

## Chapter 261 Behave Yourself Until You're Fully Recovered

After a few days of indulgence, things took a turn for the worse.

Benjamin caught a fever!

Madelyn was both embarrassed and mad. She refused to let him come close and forced him to rest at home.

Benjamin was restless even when he was sick, always getting handsy. Madelyn couldn't control him, and she didn't dare make a big fuss and take him to the hospital. She only called the family doctor.

On Monday, Brianna called and invited her for a coffee.

Madelyn breathed a sigh of relief.

She pushed open the study door and found Benjamin leaning against the couch and reading documents.

He wore a white sweater and gray leisure pants, exuding a lazy and homely vibe.

Madelyn walked over and touched his forehead.

Luckily, the fever had subsided.

Benjamin grabbed her hand and looked at her with a faint smile. "Going out?"

Madelyn nodded. "Mom asked me to come over!"

Benjamin's gaze returned to the documents, and he snorted lightly. "So you're just going to leave the patient at home? Mrs. Clark... you enjoy yourself and don't take responsibility?"

Madelyn spoke softly. "I'll be back early in the afternoon!"

He remained silent.

Madelyn kissed him. "Is that okay?"

Benjamin stared at her for a while before slowly saying, "Fine! I want chicken porridge for dinner!"

Madelyn agreed.

She took a car to the Clark's mansion. Only Brianna was there when she arrived, so she asked, "Where's Eloise?"

Brianna smiled and replied, "She took Emerson out to play!"

She led Madelyn upstairs and into the living room of the master bedroom.

In such a private place, Madelyn knew Brianna wanted to discuss something confidential and didn't want the household servants to overhear.

went to

Brianna handed a photo to Madelyn and said, "This person is around the same

and

looked good and had an

thought he was pretty

very negative about it! But she can't stay single forever. Her father doesn't say it out loud, but deep down, he hopes

a surge of emotions.

felt somewhat

hand. "Her relationship with your uncle wasn't one-sided! It's just that there wasn't meant to have a child now. They might have considered a reunion for the kid's sake if

for a long time...

the afternoon, Eloise returned

a while, Eloise could tell why Madelyn came here. She called a servant to take Emerson to

"Maddie, mom asked you to come here, didn't she?"

Madelyn sighed softly.

Eloise stared

And if that doesn't work, we can have your

want to

tell that Eloise hadn't fully moved on from that past

photo and lowered

a while, she said in a low but firm voice, "Maddie, I'll

was momentarily

faint smile appeared. "People have to move forward, right? I'm willing to go on this blind date. Besides, this

know what to say!

embraced

others. Her voice choked with sadness, "Maddie! I truly liked him back then, a hundred times more than I liked Daniel! But he

left the

and returning home, she couldn't

she was making shredded chicken porridge, she accidentally burned

heartbroken and took her hand to apply medicine, silently watching her. "What did my mother say? Is it because of Eloise's situation that

to answer but noticed

words and whispered, "Let's talk about

Benjamin chuckled.

went back to the master bedroom.

in front of the dressing table. He approached her gently and traced along her graceful

stop

him indulge her as she

against his shoulder and whispered

the soft flesh behind her ear, his voice husky.

Madelyn turned around and hugged his waist.

She said softly, "Yes...and no! Ben, I want her to marry for love, not settle for less! Do you know a woman with a child will always be at a disadvantage in the dating pool, no matter how young and beautiful she is?"

She couldn't bear to see Eloise like this!

Today, Eloise cried so sadly that Madelyn guessed she was willing to go on a blind date because of her parents.

Her identity was exceptional, so she told all of this to Benjamin, hoping he would take it to heart.

After listening, Benjamin remained silent for a long time...

Then he embraced her completely, gently caressing her earlobe. "Madelyn, did you marry for love? Tell me, okay?"

Madelyn's voice was low. "I was talking about Eloise with you!"

Benjamin smiled faintly.

He leaned in to kiss her for a while before saying, "Let her go on the blind date! It will be beneficial for her and her relationship with Kenneth. If Kenneth can bear it, then they were never meant to be."

It can only be said that Madelyn still didn't fully understand him!

Madelyn looked at him, unmoving.

After a while, Benjamin tugged at her ear. "Are you dumbfounded? Stop staring at me like that!"

Madelyn still didn't move.

He had always been driven by desire, and now she was sitting in his arms in a disheveled state, which made him unable to resist.

Madelyn snapped back to reality and gently held his hand, her face blushing. "You're still not well! Behave yourself... Wait until you're fully recovered, okay?"

Benjamin chuckled softly.

Madelyn almost dared not look into his eyes. She was about to find a reason to send him to the guest room when footsteps could be heard in the stairwell, followed by the maid at the door saying, "Mr. Clark and Mrs. Clark, Mr. Ryan is here!"

Madelyn was visibly startled.

She looked at Benjamin. "It's so late. Why would Uncle come over?"

Benjamin straightened his clothes and whispered, "It must be something important. I'll go down first. You change and come down later!"

Madelyn nodded.

Inside the villa's grand hall, the crystal chandelier illuminated the spacious area.

Kenneth was not sitting but standing in front of the piano, carefully observing. He had heard that Benjamin spent a staggering 85.7 million to buy this antique piece, which was truly insane!

"Uncle!"

Benjamin stood in the stairwell and called out.

He gazed at Kenneth and reluctantly admitted that this older man was very attractive. Even just from behind, he exuded charm...

Chapter 262 He Was Worse Than Beasts

Benjamin called out.

Kenneth turned around, pointing at the piano and smiling faintly, "It looks impressive!"

Under the crystal chandelier, Benjamin's eyes were gentle, filled with a hint of nostalgia. "I bought it when Madelyn and I just got together. It used to be in the apartment, but now it was moved here for Everest's piano lessons!"

He gestured, "Have a seat!"

Kenneth strolled over to the sofa and sat down, gently placing a document on the table.

Benjamin picked it up and opened it.

It was an internal document, about seven to eight pages long, listing Eleanor's major crimes, followed by the prosecution's recommended sentence.

Late at night, Kenneth's voice was low, "Death penalty! It will occur in approximately two months, barring unforeseen circumstances!"

As he spoke, his gaze was deep, and his emotions complex.

He had learned some undisclosed information internally, and now he also knew why Everest managed to survive despite losing so much blood!

He underestimated Benjamin!

When necessary, he could be truly ruthless!

After Benjamin finished reading, he returned the document to Kenneth.

Deep down, he knew that the swift progress of this case had Kenneth's contribution behind it! Although Kenneth and he didn't always see eye to eye, in critical moments, behind closed doors, they were a team.

Benjamin stood up and walked to the bar, retrieving a bottle of wine and two highball glasses with a smile. "Take a drink?"

His implication was to stay here overnight after having a drink.

Kenneth waved his hand.

He glanced upstairs to where Madelyn stood and stood up, patting the wrinkles on his pants with a smile. "No, I have a meeting tomorrow morning!"

Benjamin didn't insist on him staying overnight either.

Kenneth patted his shoulder. "The driver is waiting for me! Ben, have a good time with Madelyn!"

He seemed to think of something when he said these words and furrowed his brow lightly.

In any case, he couldn't let go.

Benjamin understood without words and did not mention Eloise. He escorted Kenneth to the car.

The black Audi drove away slowly.

Benjamin didn't immediately return to the villa. He stood alone in the parking lot, took out a cigarette from his pocket, and lowered his head to light it.

The smoke filled the air, blurring his face.

He recalled many memories.

Good and evil, but they would all become part of the past with Eleanor's punishment.

He only smoked one cigarette before turning back.

Madelyn stood at the entrance of the villa, her face softened under the dim lights. Benjamin walked over quickly and embraced her shoulders. "Why did you come out? It's quite cold outside!"

Madelyn held onto his hand.

She slowly interlocked her fingers with his, then gently nestled in his arms.

Benjamin looked down at her, his voice unbelievably gentle. "What's wrong? Are you even more clingy than Everest? Do you want me to hold you?"

grip and whispered, "Benjamin, don't speak. I just want to hold you for a while!"

silently, doing nothing

held her

while, he leaned down to kiss her. "Call me Ben from now on,

of agreement, behaving

a surge of heat.

When angry with him, she wouldn't give in, but she became incredibly soft when she was willing to obey. No matter how he played with her, she

might have acted like a

to heal the wounds of the past!

...

the other side, Kenneth

asked softly, "Mr. Ryan, where do we

his eyes

were moments of pondering over classified projects and... that

long silence, he hoarsely whispered, "Let's go back to the

he would have to return to Vadiff. After all, he was

that mission a few years ago.

walked on

Ryan, commanding respect from everyone. But who knew that behind closed doors, if he wanted to see the girl he liked, he had to find an apartment, like hiding a precious gem in a golden chamber!

he still remembered their breakup two years

self-control, he smoked two packs of

himself from seeing

wouldn't get caught in love like a naive young man. It

resist it, so he drove

her, she

man.

dinner together and went

at night that the man finally escorted her home!

far from the entrance of Clark's mansion. He silently watched the charming couple, feeling a mix of emotions.

were younger and didn't have these restraints, he could step out of the car right now and grab that guy by the collar, roaring,

he could only stay in the darkness, silently watching!

got out of the car,

good, and she was willing to get to know him.

more time together, they could

there, uncertain emotions flickering

approached, calling out

took a

was dazed and seemed a bit

slightly, gesturing towards his car, "Get in the

But Eloise refused.

the security guard to open the door, but Kenneth was

door slammed shut.

and turned to look

indifferent. "Yes! He's a nice person! He has

apple

son would call someone else father, it would have been a joke. But now, it could actually happen.

girl he once possessed would

would call

and took a shallow puff, tilting

He was handsome.

much more

against the headboard and smoke. At that

years younger than him, and what he did was

took a gentle puff from

burned his hand!

let her go all night. He felt like he was no different from a

the car, the smoke

was soft and

stubbed out

His gaze was profound as he asked the question he had always wanted to ask, "Do you like him?"

Eloise's eyes welled up with tears.

She spoke softly, "It's alright."

Kenneth understood her state of mind. She didn't say she liked him out of spite. She simply said it was alright, but that 'alright' was even more terrifying than resentment.

She had resigned herself and settled for less!

She truly would be willing to marry someone else, as long as that person met the minimum requirements and treated Emerson well!

He had hurt her, and he had smoothed out her edges!

Kenneth felt a pang in his heart, and his emotions grew even more complex. He didn't even know who to blame.

He stared at her for a long time before handing her his phone, his voice calm once again with a hint of imperceptible tenderness, "Make a call to your mother and let her know you won't be going home for now."

Eloise froze, her body stiffening. "I won't go out with you!"

Kenneth whispered, "I need to talk to you about something. If you don't want to, I'll make this call myself. Eloise, do you really want it to come to that?"

Tears welled up in Eloise's eyes, mingled with a sense of humiliation.

But she still made the call because it was Kenneth's phone, and she couldn't lie. She could only tell the truth, saying that she needed to discuss something with Kenneth concerning the child and it might take her longer to go back home.

On the other end, Brianna fell silent for a moment. "Let Kenneth speak."

Eloise handed him the phone.

Kenneth took the phone and spoke quietly after whatever Brianna said on the other end, "I understand. I won't overstep my bounds."

After a few more sentences, he hung up the phone and tossed it into the compartment.



The car started to move slowly.

Eloise leaned against the seatback and murmured, "Kenneth, aren't you really busy?"

He held the steering wheel and smiled faintly, "Do you know about my schedule?"

She responded sarcastically, "The news is everywhere! The charming Mr. Ryan is always in the spotlight wherever he goes. It's hard not to know!"

Kenneth remained silent.

He drove quietly in the night, with the young girl he had once cherished sitting beside him.

At this moment, he wished time would freeze.

So, they were really together now.

Half an hour later, he drove the car onto a quiet road, with familiar scenery on either side.

Eloise recognized it.

Her reaction was intense, as she desperately pounded on the car window, "I'm not going! Kenneth, I'm not going!"

What was this?

They had been separated for almost three years, and now he was bringing her to the apartment they had once shared so intimately. What did he want to do? What did he think of her?

Naturally, she couldn't get out of the car.

Her palms turned red from pounding on the window, and tears filled her eyes.

No matter how calm and distant she had been towards him in recent days, at this moment she felt like she had returned to the past, the irresistible girl who was helpless in front of Kenneth and unable to resist his demands.

She hated this version of herself!

Kenneth parked the car.

He turned to look at the tears in her eyes, his heart aching intensely.

He was a mature and astute man. How could he not see that she still had feelings for him? Otherwise, her reaction wouldn't have been so intense!

Kenneth tenderly touched her face, soothing her as if comforting a child. "I won't do anything! We just need to talk about some things, Eloise. Have we really lost all trust between us? If you don't trust me, at least trust your mother. She has agreed to it too!"

He was skillful with his words.

She had no strength to argue back.

Chapter 263 Wait for Me for Two Years

Kenneth got out of the car first.

He walked over to the other side and opened the door, watching her in the darkness.

Eloise's slender neck was tensed, and even a hint of veins could be seen.

Kenneth was patient.

After a while, Eloise finally stepped out of the car and ignored him as she walked ahead.

Under the dim streetlights, her slender figure was concealed in the shadow of a plane tree. It was early autumn, and the leaves were already showing signs of decay, adding a touch of desolation to the scene.

Kenneth closed the car door.

He took a few quick steps to grab her wrist and pulled her into his arms before she could react.

Perhaps it was the alluring night, or perhaps it was the emotions that were stirred up by the surroundings.

All the restraints he had promised were thrown out the window.

Beneath the tree, he kissed her, holding the back of her head with a hint of roughness, pressing her against the tree trunk... delving deep inside her to the point where she couldn't even breathe properly!

"Kenneth! Let me go!"

Eloise pounded his shoulders and struggled desperately, but she couldn't move him.

Soon, her mouth and nose were filled with the scent of tobacco.

Everywhere, there was his scent!

Kenneth looked impeccably clean, but only she knew that once he tainted her, that faint masculine fragrance would linger on her for a long time...

The rough kiss lasted for a while.

Finally, he released his grip on her.

Then, his thin and handsome face received a resounding slap, the sound echoing particularly loudly in the night.

Kenneth was handsome and charming, but almost everyone knew he had a bad temper. Women weren't much more than toys to him, and no woman dared to act spoiled or throw a tantrum with him—let alone slap him.

Only Eloise dared to do this.

After she struck him, she turned her head, and her eyes were red. "Do you have any right to kiss me?" She said. "Kenneth, what am I to you? Are you bringing me here to continue being your secret mistress?"

Kenneth pressed his tongue against the roof of his mouth, probably cutting it in the process. She hit him really hard!

He gazed at her intensely. "I'm sorry. I couldn't control myself."

He hadn't had her in years and wasn't a saint. He knew he wanted her-he had never forgotten their shared passion.

He had not forgotten her not for a single moment.

But Kenneth had his limits. Even he knew that the kiss just now crossed a line.

He apologized and said, "Let's go upstairs. There are some documents you need to sign."

Eloise hesitated but agreed. After all, they had a child together, and given Kenneth's position, she was afraid he might try to take custody away from her.

Moments later, they entered the apartment.

no lack of attention to detail. The table was

door behind them and followed her gaze. He murmured, "I had Kaleb

felt sweet

telling herself no longer to be

hearts. Too skilled with his words, he could captivate anyone with just a few sentences.

hurt so deeply, she thought she might have been tempted by him again and perhaps would have lost herself

she was no longer naive

"I think what you want to tell me is about Emerson! Now you can speak, and after that, you can take me home! I'm not like Mr. Ryan. I agree to be in a relationship with someone, and being unclear

much? Will you not marry anyone

She didn't respond.

slightly as he walked over to the sofa and knelt down, motioning for her to sit down

her lips.

papers. She flipped through a

Eloise didn't refuse.

child, and he was willing to provide financial support. She had no reason to reject

Madelyn

if you can't have the man, then get his money! For example, when she broke

Kenneth made

student,

had gained some

Eloise wasn't young anymore, but she had always had baby fat, probably because she was

face was wrinkled with

lightly, "With your mind, you probably won't be able to figure out these things in just one night!"

her like

to peel the

care of everything for

peeled them into a fruit platter, and passed it to her.

glanced at him.

her quietly. "I didn't put any miscellaneous stuff in

actually saw her on a date tonight and ate at a high-end restaurant. But through the glass,

few pieces of fruit.

her little mouth

gently, "There are ingredients in

was visibly startled.

our affair is over! Other than Emerson, we have no further involvement or connection between us!

Don't make it seem like we're still

was already putting on an apron.

his head to look at her. "Eloise, what

became deathly

apartment was filled with too many memories of them! Passionate and sweet, but now

the apron and walked back to his original position.

to be

family! I hope you understand that this is not merely the cost of raising a child! Eloise, stop calling me

Mr. Ryan, call me Uncle Ryan or Kenneth... whatever

"Do you want to

Kenneth looked troubled.

begged anyone in his life, nor had he ever lowered his status. But that day, he knelt at the Clark family.

that moment, he impulsively wanted

In that project, two

a car accident!

and there were no witnesses.

her and Emerson's lives because of it, and he couldn't tell her the truth! The project was a top-secret plan that had

had a child, except Kaleb!

he gave her these things, with only one request: "Eloise, wait for me for two years!"

felt choked up.

trembled, and it took her a while

in Gredax. Wait in this apartment. And now, you want me to continue waiting!

She was already in her early thirties!

She gave birth to his child, and now he wanted her to wait another two years!

She understood what he meant. He wanted her to be his secretary, his lover. He would come to Gredax to rendezvous with her, just like three years ago. How could he dare to make such a request?

Eloise pushed aside those documents.

Her expression grew even colder than before. "Mr. Ryan, I don't want any of these anymore!"

Kenneth sat there.

He didn't chase after her when Eloise left, and he called Kaleb, sounding exhausted. "She's gone. Take her home!"

After saying that, he hung up the phone.

He quietly picked up those documents, looking at the numbers, all the things he wanted to give her.

But she didn't want them!

Yes, the Clark family didn't lack money.

He, the illustrious Mr. Ryan, couldn't give her love or a stable life. In other words, he couldn't give her anything she wanted.

She refused to wait, and she was right!

Why should she wait for him?

Was it because he was older or because he wanted to hide her away from the public eye?

Kenneth suddenly leaned back on the couch, gently closing his eyes. Even so, his tear ducts still felt warm.

Eloise didn't take Kaleb's car.

She hailed a taxi.

She sat in the car, crying relentlessly. The driver couldn't bear it anymore and handed her a large pack of tissues.

She called Madelyn while crying.

Late at night, Madelyn answered her call quickly, her voice gentle. "Eloise, is something wrong?"

Eloise sobbed.

She pressed the tissue against her nose, her voice choked. "Madelyn, he's such a jerk! Sob... How could he treat me like that? I used to think he liked me a little bit, but he... I hate him!"

Madelyn listened to these childish words.

She laughed and felt a pang of sympathy. After a few moments of comfort, she whispered, "Are you still in the car? Then come over to my place!"

Eloise sniffled and agreed.

Madelyn hung up the phone and dialed Kenneth's number.

It was indeed difficult for her to be caught in the middle, and she phrased her words delicately. "Uncle, Eloise called me! I asked her to come to my place tonight!"

Kenneth's voice was hoarse. "She barely ate dinner. Make sure she eats something!"

Madelyn responded with an "mm-hmm."

After hanging up the phone, she went to the kitchen to prepare a late-night snack.

Benjamin followed her.

He prepared a glass of milk for Everest and casually asked, "Are they having a quarrel?"

Madelyn responded with an "mm-hmm" and gently lifted the lid.

As the aroma of the chicken noodle soup filled the pot, she suddenly felt a wave of nausea.

This feeling was all too familiar!

Chapter 264 We Have Another Child

Madelyn held her chest and dry heaved a few times.

Benjamin had just finished preparing the milk and immediately walked over when he heard the sound, asking anxiously, "What's wrong?"

Madelyn looked somewhat pale.

She actually had a clue in her heart and shook her head lightly at him. "It's nothing! Just feel a bit nauseous!"

Benjamin guided her to sit down on the side.

He crouched in front of her, gently patting her back and softly saying, "Don't do household chores anymore. Let the domestic helper do it, or else I'll take care of you!"

By now, they were on equal footing.

Madelyn gazed at his handsome features, feeling her heart flutter. Benjamin had calmed down and truly was a good husband.

She lightly touched his face, her voice soft. "Didn't you want another child, Ben... Perhaps next year, Everest will have a younger brother or sister!"

Benjamin froze.

Madelyn took hold of his hand, placing it gently on her abdomen. "Are you happy about it?"

With how frequently they had been intimate, having a child shouldn't be unusual, right?

After a moment, Benjamin found his voice again. His hand lightly caressed the flat area. It was still too early for any sensations since she had just conceived, but he still wanted to touch, to feel the presence of their child.

Later, he half knelt closer to her.

Madelyn was filled with a tender feeling. No woman could resist a man being close to her. He didn't say anything, but she could feel his happiness.

"Ben, serve the noodles, or they'll burn!"

Benjamin was still reluctant.

Madelyn used her delicate fingers to trace his handsome features lightly. "If it's true, don't neglect Everest!"

Benjamin chuckled.

He said, "How could I? I'll take care of you three!" With that, he lifted Madelyn and placed her on the sofa in the living room.

After setting her down, his dark eyes eagerly stared at her belly.

Madelyn patted his hand and said, "Go serve the noodles and heat up Everest's milk!"

Benjamin leaned in and kissed her, saying, "Thank you, Madelyn!"

He went to the kitchen to finish what he was doing when Eloise's car arrived.

Eloise was crying quite sadly.

Benjamin shook the bottle in his hand and asked, "Did that old man bully you again?"

Madelyn couldn't stand such talk and urged him, "Everest is probably falling asleep. Why don't you bring the milk over?"

Benjamin's gaze became deep, with a hint of meaning.

He didn't say anything else and slowly walked upstairs, taking care of the child.

Eloise complained for a while and then couldn't help but sit at the table and eat the bowl of noodles, sniffing as she ate.

Under the dim light, her little face had a pearly glow, with tiny beads of sweat on her nose.

could understand why Uncle couldn't let her go.

calculations. Having Eloise by his

"Eat slowly!"

when she looked at Eloise,

finished eating the noodles in one breath!

even though Madelyn and Kenneth were

finished comforting Everest and came downstairs, he saw Eloise lying on Madelyn's legs. He walked over and tapped her head, saying,

couldn't help but say, "It's okay!"

and he didn't dare say anything

a bottle and sat opposite her, looking serious. He said, "If you can't let go, just make do. If you're unwilling, follow our parents' intentions

her eyes and

"Dating is not against the law! Or are you afraid that he will mind and not want

Eloise denied it

it's just

the bottle. He carefully cleaned Everest's milk bottle and

with wide

...

Madelyn tossed and turned

to the side and

a sound



worried about Eloise, so he sighed softly. "Madelyn, don't spoil her too much! She's an adult now and should be able to handle her own

that what he said

softly said, "Accompany me to the hospital tomorrow. I'll feel at

lowered his head and kissed her.

schedule with Paisley and would be with her

dropped

getting into the car, Benjamin considerately helped Madelyn. Everest sat

Madelyn sat down.

little one's gaze fell on her belly, and she asked softly,

was visibly startled.

one and chuckled, "It wasn't me who said it! She's very smart!"

a father, he

either. She kissed Everest and gently

feel jealous.

or sister. With new toys in the house, she even invited

off Everest, Benjamin took Madelyn to the hospital. Paisley had

received the results -

the hospital corridor, Madelyn held the black-and-white ultrasound image and looked at it for

other end was unclear, but Benjamin spoke softly, "Hmm, I'll bring her back in

up the phone, he looked down at

so did Madelyn.

"Madelyn, we're

letting her rest against his abdomen, constantly caressing her soft chestnut hair. He had never known before that

time, and he lightly stroked her cheek. "Madelyn,

you haven't proposed. You haven't prepared a ring

tenderness. "Are two

couldn't help but give him a punch.

couldn't help but think of the wedding ring from their first marriage, buried in the Clarks' mansion as  
let you go, I had

that time, there were too many uncertainties.

Could Everest survive?

she forget about him?

but hold her tightly. He was never emotional, but at this moment, he was grateful... grateful to  
everyone who brought Madelyn back to

hour later, he brought Madelyn back to the Clark's mansion.

event, and the house was

greeted her, "Your mother is praying. She's getting more superstitious as she gets older! But it seems to  
work. Burning incense every day finally brought another

rubbed his hands together and glanced at Madelyn's

Benjamin supported Madelyn to sit down. "It's only five weeks, still early!"

Alexander personally poured a glass of water and placed it in front of Madelyn, showing genuine  
concern and exchanging a few words.

Benjamin smiled at Madelyn and said, "This child has a big presence! I've never experienced this  
treatment in my life!"

Alexander chuckled and teased, "I'm doing it for Madelyn! What child are you talking about?"

He smiled but then became serious. "Having more children should improve Everest's condition."

The topic became a bit heavy.

Benjamin took a sip of coffee and casually said, "Everest has been doing better recently, probably  
because she has Madelyn with her every day and doesn't have time to think about other things."

Alexander nodded, feeling relieved.

Just as they were talking, Brianna came out of the prayer room, also in a cheerful mood.

Alexander said to Brianna, "I think we should quickly arrange the wedding! Last time they had a little  
argument and didn't have a proper wedding. It's always been a regret! Madelyn is pregnant. Let Eloise  
help prepare the wedding."

Brianna naturally agreed.

She had always cared for Madelyn and also wanted to see her wearing a beautiful wedding dress and  
marrying Ben.

Alexander, halfway done with his worries, joked, "By the way... that fortune teller, Fletcher Donald, really got it right this time. He said Ben's partner's zodiac sign is the Rabbit, which turned out to be true! How about you take the kids and go pray again? This time, let him read the fortune for Eloise."

Brianna had actually been thinking about it.

Last time she made a wish when she went, now that her wish had come true. She naturally wanted to go and make an offering.

The weather was perfect these days, with clear autumn skies.

Brianna picked a good day and took the younger ones in the family to the temple to make the offering. The person called Fletcher Donald, though not easily seen, was willing to meet them because of Brianna's frequent visits and her distinguished status.

Brianna devoutly made the offering in a simple meditation room and expressed her gratitude.

Fletcher Donald invited them to sit down and personally brewed the top-grade tea leaves from the mountain, which tasted refreshing.

Brianna spoke with a smile on her face.

After a few twists and turns, Eloise was mentioned.

Fletcher Donald was a Buddhist, but he knew well of worldly matters.

After examining Eloise's birth chart, he gently stroked his snowy white beard and said with a faint smile, "The destined one is born in the Year of the Goat!"

The Year of the Goat?

Brianna immediately thought of the recent university professor, who didn't seem to be born in the Year of the Goat. She felt somewhat disappointed.

At that moment, Madelyn spoke softly, "My uncle was born in the Year of the Goat!"

Brianna:...

Fletcher Donald smiled and said, "Destined ones will never part!"

Perhaps it was because of Madelyn who spoke up; he looked closely at her, but after a while, he seemed surprised. Then he looked at the handsome man next to her. The man carried a hint of hostility in his brows, accumulated over many years!

Fletcher Donald was shocked.

He pointed at Benjamin and said, "The benefactor has accumulated too much resentment in his early years! It seems that his blood ties are weak!"

As soon as these words were spoken, the entire Clark family froze.

Brianna's face was sorrowful and worried, and even Madelyn's expression changed slightly.

Benjamin's Adam's apple rolled.

He restrained his emotions and whispered, "I believe that human determination can overcome destiny!"

Fletcher Donald clasped his hands together and said, "The benefactor has a strong personality that may endanger those around him. In the future, the benefactor will undergo another cycle in the mortal world. Only if he perseveres until the clouds part and the bright moon is revealed, will true fulfillment be achieved!"

Suddenly, he took hold of Madelyn's hand and wrote a word in her palm.

Persevere!

Chapter 265 The Child Won't Get Hurt

After taking care of Everest late at night, Madelyn returned to the master bedroom only to find Benjamin absent.

She found him in the study.

The night was as dark as ink.

He didn't turn on the light. Standing alone by the floor-to-ceiling window, he silently smoked, and the smoke dissipated in the night breeze, becoming lighter and fainter.

Madelyn approached him from behind and embraced him. "Ben, are you still thinking about it?"

Ever since they returned from the temple, he had been feeling down.

Obviously, it bothered him.

Benjamin patted the hand at his waist and put out the cigarette. He whispered, "No, don't overthink it."

Madelyn pressed her cheek against his back and coaxed him, "Then cheer up, okay? What Fletcher Donald said might not necessarily be true. Maybe he just talked nonsense."

Benjamin turned around, smiling faintly.

He caressed her belly. "Is the baby behaving?"

Madelyn glanced at him. "It's only a little over a month; there's no question of behaving or misbehaving."

Benjamin embraced her and kissed her hair. "Madelyn, I will be there for this child when it is born, watching the child grow... I won't let you leave again."

Madelyn leaned against his chest, listening to his words.

After being with him for so long, how could she not sense that his heart was still tense?

She wanted to please him.

Tilting her head, she kissed his sharp jawline and moved lower to kiss his neck. The warm breath of a woman inevitably stirred him, and besides, she was rarely this proactive.

Benjamin gently tugged at her long hair, his gaze filled with desire.

He wanted to make love, but he was concerned about the child.

After being teased by her for a while, he couldn't resist her anymore. He lifted her up and gently placed her on the spacious desk... Madelyn was a little scared and held onto his neck tightly. "Ben!"

the dim light, he leaned in

but he stopped her. He firmly held her hands and continued kissing her, bit by

"Ben..."

Madelyn's voice trembled.

before, on that snowy night when he carried her to the top of the piano... That

becoming hoarse. "Don't be afraid! It won't

Donald's words had made him uneasy, so he had to do something now to ease the  
time,

himself up, but still kissed her with

and she let him kiss her, savoring

was as cool as water.

intertwined, hot and entangled together.

his shoulder, her voice trembling, mixed with a sob as she asked, "Are you feeling

murmured an

to her ear, asking softly and huskily, "Were

Madelyn couldn't speak...

quietly, and after some time passed, just as Madelyn was about to fall asleep, he whispered in her

she had been

warmth went straight to

...

for a month later. With Brianna and Eloise taking care of everything, Madelyn didn't need to worry and could focus on taking care

on the other hand, was a

work and take a month

working, Paisley came in holding a stack

in, but Benjamin only glanced at her

Paisley didn't move.

took the stack of papers to look at them. He was shocked to see that they were financial reports from Bravo Legal Firm, which he had founded and was still the sole

he should have sold his shares but never got around

for a while and whispered to Paisley, "Issue a statement for me and sell it if there's a

feeling a bit sentimental too.

many high-profile cases both domestically and internationally. It wasn't easy to even make an

Paisley left quickly.

The reason he made this decision so

things he did against his conscience when

do that went

emotional, he continued looking through the reports. Just then, the phone

a specific detention center, and the other end politely spoke, "Mr. Clark, I hope I'm not bothering

Benjamin guessed it had something to do with Eleanor, and they exchanged a few words.

The person on the other end paused for a moment before getting to the point, "Mr. Clark, Ms. Bennett would like to see you before she dies. Are you available?"

Squeezing the receiver, Benjamin felt angry!

He lowered his voice, "She intended to harm my daughter. Do you think I would be available?"

The person also felt it was inappropriate and apologized before hanging up the phone.

Benjamin threw the phone away.

He felt restless and couldn't help but take out a cigarette, bowing his head to light it.

Fletcher Donald's words resurfaced in his mind once again.

[Your strong-willed character may endanger those around you. In the future, you will go through another cycle in this world. True fulfilment will be achieved only when the clouds disperse and the moon shines bright!]

Reincarnation...

Benjamin used to not believe in ghosts and gods, but at this moment, he felt a sense of awe!

He finished smoking half of his cigarette and called Paisley into the room. With a serious expression, he said, "I want to establish a charitable foundation! Let's call it the Everest Foundation. I'll invest \$1 billion in the initial stage, with a focus on caring for orphaned children."

Paisley was somewhat surprised.

Why did Mr. Clark suddenly want to do charity?

But she didn't ask and quickly took note, saying, "Alright, I'll apply for it tomorrow."

Benjamin gestured for her to leave.

He had no interest in work. Leaning back in his chair, he gently spun around, feeling he should do more to accumulate blessings for his wife and daughter!

The phone on his desk rang, and it was Madelyn calling.

Benjamin picked up the phone and spoke tenderly, "Have you chosen a wedding dress? If you have, I'll pick you up this afternoon, and we can try it together."

Madelyn chuckled lightly, "Am I really that delicate? I'll take the driver's car and meet you at the store. Ben, I picked out a gorgeous dress for Everest. I'll send you a picture."

Benjamin agreed.

He hung up the phone and soon received a photo.

It was a gorgeous fluffy skirt, specially matched with Everest's tea-colored curls.

Benjamin imagined taking wedding photos as a family of three. His heart softened, and he replied on WhatsApp, "It looks great. I'll pick you up this afternoon, and then we'll pick up Everest together."

Chapter 266 Ben, Don't Do It

At two o'clock in the afternoon, Benjamin first went to the villa to pick up Madelyn and then went to the kindergarten to pick up Everest.

The kindergarten teacher smiled and said, "Everest, your mom and dad are here to pick you up!"

Everest, wearing a small floral dress and sporting tea-colored curls, proudly declared, "My mom and dad are taking wedding photos, and I want to take wedding photos too!"

Other children in the class burst into laughter.

The teacher chuckled and said, "Then let me take you there!"

She held Everest's hand and felt a fondness in her heart. She was reluctant to let her go when handing Everest over to Benjamin.

Everest waved her little hand and said, "Ms. Tucker, see you tomorrow!"

Once they got in the car, Everest couldn't help but fix her gaze on Madelyn's belly and asked, "Mommy, when will the little brother come out? If I sleep well for one night, will he be born?"

Madelyn didn't know how to answer.

Benjamin fastened his seatbelt and gave a faint smile, "You have to sleep well for many nights for the little brother to come out!"

Everest looked disappointed.

But soon she perked up and said, "The kids at the kindergarten said their dads also wanted children, and they try hard to plant carrots every night! Daddy, did you plant carrots to make Mommy's belly grow?"

Madelyn's cheeks turned slightly red.

As Benjamin was about to start the car, he glanced at her through the rearview mirror, his gaze meeting hers.

He smiled slyly, with a hint of ambiguity.

Madelyn's face grew even warmer.

Benjamin let her off the hook and lightly pressed the accelerator. Meanwhile, he explained to his beloved little girl, "The kids didn't get it quite right! When Everest grows up, you'll understand!"

Everest trusted him more.

Benjamin focused on driving and remained silent. After all, his wife and daughter were in the car with him!

Half an hour later, the car stopped in front of a high-end wedding dress store.

The manager greeted them as soon as the car arrived and opened the door with a professional smile. "Mr. Clark and Mrs. Clark, we have cleared the place just for you and will provide you with the best service."

Benjamin nodded lightly.

He took Everest out of the car, and the little girl was especially happy, bouncing around next to her mother.

Her mother picked out a pretty little dress for her.

The staff led them separately on the second floor to try on the selected wedding dresses.

Benjamin quickly changed into a set of black velvet formalwear with a white organ shirt inside.

He looked handsome and dignified!

Several young staff members couldn't help but steal a glance at him.

But Benjamin didn't feel anything at all. He sat in the VIP area flipping through a magazine, waiting for Madelyn and Everest to change.

Everest was the first to come out, wearing a light champagne-colored puffy skirt, and her tea-colored curly hair was tied back with a hairband. She looked extremely beautiful.

The little girl felt a little embarrassed and jumped into her father's arms, acting spoiled.

The staff smiled and said, "The little girl looks really pretty! She looks like her mom!"

Benjamin looked down at the little one he had raised with his own hands, feeling a softness in his heart. He took her small hand and walked to the full-length mirror. Everest looked at them in the mirror and thought she looked so beautiful!



Daddy looked good too!

Everest's eyes sparkled, twinkling and lively.

Benjamin smiled slightly, about to speak, when the door of one of the changing rooms opened, and Madelyn walked out gracefully.

Benjamin's breath caught.

Even though he had seen her in countless different looks, he was still amazed at this moment.

The pure white wedding dress fit her perfectly, hugging her slender waist before flowing into intricate and beautiful lace at the hem.

softly styled, with the pearl earrings he had given

looked gentle and

gently caressed her neck and

service staff blushed a

before them was enough for them to imagine a thousand words...

"We're not at home. Please

his voice, "So you mean there's no need to hold back at

Madelyn: ...

photographer approached, and everyone started working.

booked a two-hour session. Fortunately, both the

"If Mr. Clark weren't who he

with a

patted Everest and gently said to Madelyn, "Go remove your makeup

eating

the changing room and took off her little dress. While waiting for Madelyn, the manager gave her a small ball to play

his phone to handle business matters.

over, frowning, "Daddy, the ball fell

Hmm?

walked to the door of Madelyn's changing

no response from inside.

there seemed to be the sound of a bouncing

and twisted it, but it wouldn't open!

Everest behind him,

and finally burst open

his breath. Two staff members were tied to chairs with cloth stuffed in their mouths, and Madelyn was being held hostage by Eleanor. A sharp

trickled out slowly.

slowly uttered, "Eleanor!"

to fill the clothing, and her face looked withered and lifeless, completely devoid of her former beauty.

smile was

me to get

to attempt suicide... Those idiots took me to the hospital, and I managed to meet

...

you are ruthless! To save your precious daughter, you almost drained me of blood! Do you know the pain of convulsions due to excessive blood loss? You wouldn't know because you only care about this bitch and her

was scared and started crying!

spoke in a calm voice, "Everest, go downstairs!"

Everest cried for

face, Benjamin's voice was surprisingly gentle, "Be good

she looked at her mother. Madelyn was in pain from being

Everest took a few

"How

fists, keeping his gaze fixed on Madelyn, and

...

want?" Eleanor laughed maniacally.

a hint of affection, "I want to go back to how things used to be! Ben... I regret what I did during that absurd

expression remained blank, "Fine, I forgive you!"

head and

"You're lying to me! You just want

her grip on

like a thin stream, staining

delicate throat

knowing that another inch closer would mean certain death. She

want to kill her! If I kill her, you will remember her for the rest of your life!"

syringe from

a yellowed solution.

this into your body, and I'll let her go!... This is a good thing. Once you take the shot, it will end my pain!

Because you will slowly and

finishing her words, she

it any longer. She struggled and shouted at him, "Ben..."

afraid of him

this would cost Benjamin his life!

at Madelyn, speaking in a

to buy some time

Anything that provoked her could directly end Madelyn's life. He loved

up the syringe, his handsome face resolute,

down Madelyn's

in excitement as she stared at Benjamin, "Right now, or else I'll

and rolled up his shirt sleeves.

and strong lines. They had embraced Madelyn countless nights, but now...

to freeze in

world, there were only Madelyn's teary

sorry. I always make

to the pain I've caused you. At

Madelyn, that Fletcher Donald said I have weak blood ties, and I actually believed it! I feel uneasy... but I didn't expect our separation to come so quickly!

Madelyn, if I really have a chance to reincarnate, I will definitely come back to find you!

Madelyn, don't cry!

Madelyn, I can't speak, but I think you know...

I love you!

...

His vision blurred.

Benjamin saw across the building, pitch black. Then, a muffled sound was heard...

Eleanor had her head blown up!

At the entrance, police slowly surrounded...

Eleanor fell in a pool of blood, her eyes wide open, and even a hint of a strange smile on her lips.

Madelyn, if I couldn't have Benjamin, you can't have him, either!

...

Madelyn stood there, covered in blood.

Benjamin threw the syringe away and walked towards her, embracing her tightly, his strength almost hurting her!

"I'm fine! Ben... I'm fine!"

Madelyn raised his arm and asked, "How do you feel? We need to go to the hospital immediately!"

Benjamin closed his eyes slightly and whispered, "Okay!"

On the first floor, Everest saw them and immediately rushed over, sobbing and calling out for Mommy and Daddy. Benjamin picked her up, his voice hoarse yet gentle, "It's okay! Everest, it's okay!"

Everest cried loudly!

Mommy was covered in blood. She was scared and heartbroken...

Alexander and his wife also rushed over.

Benjamin handed his wife and daughter to Brianna, and he followed Alexander to the top hospital in Gredax. Madelyn initially wanted to go with them, but Benjamin insisted on asking her to stay with Everest.

In the car, Alexander noticed something was wrong and asked.

Benjamin leaned back in his seat and said softly, "Eleanor somehow got hold of a syringe. It can cause nerve damage."

Alexander's voice trembled, "Did you inject yourself?"

Benjamin didn't answer, silently staring at his father.

He loved his wife but didn't do much for his parents!

Alexander's heart was torn apart. He wished he could tear Eleanor into pieces. But at this moment, the most important thing was to go to the hospital and check Benjamin's condition.

The driver sped, and they arrived at the hospital quickly.

Benjamin had his blood drawn and underwent tests.

After the results came out, the doctor looked at the report with a complex expression and said to Alexander, "Alexander, can we talk privately?"

In private, Alexander took a deep drag of his cigarette.

He said, "Let Ben listen to it! He deserves to be prepared, whether it's good or bad!"

The doctor remained silent for a moment.

He pointed to the lab report and said, "This is a new type of illegal agent from Monatz. It's not lethal but damages the nerves, causing memory loss and migraines. As for the extent, we still need to observe!"

Alexander closed his eyes and asked, "Is there a way to save him?"

The doctor stared at him and shook his head slowly!

Alexander looked up, tears swirling in his eyes.

He had always been strong, rarely shedding tears. The only time he cried was when Everest was born!

Now, his son was in trouble, and perhaps in the future, he wouldn't remember his parents, wife and children. How could he not be heartbroken?

Compared to his sadness, Benjamin was much calmer.

He remembered Fletcher Donald's words again-

[Weak blood ties require another reincarnation in the world.]

Benjamin said softly, "Dad, I want to see Madelyn!"

If it was destined to forget everything, then while he still remembered, he wanted to love her wholeheartedly... There were so many things he needed to tell her!

Even if he had to start over, he wouldn't allow her to give up!

No matter what he became, Benjamin belonged to Madelyn!

Chapter 267 He Stubbornly Stayed by Her Side

Night fell.

The villa was brightly lit, the hall filled with light.

Madelyn hadn't forgotten that she was Everest's mother. She was tormented inside, but she remained gentle and patient with Everest.

Everest was frightened, leaning against her leg and asking pitifully, "When will Daddy come back?"

Madelyn caressed her face, about to speak, when the sound of a car came from the entrance. Immediately, she took Everest's hand and walked out, filled with unprecedented anxiety.

Benjamin stepped out of the car, his gaze locking with hers.

Their eyes met, and neither could look away.

After a while, Benjamin slowly approached, gently lifting Everest and giving her a kiss. But his words were meant for Madelyn: "I'm fine, don't scare Everest!"

Madelyn's eyes welled up with tears, still watching him intently.

Benjamin lightly embraced her shoulder, their foreheads touching. "I'm really fine! Madelyn, I've come back well!"

Madelyn's lips trembled.

She knew she should restrain herself but couldn't help leaning against his shoulder, silently crying. His shirt became damp, uncomfortable with the warmth.

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"Madelyn!" He gently patted her as if soothing a child.

...

At that moment, Alexander walked over, signaling for a servant to take Everest away!

He had always cherished Madelyn, but with such an incident happening at home and Eloise being unreliable, Madelyn needed to grow up to be able to handle things for Ben!

Alexander softly said, "From now on, everything in and out of the house will rely on you!"

Benjamin couldn't bear it.

But he knew better than anyone that he had to let go even if he didn't want to!

Father was getting old and wouldn't be able to hold on forever.

Madelyn was the only hope for this family!

Benjamin couldn't bear to push her too hard and gently touched Madelyn's cheek, saying hoarsely, "Let's talk about it later!"

Madelyn, however, calmed down.

"Go check on Mom. She's been in the kitchen all this

grunted in

changed into a fresh set of clothes and walked into the

of the stove, quietly wiping away her tears.

gently pressed down on her shoulder, tenderly saying,

was truly

before. If they hadn't, Benjamin wouldn't have had that period with Eleanor, and things wouldn't have turned

just about to

had just had a

...

numbly finished

still let his parents go

late at

the master bedroom with Everest nestled in her arms,

woke up

smoked two cigarettes in the study before returning to the bedroom. As

"Yes!"

his clothes on, gently

Madelyn trembled slightly.

eyes a little and

were still

couldn't

said in a hoarse voice, "Madelyn,

body and hugged him tightly.

soft, clinging to his strong body like a vine clinging to a sturdy branch, dependent on each other...

head to kiss her, broken and intermittent kisses, full of

expose himself in front of his wife. On this gentle and sad night, he begged her not to let him

won't, I won't!"

held her slender body in his arms, his lips next to her

tilted her head back in his

she bravely told him, "Ben, I'm yours!

closed his eyes. "Mrs. Clark

to act as if everything was normal, but his trembling

He was afraid...

was afraid of forgetting

have her father to care for

hard to care for their two children and manage their vast business empire.

...

of the trouble at Everest Group was completely blocked off.

home while Paisley shuttled back and forth. After a few days, Benjamin didn't

maybe

wasn't as powerful as they thought!

his memory of Madelyn, and he wouldn't forget his Everest!

his jog with a fresh long-stemmed rose in

It was only 7 o'clock, and she was still asleep!

Benjamin tiptoed inside, bending down to gaze at her sleeping face. His heart softened.

He placed the rose by her pillow and couldn't resist kissing her.

So gentle, so soft!

He stood up smiling but suddenly felt dizzy, and his mind went blank. For a moment, he couldn't even remember Madelyn's name.

All he knew was that she was his lover!

Benjamin sat down weakly against the headboard, trying to restrain himself from making any sound!

When he left the bedroom, he stumbled and staggered...

He pushed the study open and reached into a drawer to retrieve a medication bottle. His hands trembled as he unscrewed the cap and swallowed a pill. He slowly calmed himself down.

He sat alone in the study, lost in his thoughts.

He knew that he was starting to forget things - forgetting Madelyn and everything they had once shared!

He couldn't accept it. He wanted to hold onto these memories.

Benjamin started writing in his diary, spending all day in the study, meticulously recording every detail of his past with Madelyn.

"She is my beloved, Madelyn!"

"She loves playing the piano and wearing clothes from xx brand."



"Every day, I would bring her roses."

"Our first child is named Everest, a precious gift from Madelyn! Everest has health issues, coagulation disorders, and an Rh-negative blood type..."

"Madelyn is pregnant again, already over six weeks! I must take care of her."

"Madelyn can't drive."

"When Madelyn hugs me, it means she wants me to kiss her. At that moment, no matter how important things are, I have to put them aside and give her a kiss. She may be a young girl, but she is already the mother of our two children. Madelyn likes it when I call her 'little mommy'!"

...

After three days, Benjamin had written a thick volume.

Every night, he sat quietly, reading it over and over again, trying to retain the memories.

But some of them were already blurred!

Outside, Madelyn entered the room, carrying a fruit tray.

In the instant the door opened, she caught sight of the diary. Although he quickly put it away, Madelyn still figured it out.

These days, Benjamin didn't go to the company.

He relied on Paisley.

Even when he occasionally went out, he never drove! He was actually forgetting things but stubbornly trying to keep himself by her side.

Chapter 268 This Is Our Wedding Night

Madelyn's heart was trembling.

She used all her strength to prevent herself from crying. She walked inside as though nothing had happened.

Benjamin put the diary away.

He gently touched the drawer with his slender fingers. When he looked up, he asked with tender eyes, "Is Everest asleep?"

Madelyn placed the plate of fruit down and sat in his lap. She placed his hand on her belly and replied, "Yes, she's asleep. This little one is waiting for you."

Benjamin's hand gently massaged her belly, trying to feel the movement of their unborn child.

Unfortunately, the baby was still too little to make any noticeable movements.

Otherwise, he could at least feel the kicking of their little baby.

He leaned in closer, his nose brushing against hers. With an intimate atmosphere between them, he teased her, "Is it the baby missing me, or do you want to sleep with me tonight?"

Madelyn put her arms around his neck.

She was wearing only a thin silk nightgown. In the past, he would have enjoyed sexual pleasure, but now she was pregnant, and he had had something else on his mind.

Benjamin only kissed her tenderly.

His hands moved around her body.

Finally, he pressed his forehead against hers and said in a breathy voice, "Madelyn, wouldn't it be wonderful if this moment could be forever? It would be a happy ending."

Tears welled up in Madelyn's eyes, and she gently pressed her finger against his lips, saying, "Ben, we're not married yet! How can we call it an end?"

Benjamin looked at her with deep eyes.

He stared at her for a long while before he spoke in a husky voice, "Let's get married tomorrow. Madelyn, just the two of us. Will that be okay?"

Madelyn said yes in a hoarse voice.

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Early the next morning...

Benjamin didn't go for his morning run as usual. Instead, he made a phone call to Paisley and told her to prepare some documents.

Paisley arrived in the afternoon, and a maid led her to the study on the second floor.

Paisley had mixed feelings but managed to put on a professional smile. She said, "Mr. Clark, I've prepared all the documents."

Benjamin nodded and took over the stack of documents.

was a thick pile of papers, and they were the equity transfer

It would become effective immediately upon her signature

carefully reviewed the documents.

is likely to be passed on to our children in the future, Everest Group is my gift to you. I'll involve professional managers in

couldn't be with her till the

financial security was

these

he lost his memory. If he ever broke her heart, she could make

said with trembling lips, "Aren't we planning to get  
were some things he needed to tell her.  
gently stroked her head and said with a  
that he might treat her  
while he was  
given her everything he  
planning to get married, Madelyn felt so sad and couldn't  
quietly left the

the door, she couldn't help but shed  
In the study...

the floor-to-ceiling window and was still reluctant to sign the papers.

knew what she was thinking. He walked over, hugged her from behind, and rested his chin on her  
shoulder. He said in a low voice, "Don't cry.

hold back her tears; she was

Now that you're Ms. Green of Everest Group, I

his arms and nestled herself

was dampened by her tears...

felt very

the new CEO of Everest Group, a company valued at over 27.4

had a private

in a small church. On the altar, there was a Bible and a pair

wore a white shirt paired with a black velvet

that Madelyn

big. She chose a simple-designed waist

wedding rings and put them onto each

with their fingers interlaced, Benjamin looked into Madelyn's eyes and vowed, "I promise to stay  
faithful

up in Madelyn's eyes.

looked up at her husband and softly said, "I vow to cherish our love,

hugged her and

was their wedding night, and they returned to the apartment

rose petals were all

gently placed her onto the soft

was on this bed that they made love for

they had sex countless times. If tomorrow was the end of the world, what Benjamin wanted to do most was to take Madelyn back

make love

took caution that she was pregnant now.

against her ear, "Madelyn, I want to make you happy, is that okay?"

Madelyn's body trembled slightly.

She closed her eyes, tears dripping down her face, but she still slowly took off her bathrobe.

She opened herself up for him...

...

It was late at night when they returned to their villa.

Madelyn, who was exhausted, fell into a slumber, but Everest was awake...

She was always a sensitive child, and lately, she could feel the tension in their home. Though feeling nervous, she was considerate and didn't bother her parents.

The little girl lay awake with her eyes open.

Benjamin wrapped her in a small blanket, carried her to the living room, and gently put her to bed.

The room was bathed in warm, yellow light.

Everest lay on her father's lap with her eyes closed, as he read her stories. She knew all those stories by heart, but she simply loved it when her father read to her.

Benjamin read while gently stroking her curly hair.

He suddenly spoke, "Everest, Daddy might have to go on a business trip."

Everest slowly opened her eyes...

Benjamin's fingers lingered in her hair, and his voice became deeper and huskier. "I may have to go some place very far away and for a long time. Everest, will you help Mommy take care of your little brother?"

Everest didn't make a response.

After a while, she asked softly, "Daddy, is it cold there?"

Benjamin smiled gently and replied, "Yes, it's a bit cold."

Everest said in a nasal voice, "Then, Daddy, bring more clothes so you won't feel cold. Everest can visit Daddy on vacations. Everest's body is warm, and if Everest hugs Daddy... Daddy won't be cold anymore."

Benjamin's throat tightened.

He bent down to kiss his little girl. He loved her so much!

His daughter was so smart and adorable.

He couldn't bear to leave her. He kissed her while calling her name, "Everest... Everest..."

Everest was in tears.

She lay in his embrace and asked in a low voice, "How long will Daddy be gone?"

Benjamin held her and fell silent for a moment before replying, "Daddy doesn't know. It might be three years, five years...or perhaps I will be back when Everest grows up!"

Everest didn't cry.

She hugged her Daddy back and tried to feel the warmth from his embrace...

Chapter 269 Plan Everything for His Wife and Daughter

Three days later...

Kenneth came here from Vadiff. As his car was stopped, the chauffeur opened the door for him.

Kenneth found himself feeling sad.

Once skeptical of Benjamin, Kenneth could tell that Ben genuinely loved Madelyn over the years... Now, with Ben's health issues, he still made arrangements for his wife and daughter whenever he still had a clear head.

Kenneth felt sorry for them.

For both Benjamin and Madelyn!

After walking into the mansion, he spotted Benjamin who was sitting on a couch, seemingly absorbed in an old newspaper.

Kenneth walked to him and asked, "Is Madelyn out?"

Benjamin looked up and appeared somewhat surprised. He stood up and replied, "She's gone to Everest Group to handle something."

Kenneth understood that Benjamin had given Everest Group to Madelyn.

He didn't know how to react.

Finally, he said, "Alright, I actually have something important to discuss with you."

Given that he came so suddenly, Benjamin inferred that he was here for something significant. He said with a smile, "Let's go to the study on the second floor."

They went to the study upstairs.

Kenneth took a seat and began to smoke. He looked up and asked, "How have you been?"

Benjamin was making coffee.

Hearing this, he paused and replied in a low voice, "Not so well!"

Then he handed a cup of coffee to Kenneth and sat down across from him.

Kenneth was feeling restless and put out his cigarette.

He looked at Benjamin and said cautiously, "I've got some news! Eleanor managed to obtain that medication probably from her ex-husband! Surveillance footage shows that her producer ex-husband had contact with her while they were in the hospital... They brought him in for questioning, but he's quite cunning and there was no concrete evidence. Because of his special status, they had no choice but to release him."

Benjamin sipped coffee slowly.

Kenneth continued, "After their divorce, I heard he struggled to make a living in Manhattan and has now worked as a producer since he came back. He certainly has a motive! But don't worry, I'll keep a close eye on him."

Benjamin nodded.

sitting and

long while, Benjamin placed a

up, and the more he

Benjamin felt helpless and said with a faint smile, "Kenneth, my memory of Madelyn is fading with

lit another

up and knelt

to help Benjamin up. He asked, "Ben, what are you doing? Don't put me in such

to make me embarrassed?"

stand up.

hoarse voice, "My father is getting older. Though Madelyn is smart and capable, she's still a woman who has two children to care for. Kenneth, I implore you to take care of not just Madelyn and her children but also Eloise... For any important decisions to

to hear these words at all.

even think about burdening me with your entire family! You... you've forgotten everything and are living a carefree life. But what about Madelyn? What about the children?"

into

and to remember to find me! But, Kenneth, who can predict the future? I... I just want her to have hopes. When

had postpartum depression before.

was pregnant again.

wife and children were well cared for while he could still remember them.

more upset after hearing these

silently finished his cigarette, patted Benjamin on the shoulder

as he continued, "Don't be away for too long. Remember to come back early. Madelyn and the children are waiting for

gave a faint

a while, Kenneth left the room and ran

was carrying a tray of

looked quite tasty.

Then he took out a

"I'm trying, but it doesn't taste

a light smile.

his eyes, Eloise felt sad and momentarily forgot their past. She sincerely

Kenneth's smile faded...

girl he had once loved, feeling a

own life was difficult enough, but compared to Benjamin's, it didn't seem... not so bad after

to attend to and had to

ruffled her hair. He said, "I'm leaving. If you need anything, call me."

Eloise nodded.

looked at her for a moment, then withdrew his hand

suddenly turned back and asked, "How do you get along with...that person?"

for a

bitter tone, "We couldn't get along, so we broke up!" After saying these words, she went back

watched her

that her blind date hadn't gone well, he couldn't feel that way. He knew all too well that without their past relationship and Emerson, finding a suitable partner would have been easy for her.

he who had held her back.

...

evening, Madelyn finally returned

She found Benjamin in the study.

He was going through his diary, but when he saw Madelyn walk in, he put it back in the drawer as he had done before.

Madelyn didn't press further.

She walked up to him and gently hugged him. She asked, "Did Kenneth come over today?"

Benjamin said yes.

He wanted to share with Madelyn what Kenneth had told him, but as he attempted to speak, his thoughts suddenly grew foggy.

Seeing his perplexed expression, Madelyn's heart sank.

She was well aware of his memory lapses, and his brain had been a mess...

She didn't want to see him struggling to remember.

Madelyn gently took his hand and placed it on her belly, murmuring, "Eloise will be with Everest tonight. Ben, how about we take a stroll in the garden?"

He had confined himself to the house for several days now.

She understood that he was afraid of forgetting his way back home if he went outside.

Madelyn felt conflicted and anguished. She thought that she had become a source of constraint in his life, and if it weren't for her, Benjamin wouldn't have to endure such hardships.

In the courtyard, she tightly held his hand, cherishing the last warm moment with him.

She stared at her husband under the moonlight.

He was still handsome.

But now and then, the way he looked at her seemed distant and strange.

He had started avoiding her, and later, Madelyn found a note in his pocket, with a few words written on it as a reminder to himself.

[Go to the basement, and stay there until you remember Madelyn!]

Upon seeing that note, Madelyn wept for a long time.



She thought to herself that perhaps she shouldn't keep him by her side any longer. He was not happy around her...

But without his memories of her, he was still Benjamin.

At night, with tears in her eyes, Madelyn drifted off to sleep.

In the early morning, she woke up to find a white rose placed by her pillow, fresh glistening with fresh dew as always. She felt sweet in her heart, and she softly called his name, "Ben..."

It was silent in the bedroom.

Madelyn had a bad feeling. She even had no time to put on her shoes and just rushed downstairs.

"Ben... Ben..."

"Benjamin!"

Chapter 270 Ben, I Think I Should Set You Free

With her hair down, Madelyn hurried downstairs!

She looked everywhere for him in the villa, including the basement, but there was no sign of him.

Where had Benjamin gone?

Just when Madelyn felt utterly lost and distressed, a tall figure walked in from outside, with his back to the light. She couldn't see his face clearly. Nevertheless, Madelyn knew it was him.

"Ben!" She threw herself into his arms.

Benjamin held her close with one arm and gently nuzzled her neck, asking, "What's wrong?"

Madelyn buried her face in his chest and replied, "Ben, I was so scared! I feared that if you left, you'd never come back!"

"Silly girl, that could never happen."

"Don't cry; it breaks my heart to see you crying."

He guided her to sit down and placed a bag of breakfast on the table.

Madelyn felt somewhat surprised. Had he gone to buy breakfast?

Benjamin lightly stroked her cool cheek and said with a gentle smile, "You haven't had much of an appetite lately. The bread pudding used to be your favorite for breakfast. Go and have some."

He served the pudding for Madelyn.

She scooped up a spoon and put it in her mouth.

It tasted salty.

Just like the taste of tears!

Benjamin sat beside her and watched her eat.

After she ate half of the bread pudding, he said, "Madelyn, I've contacted a high-end rehabilitation hospital with excellent facilities. I want to go there for treatment."

The spoon in Madelyn's hand fell to the table...

Benjamin wanted to pick it up for her, but she was a step ahead. She quickly picked up the spoon and wiped it with a tissue.

Benjamin gazed at her quietly.

He knew she couldn't accept this, but it was the best choice.

He was gradually forgetting, and the time he could remember her and Everest each day was not much now. When he completely forgot about them, he wouldn't have any feelings for them anymore!

Their interactions would become horrible!

he couldn't risk frightening her.

gently explained and comforted her, "Madelyn, perhaps through treatment, I can recover my lost memories."

lips were quivering...

down that if the situation weren't so

Everest was everything

couldn't bear to hear her sobbing any longer and held her in his arms. He

when she was in his arms!

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the afternoon, Benjamin locked himself away

the basement, her fingers touching

didn't dare to go

to him or him reading the diary again and again, just to spend a bit

Benjamin was in a lot of

suffered from migraines.

that he wouldn't feel any pain

the driver to get the car

such a question and replied with lowered eyes. "The food is adequate inside. Just leave him alone." She thought that someone as proud as Benjamin would

the driver asked, "Mrs. Clark, where are you

"SouthHill Sanatorium."

driver didn't say anything else and just drove silently. These employees who had worked for the Clark family for many years kept their mouths shut, and they all felt sad for Benjamin and Madelyn.

an hour later, the car pulled into SouthHill Sanatorium. Madelyn met with the renowned

sat in the car, she couldn't

about the doctor's

and work normally... If we attempt to forcibly awaken his memories, not only will it be ineffective, but it will also

please think about it carefully!"

...

had tried this before. How much pain did he

her eyes.

beyond words.

and just handed tissues to

go

Group and walked into Benjamin's former office. She touched everything in

cup of

said, "Could you please ask Paisley to come here?"

smile. "Of course, Ms.

after, Paisley entered the office.

really busy and carried a stack of documents with her.

for her to put them down.

confused, put them on

take a seat, and after a long while she asked, "What kind of person

like since they met the first

to hear from Paisley, someone who had worked for him for many years.

was somewhat

Then she smiled, thinking about the past as she told Madelyn how Benjamin had established Bravo Legal Firm after graduating and how he had won his first lawsuit. She also told her that he used to be proud and distant to everyone around him!

Paisley talked for a long time. Finally, she said with an embarrassed smile, "Madelyn, I've talked too much."

But Madelyn spoke gently, "I enjoy listening."

Paisley felt quite moved.

Having worked as a lawyer for many years, she had seen many couples split up, and she had witnessed numerous fights over property...

She could sense that Madelyn and Mr. Clark were deeply in love.

As Paisley was unsure of what to say next, Madelyn had already stood up and said, "Please prepare a press conference for me. I have something to announce."

Paisley realized what was happening.

Madelyn's expression remained calm, but she looked determined after deep contemplation.

After being lost in thought for a while, Paisley nodded and said, "Okay, Ms. Green. I'll take care of that right away."

The office door was closed.

Madelyn entered the lounge area. She opened the closet where there was a row of suits and shirts of Benjamin. Among them, she found a white women's suit of Fashionholic.

Madelyn changed into the suit and put on a pair of high heels.

As she stood before the mirror, she carefully tied up her hair and put on a little makeup.

She did everything slowly and recalled the words of Fletcher, who had mentioned that Ben would need to experience a circle of life in this world...

If she couldn't hold onto Ben...

If Ben was destined to have a better life, then she would set him free. She would wait for him to come back...

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An hour later, Madelyn showed up in front of cameras for the first time as the CEO of Everest Group.

Madelyn was the daughter-in-law of a prominent family.

However, she was dressed in professional attire, without extravagant jewelry on her.

She was only wearing a pair of delicate pearl earrings.

Because Benjamin sent it to her as a gift.

In front of the microphones and countless cameras, she spoke with a light yet resolute tone, "My husband, Benjamin, is embarking on a new career path. As a result, I will be taking on the role of Everest Group's CEO. In the future, I will work alongside 4,500 employees of Everest Group to strive for success."

The media was in an uproar.

There had been rumors that Benjamin's health was declining, and he was unable to work, leading to a drop in Everest Group's stock price.

However, Ms. Green held a press conference today.

She confirmed that Everest Group was still under the control of the Clark family.

On that day, Everest Group's stock price began to recover from its recent lows...