marry

have to

interrupted

to have a private

at her brother. good idea for you were some truths that were unsuitable for the they moved to a by the window, her back turned to pregnant during our last meeting! But at her back, "You're lying, Eloise. You already knew I realized I was pregnant have she also wanted encountered so many captivating women, how could a little girl like her dare to win his "Madelyn taught me that sometimes it's better to let go of everything than to hold onto something. She chose to stay with Benjamin because So we don't have to force ourselves to be together just for as she even welcomed Kenneth to come to Gredax way she would ever consider returning Vadiff! Absolutely not! silent, sitting on the having a grandson, he knew that precisely because of the child that Eloise resented him even more and was less willing cautious and thoughtful emotions, the woman he loved, and his many factors he needed took for a cigarette, her softly, "Have you made murmured in agreement.

to touch her hair as he had done in

the last moment,

a long pause, he finally asked in a hoarse voice, "Was it hard to survive outside these past two

Eloise nodded.

more; he simply pulled her into

or even romantic feeling, it was like an

like poison to Eloise,

She gently pushed him away. "From now on, we are only Emerson's parents, nothing more."

Kenneth didn't insist.

From the shadows of the curtain, he spoke softly, "Eloise, when I was with you, no one else existed!"

Eloise visibly hesitated, then smiled faintly. "I don't care about that now!"

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Kenneth informed them of their decision.

Athena was furious, thinking that her son was irresponsible.

The Clark family, on the other hand, remained calm.

Alexander accepted compensation from Kenneth on behalf of Eloise. He also received child support for Emerson, which were all responsibilities a man should fulfill.

He told Athena, "Kenneth and Eloise have their own ideas, and we need to accept it. Besides, they have already broken up a long time ago, insisting on their marriage tie is indeed impolite. Anyway, if you would like to visit Emerson, we welcome you."

Athena felt somewhat disappointed.

Brianna warmly invited Athena to stay at the Clark family for a few days.

As for Kenneth, he had a lot of work to do and needed to return to Vadiff in the afternoon.

For now, the matter was settled.

In the afternoon, as Madelyn picked up Everest, she couldn't help but think about it.

But Benjamin smiled faintly and said, "It makes sense! If Kenneth hadn't hurt Eloise so much, she would definitely have repaired their relationship two years ago."

He pondered for a moment and added, "Well, Eloise has changed a lot in these two years."

Madelyn's heart softened at his considerate thoughts.

She turned to Benjamin and deliberately said, "Eloise is quite brave! Maybe we shouldn't just reconcile for the sake of the child..."

Benjamin glanced at her.

He gently stepped on the gas pedal and drove for a while before smiling.

"Have we really made up? It has been two months since we last had any intimate moments, Madelyn... can you call this making up?"

Madelyn remained silent.

There was no point in arguing with him.

Both of them fell into silence, burdened by past issues, their hearts weighed down.

At a red-light intersection, Benjamin gently held her hand and whispered, "Dress up nicely for our anniversary, for me, hmm?"

Madelyn responded lightly, touched by his change.

She had witnessed his transformation and was moved by his improved treatment towards her and Everest.

Even when dealing with this sensitive issue, he displayed unexpected restraint and patience.

Nowadays, they lived together and had a child together, and Madelyn was willing to treat him better.

So, when she received his intimate hint, she agreed.

As for the wounds of the past, she knew they would take time to heal.

Little did Madelyn realize how significant her nod was to Benjamin.

Over the past three years, he had gone without a romantic relationship, and even now, he saw her every day.

But her positive response meant that she was willing to trust him and give herself fully to him!

Chapter 250 His Jealousy and Confession

They finally picked up Everest.

Benjamin got into the car and buckled his seatbelt, then suggested, "We've been quite busy lately and haven't had much time to spend with Everest. Let's go out for a meal!"

Madelyn patted Everest's head gently, "Would you like to go?"

Everest stretched her legs and yawned, saying, "It seems like Daddy wants to have a candlelight dinner with Mommy."

The atmosphere became subtly awkward.

Madelyn couldn't understand why Everest knew so much!

Her gaze met Benjamin's in the rearview mirror, and he lazily said, "Kids nowadays are knowledgeable. Don't worry too much!"

As for Everest, she kept talking about her kindergarten life.

Of course, the one she mentioned the most was Edward.

Madelyn couldn't help but worry.

She felt that she needed to talk to Benjamin about it, as she was afraid that his words and actions might have a negative influence on Everest.

Half an hour later, Benjamin stopped the car.

Madelyn got out and realized they were at the French restaurant she had invested in.

She looked at Benjamin.

He leaned against the car door and chuckled, "I've noticed that when other people go out, it's always their wives who pay for the meals. Madelyn... you're not going to deny me even a single meal, are you?"

Madelyn didn't say anything.

Benjamin walked ahead a little and lowered his voice, "Alright, I admit I was deliberate! I just wanted to make my mark in your life, to let everyone know that you are Mrs. Clark and keep away any other men!"

Madelyn had known this all along, so she responded indifferently, "I don't have any intention like that."

She attempted to carry Everest out of the car, but Benjamin swiftly hooked his arm around her waist and insisted, "Let me do it!"

Observing this, Everest couldn't help but smirk at her father's chivalry.

But she had to admitted that it was not bad to hold hands with both mom and dad!

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Inside the restaurant, Benjamin achieved exactly what he wanted.

The employees and regular customers were aware that Madelyn was married with a child.

Mr. Clark effortlessly mingled with everyone, even joining the staff WeChat group.

Madelyn had no idea but let him seek security.

She cut the steak for Everest, gently teaching her how to use the knife and fork.

Everest learned quickly...

chubby cheeks, her heart

with Benjamin, having Everest was already everything she

her

but his good mood quickly crumbled when they

he was accompanied by his girlfriend, who happened to be a prominent lady

and Madelyn, extending a polite greeting, "Good evening,

Benjamin responded

embraced Madelyn, and smiled faintly at David.

time no see, David! Bringing your girlfriend for dinner?" he asked.

in confirmation.

Madelyn but quickly shifted

resembled Madelyn so much, and he couldn't

willingly kissed David and called him "Uncle" in her soft, sweet

girlfriend leaned over as well, and Everest generously gave her a

at the sight, and he murmured softly, "She's adorable!"

in agreement, saying, "Yes, she is! Madelyn and I have been

David's eyes darkened.

did I agree to that?"

magnanimous that day, as he extended an invitation to David and his girlfriend

he engaged in discussions about stocks with David and even made plans to go out for a

girlfriend exclaimed in admiration, "You and Benjamin have such

polite distance from David's girlfriend.

a close friendship with her, as she understood Benjamin all too

supposed to keep her distance from him.

and David stood together, smoking in

first time they stayed in such a peaceful manner.

and remarked, "Your girlfriend looks great!"

looked up, calmly exhaling a ring of

this a consolation for a

I went to Esrand, was the first business you secretly introduced

in the air as Benjamin smoked in

me so much! She genuinely saw you

Benjamin still carried the weight of that past.

knew that Madelyn never had romantic feelings for David. But

had to

finished his cigarette, crushing it
pursuing someone with no promising future is a burden
towards the
felt that David was very much like him years ago.

...

their goodbyes, they left

way home,

thoughts

they noticed that Everest had

carried her in his arms, his eyebrows and eyes

arrived at the children's

bed, while Madelyn lovingly changed Everest into cozy pajamas, attentively tending to her little hands

from behind, his body molding against

talk, hmm?"

Madelyn turned her head slightly, "About what?" she asked.

"David," Benjamin replied, "to be honest, I'm jealous!"

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When he returned to the restaurant, he couldn't help but notice the genuine effort that Madelyn and David put into protecting each other.

Their tacit understanding made Benjamin jealous.

He was never one to conceal his emotions, so he spoke directly.

Madelyn smiled lightly, "That's all past story. Why are you mentioning it again? What's more, there is no possibility between me and him!"

Benjamin leaned against her back, his hands wandering mischievously for a moment.

Eventually, he led her to the master bedroom.

Madelyn hesitated, worried that they might wake up Everest, but Benjamin insisted.

In the bedroom, Benjamin pushed her to the end of the bed, holding her hands tightly and kissing her passionately.

They kissed for a while until Madelyn turned her face away.

Benjamin breathed heavily into her ear, "Madelyn, I've been thinking about why I care so much about David... I don't even have these feelings for Daniel."

Madelyn looked at him, questioning, "So why?"

Benjamin gently traced her delicate features, whispering, "Because he treats you well! No man treats you better than he does, including the previous me. So, I'm jealous!"

Madelyn burst out laughing, "Benjamin, then why don't you let go of me?" she asked.

He stared at her for a while before hoarsely saying, "You've returned, but it feels as if you haven't truly come back! You're Everest's mother, but it feels like you're not my wife... Madelyn, I'm unsatisfied!"

Madelyn sincerely suggested to him, "Alright, I will accompany you to see a therapist tomorrow."

Benjamin whispered in her ear, "Madelyn, the real problem lies on you, not me!"

He lightly bit her tender earlobe, "I just want you to desire me! Just like in the past, whenever you see me, you want to have sex with me... Madelyn, now you only see Everest! Even though you gave me some active responses, it was you feel obligated, not because you desire me!"

Madelyn was speechless.

Benjamin unbuckled his belt and gently tied it around her wrists.

Madelyn stood there in a daze, "Benjamin, what do you want to do?"

He untied his tie and planted a kiss on her cheek, his smile affectionate. "Nothing! I just want you to truly feel me!"

Then, he covered her eyes, heightening her other senses.

Benjamin kissed her for a while before kneeling beside her and taking out his phone.

He played a prepared recording and placed the phone gently by the pillow. "I set it on loop!"

As Madelyn listened for a few seconds, her face grew redder.

It was clearly a recording from a few years ago when they were in Esrand...

She bit her lip and finally cursed him, "Benjamin, you are crazy! You..."

Benjamin whispered in her ear, "I'm jealous! And you need to compensate me!"

Then he relaxed his voice.

"I'll go to the study. I'll return later to check the results."