## THE CONTRACT MARRIAGE

## **Chapter 311 I Haven't Signed Any Equity Transfer Contract**

Vivian looked at Captain Brook's back and clenched her fists!

When she thought about how Lucas had been sentenced for twenty-five years, her chest felt breathless.

Vivian supported her body and walked to the sofa to sit down. Then, her body went limp and collapsed on the sofa. She tightly closed her eyes.

Twenty-five years!

How could he be sentenced to such a long time?

Why?

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No matter what Jasmine said at the entrance of the Cooper Group, no matter whether Captain Brook and his two police officers had taken Julian away or not, at eleven o'clock in the morning, the press conference of the Cooper Group started as usual.

All the reporters were invited into the conference room half an hour earlier.

It was 10: 55, when Dowson and Vivian came to the conference room. At 11: 00 in the morning, the press conference officially began!

The host of the conference was Vivian. She was now hosting this conference as the CEO of Cooper Group.

After a short speech, Vivian announced that Dowson was the director with the most shares in the Cooper Group.

Vivian looked at the reporters below the stage and said in a clear voice.

"Today, I solemnly announce. . . "

"You have no right to announce it!"

Before Vivian finished speaking, a loud and clear voice rang out at the door of the conference room!

Everyone looked towards the conference room's door!

The people who walked over from the door were Jasmine and Sarah.

Behind them were a few bodyguards that Jasmine

had brought with her.

The few people who suddenly barged in caused an uproar in the entire meeting room!

Dowson immediately frowned and pointed at them. "This is the Cooper Group's press conference. What are you guys doing here? Security, chase all these people out!"

Jasmine heard his words and smiled. She retorted sharply. "What? Director Bates was so anxious to become the chairman of Cooper Group? Have you done too many bad things that you are afraid you will be kicked out even before you go on stage?"

Dowson's face twitched unnaturally, but he still maintained his imposing manner. "Don't try to mislead the crowd here! I am frank and honest when it comes to doing things for the Cooper Group. Vice President

Wilson, on the other hand, is the vice president of the Wilson Group. Why did she come to the Cooper Group? Isn't your hand a little too long?"

Jasmine heard his words and could not help but laugh. She did not put Dowson in her eyes at all. She brought Sarah to the front of the hosting table.

Jasmine looked at the reporters below and said, "Do you still remember what I, Jasmine Wilson, said at the entrance of the Cooper Group this morning? I said that I would let this good friend of mine to sit in the chairperson seat of the Cooper Group!"

A reporter immediately stood up. "Of course I remember! May I ask Vice President Wilson, when is this time?"

"Yes! Can Vice President Wilson give us a specific time?"

Jasmine smiled and raised her chin. "Of course! I can tell everyone clearly now! It's today! Now!"

As soon as Jasmine finished speaking, there was another wave of commotion!

Listening to Jasmine's words, Vivian's heart tightened and she felt an indescribable nervousness.

From Jasmine and Sarah's expressions, it seemed like they had come prepared!

Before this, what exactly had happened, Vivian could not figure it out.

When Dowson heard Jasmine's words, he could not help but smile. He felt that this woman was bluffing.

When Diego heard Jasmine's words, he looked at

Jasmine with amusement. "Vice President Wilson's tone is very funny. But isn't it a little too big? Aren't you afraid that the wind will blow your tongue?"

The reporters below the stage could not help but look at Jasmine and ask, "Does Vice President Wilson have any evidence? Is that why she said that?"

"Could Vice President Wilson be speaking big words?"

Jasmine was not angry at all. Hearing Diego's words, she replied with a smile. "I brought Chairman Cooper's personal lawyer today. He has a document to show in front of everyone! Please welcome Lawyer Barrel."

Jasmine looked at Thomas, who was standing at the side, after she finished speaking.

Thomas nodded slightly and walked in front of the reporter with the copy of the equity transfer in his hand.

"Chairman Cooper has always treated his daughterin-law, Miss Sarah Wilson, as his own daughter. Because of this, he made an important decision a few months ago!"

After saying that, he waved the equity transfer contract in the air.

"Mr. Barrel, what is this?"

"This is the equity transfer letter in which Chairman Cooper transferred 30% of his shares to Miss Wilson a few months ago! This is a photocopy!"

As soon as Thomas finished speaking, everyone was shocked!

"Yesterday, Miss Wilson went to her husband's army and obtained 20% of the shares of Chairman Cooper's eldest son, Christian Cooper. So now, Miss Sarah Wilson has a total of 50% of the Cooper Group's shares! So from now on, the chairman of Cooper Group will be Miss Sarah Wilson!"

As soon as Thomas finished speaking, Sarah felt the light in front of her eyes flash. The reporters below the stage kept shooting at her. She could not describe the nervousness in her heart, but she knew what kind of heavy responsibility she was carrying right now!

Listening to Thomas's words, cold sweat kept emerging from Dowson's back.

As soon as Thomas finished speaking, he immediately retorted, "Impossible! This is absolutely impossible! How could she have so many shares?

You only have a copy in your hands, and Ethan Cooper is still lying in the hospital. You must have fabricated it. If you do this, you will be punished by the law!"

Vivian also looked at the few people in front of her uneasily. Her heart was in a mess.

She had a bad premonition from the beginning. She did not expect that the press conference would turn into such a scene in the blink of an eye.

However, when she heard Dowson's words, it was as if she saw a glimmer of hope in her heart. She also raised her head and stared nervously at Thomas.

Thomas smiled when he heard Dowson's words. "I am a lawyer! This professional integrity is still there. Since you asked, then I can tell you without hiding anything. The original copy of the equity transfer letter

is in the safe of the Central Bank. Other than the new Chairman Wilson, no one else can open the safe!"

"I don't believe it! I don't believe it!"

Dowson would never believe that such a thing would happen! He pointed at Jasmine with a red face.

"Vice President Wilson is obviously harboring evil intentions. She wants to make our Cooper Group a mess! Someone come and invite her out!"

Jasmine immediately looked coldly at this old man and retorted bluntly, "The person who is harboring evil intentions should be you, right? Chairman Cooper is still in the hospital. You only want to be the chairman to achieve your own goals. You even want Julian to sign the equity transfer contract when he is still unconscious! Dowson Bates, do you really think you have gotten 20% of Julian's shares? Dream on!"

"You damn woman. . !. Security guard, throw her out!" Dowson was completely enraged by Jasmine's words. He raised his hand and pointed at Jasmine, shouting loudly.

The door of the meeting room was opened again.

This time, the one who walked in from outside was the criminal police Captain Brook who had just taken Julian away.

Behind him was a mentally exhausted Julian.

Although his spirit was weak, at least for now, he was awake! And beside him were the two police detectives from earlier.

The moment Vivian saw Julian, she felt that her life was completely over!

A deep fear instantly surrounded her!

"Isn't this CEO Cooper?" The reporters immediately recognized Julian.

Although Julian could not see it, his ears were clear. When he had just been downstairs, he had already heard from Captain Brook what had happened in the company.

"Julian..."

Julian heard someone in the crowd call his name. He knew this voice. It was Sarah.

He fumbled around to find Sarah.

Just as he reached over, Sarah grabbed his hand. She brought him to the front! "Julian, tell everyone now, are you willing to transfer 20% of your shares under Dowson's name?" Sarah asked anxiously.

Julian frowned when he heard this. He asked angrily, "When did I do this? I have been feeling dizzy these days. I can't help but sleep! This company was founded by my father. He's still in bed and hasn't woken up yet. Why would I do such an unfilial thing? I haven't signed any equity transfer contracts at all!"

As soon as Julian finished speaking, everyone immediately looked at Dowson and Vivian!

However, they found that Vivian had taken the opportunity to quietly walk to the door of the conference room.

However, before Vivian could even walk to the door, she was stopped by Captain Brook who was standing

just at the door.

"Miss Vivian, you are suspected of fraud, forging fake documents, and maliciously controlling the CEO of Cooper Group, Julian Cooper. This is a crime! Please come with us!"

When Vivian heard Captain Brook's words, she immediately shook her head in fear.

"It's not me! These are all things Dowson told me to do! He. . . He is the mastermind! I only listened to his slanderous words for a moment. . . You. . . Don't accuse me unjustly!"

When Dowson heard Vivian actually throw the mud at him, he immediately scolded her angrily.

"How can a woman like you frame me? The transfer of shares was clearly forged by you! Comrade police,

it was this woman who lied to me! I only know the truth now! Please bring this person to justice!"

Vivian looked at Captain Brook with a wronged expression and pointed at Dowson, "Captain, he is lying! It was him who told me to do all of these! Why would I scheme against my own husband and inlaws? This Dowson Bates threatened to kill me! That's why I did this! I am not in this!"

Hearing Vivian's words, Dowson was so angry that his chest hurt. He yelled at the top of his voice, "You damn b\*tch! How dare you to slander me! It's you who wants to climb the ladder by unscrupulous means! You schemed against your own husband and now accusing me! Inspector, arrest this woman!"

Captain Brook looked at the two people who were criticizing each other and said coldly, "Don't worry! Neither of you can escape!"

After saying that, he looked at the two subordinates beside him. The two of them immediately understood what he meant and walked towards Vivian and Dowson.

Vivian saw that the situation was not good and nervously ran towards Sarah's direction, reaching out to grab her arm. But she was blocked by the bodyguards Jasmine brought over.

Vivian looked at Sarah and Julian and shouted,
"Sarah, Julian! I was wrong! I should not have been
confused! You guys help me! I really did not do it on
purpose! I was tricked by this person! Sarah, for
Stephen's sake, quickly help me beg for mercy, okay?
Please. . . Julian. . . I am your wife! Julian. . . "

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**Chapter 312 No Longer Be Forgiven** 

No matter how Vivian begged, Julian and Sarah did not turn back.

But when Vivian mentioned Stephen, Sarah's heart could not help but tremble!

After all, she was Stephen's biological mother!

But...

This time, she had gone too far!

Julian listened to Vivian's words and turned his head

to look in her direction. His voice was indescribably cold. "Vivian! Now you remember that you are my wife. When you transferred my shares, why didn't you think of that? When you gave me sleeping pills, why didn't you think that you were my wife? And you still have the nerve to talk about Stephen! You don't deserve to be a mother at all! Because of your vicious heart, you have such an outcome today. It is all your fault!"

"Don't you covet the Cooper family's property so much? Now enjoy your hard earned property in jail! You dug your own grave! The bitter wine that you brewed, drink it yourself!"

"Julian, you can't be so heartless. . . I love you. . . I am Stephen's mother. Help me beg for mercy, I promise! I promise that I will never come to the Cooper Group again, alright?"

Julian's words had completely frightened Vivian. She was afraid that she would end up like Lucas this time!

But no matter how much she begged for mercy, no matter how much she cried, everything she did had completely broken the hearts of Julian and Sarah.

No matter whose mother she was, what she did was unforgivable!

The press conference made Sarah from an ordinary housewife to the center of attention in the entire city instantly! She became the new chairman of Cooper Group!

Although she did not have the ability to manage the company, at this time, she could not shrink back at all!

And this press conference had become the turning point of Vivian's life!

Because the evidence was conclusive, she was officially arrested!

The moment she was taken out of the conference room by the police, she completely regretted it. She turned around to look at Sarah and Julian, and for the last time, she begged, "Julian, Sarah! I was wrong! Quick, save me! I was wrong! I'm sorry! Hurry and help me! I'm Stephen's mother, you can't do this!"

However, no matter how much she regretted or begged, no one responded to her!

Vivian was finally taken away, along with Dowson.

The company's crisis this time also made Julian completely clear-headed.

When the press conference ended, facing Sarah, he

felt extremely ashamed.

"Sarah, I'm sorry. . . All of this was caused by me! I have let Cooper Family down! I'm even more sorry to my father and my deceased mother. . ."

Sarah smiled and held his hand as she led him to the sofa and sat down.

"You can't see with your eyes. Vivian made use of this point to do whatever she wanted in the company. This is not your fault. Don't blame yourself too much. Fortunately, this time, the Cooper Group was safe and sound. In the future, when Dad's body gets better day by day and your eyes will recover, the Cooper Group would become better and better. Don't you think so?"

Julian couldn't see with his eyes. It was already very good that he could do what he did now.

Hearing him blame himself so much, how could she bear to blame him again?

"Sarah, I just heard about Dad's situation. Is he really awake?" Julian asked with some expectation.

"No, but when I went to see Dad that day, I chatted with him for a while and felt his fingers move. I told him that if he can hear what I said, then respond to me. In the end, his hands moved again."

Julian immediately held Sarah's hands in surprise. "Really? Sarah, you didn't lie to me, right?"

"Of course it's true! The company matters have settled down. This afternoon, I'll bring you to see Dad. The doctor did a checkup on Dad. He said that with his current condition, it won't take long for him to completely wake up."

"That's great! That's great! Sarah. . . " Julian was very excited when he heard the news from his father.

"I will get someone to bring Ruby back in the afternoon and take care of you again."

"Okay, Sarah, thank you. . ." Julian heard what she said and his eyes could not help but become moist.
"I'm sorry, I really should not have done that to you in the past. I thought Vivian was a good person. . ."

Seeing the situation now, Julian was very regretful about what he had done in the past.

"Don't blame yourself anymore. The person the company needs the most is you. You have to pull yourself together, understand?"

"Yes, Sarah, don't worry! This time, I will definitely

work hard!"

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The storm in Cooper Group ended with Vivian and Dowson's failure. What the two of them faced would be the law's punishment.

After Ruby's father found out about Vivian scandal, he did not do anything to stop Ruby anymore.

Actually, his leg was not injured to begin with. It was because he agreed to Vivian that was why he deliberately let the village doctor bandage his leg very badly.

Now when he finally saw through Vivian's true colors, he had no obligations to stop his daughter anymore.

Ruby returned to Julian's side in the afternoon and

took care of his daily life again.

After experiencing this incident, Julian was even more determined to divorce Vivian.

After Mrs. Holmes heard the news that her daughter had exposed herself that night, she ran to the Cooper Group in a panic the next morning. But the security didn't let her in at all.

Mrs. Holmes waited at the entrance of the company all the time until Julian and Sarah got off work in the afternoon.

As soon as Mrs. Holmes saw the both of them, she wanted to rush over but the security stopped her. She did not have a chance to approach the two of them at all.

Seeing the car drive away, she stopped a taxi by the

side of the road. She chased Julian's car back to Villa of Cooper Family.

But when the taxi arrived, the door of Villa of Cooper Family had already been closed. No matter how she shouted at the door, not a single person came out.

After everything Vivian did, she could no longer be forgiven!

Afraid that she would not see Julian and Sarah the next day, Mrs. Holmes stood at the villa's entrance for the whole night. The next morning, when Julian and Sarah's car drove out of the villa, Mrs. Holmes desperately rushed in front of Julian's car, crying and begging him to let Vivian go.

Because Mrs. Holmes refused to leave, the driver did not dare to drive forcefully. Julian heard Mrs. Holmes crying, he let Ruby help him get out of the car. Just as he walked out, Mrs. Holmes ran over as if she saw hope. She grabbed his arm tightly. "Julian! I know Vivian did something wrong. But since she is the mother of your child, let her go! I beg you! I beg you. . "

At the end of her words, Mrs. Holmes bent her knees and knelt on the ground, crying desperately.

At this moment, Mrs. Holmes was very clear that her daughter had been captured this time and would most likely be sentenced to prison. Therefore, she did not care about anything else. She only hoped that Julian would let her daughter off the hook.

"Aunt!" Ruby saw Mrs. Holmes kneeling in front of Julian and quickly went to help her.

Mrs. Holmes grabbed Ruby's hand and looked at her

with tears streaming down her face, "Ruby, I know Julian likes you. He will definitely listen to what you say! I beg you, for the sake of your aunt, help Vivian beg for mercy! Consider it your aunt begging you. . . If your Sister Vivian do not have anyone to help this time, she will definitely be sentenced. Ruby! Ruby you help your aunt! Help me. . ."

At the end of her sentence, Mrs. Holmes was already sobbing silently.

To the Holmes family, Vivian was the bread maker. Most of the expenses in the family were paid by Vivian. If she was sentenced this time, then the Holmes family would not have any hope anymore.

Julian heard Mrs. Holmes's words and said coldly, "What your daughter did had completely broken the hearts of others. If it wasn't for Sarah, your precious daughter might have already handed over the Cooper

Group to someone else. Do you know what the Cooper Group to us? That was the painstaking effort of my father. But that woman! She actually wanted to snatch away our company from us!"

"I just don't understand. Why didn't you teach your daughter how to behave properly back then? No matter how bad I, Julian Cooper, am, I didn't feed anyone sleeping pills! And I didn't find anyone to intentionally crash into someone's car! When she was doing it, the heavens were watching. When she first started to take this step, she should have thought that she would have today's outcome!

"If it wasn't for Sarah, your daughter would already have taken everything from us! So don't blame me for being heartless. Because she was the one who was heartless in the first place! Today's outcome was also her own fault! No one can be blamed! Ruby, Let's go!"

Mrs. Holmes heard Julian's words and tightly grabbed Ruby's hand and shouted, "Ruby! You can't watch Vivian die! Ruby! Your Sister Vivian gave you 100,000 yuan. . . If it wasn't for Vivian, can your father's illness be cured? Ruby! A person cannot be ungrateful. . ."

Seeing that the two of them were about to get on the car, Mrs. Holmes did not care about anything else and continuously shouted.

Julian sneered when he heard this, "Now I finally understand why Vivian had such an outcome today! Turns out it was all related to a mother like you! Do you know that I asked Vivian to give to Ruby one million? But when it comes to Ruby, it becomes 100,000."

"Not only did Vivian deduct 900,000 yuan, but you also wanted Ruby to be grateful to you? And you are her mother. Don't you feel that you have gone too far?

Ruby, Let's go!"

Seeing Mrs. Holmes's tear-filled face, Ruby could not bear to see it. But things had come to this point. She also could not say anything. She gently pushed Mrs. Holmes's hand away and brought Julian into the car.

The car started up quickly and drove away from Mrs. Holmes's side.

Mrs. Holmes's body went limp on the ground. She looked at the car driving further and further away. Thinking about her daughter once again, she cried like rain.

"Vivian. . . My daughter. . . What should mom do? How should I help you?"

Mrs. Holmes finally left Villa of Cooper Family. After she returned home, she took the bank card that her daughter gave her a while ago and went to the bank.

Luckily, the people from the Cooper Family did not close the bank account. Mrs. Holmes took out tens of thousands from the bank and asked about a good law firm.

Although she did not know what her daughter's charges was, but looking for a lawyer was still possible for her. Since the people of Cooper Family wouldn't forgive her daughter, then she could only find a sensible person to help her.

After paying the money, the lawyer told Mrs. Holmes that the case had not yet been transferred to the court, so she could make some more effort. If the people of Cooper Family gave up on pursuing the responsibility or helped Vivian plead guilty, Vivian would probably be sentenced lightly.

When Mrs. Holmes heard the lawyer's words, she asked helplessly: "In other words, my daughter will be sentenced no matter what, right?"

"The impact of the press conference yesterday was too bad. If it was not exposed, there might still be room for negotiation. However, I will do my best to help your daughter. Go and beg the Cooper Family now, or see if there are any other channels that you can think of. . . "

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**Chapter 313 Too Late For Regrets** 

Vivian probably did not expect this press conference to become her confession.

After the exposure, no matter how capable Mrs.
Holmes was, she would not be able to turn the situation around. Moreover, Mrs. Holmes was just an ordinary housewife.

Coming out of the law firm, Mrs. Holmes looked at the city in front of her, where cars were coming and going. She walked along the sidewalk dejectedly, thinking about how to save her daughter.

Suddenly, Mrs. Holmes thought of a person. That person would definitely help her!

As if she had seen hope, Mrs. Holmes immediately hailed a taxi and quickly went to Ruby's house!

Julian's feelings for Ruby, everyone saw it. Ruby's

father had promised her before that if Julian divorced Vivian in the future, he would die at the door of Cooper Group!

She no longer held any hope for the people of the Cooper Family. Her daughter was originally not liked by many people in the Cooper Family. Now that something like this had happened, no one would sympathize with her anymore.

But if she could catch Ruby's father, she might be able to turn the situation around.

The taxi drove for more than an hour before arriving at Ruby's house. When the car stopped at the door, Mrs. Holmes quickly got out of the car and stumbled into Ruby's house. She did not care about etiquette and poise.

The moment she pushed open the door of Ruby's

house, Mrs. Holmes fell to her knees at the door and started to cry loudly.

Although Ruby's parents already knew about Vivian's matter, they were still shocked by Mrs. Holmes's actions. Ruby's parents immediately walked over and helped Mrs. Holmes up to sit on the chair.

"Cousin, on account of us being relatives, this time you must help our family no matter what!" As soon as she sat down, Mrs. Holmes cried like rain.

"Cousin, we have also heard about Vivian. But I am a farmer. I cannot help with this kind of thing. . ." Ruby's father heard Mrs. Holmes's words and replied somewhat helplessly.

Mrs. Holmes immediately looked at him. "You can help! As long as you want to help, you can definitely help!"

Ruby's father nodded. "Alright. Cousin, how do you want me to help you?"

Ruby's mother also looked at Mrs. Holmes and comforted her. "Yes, as long as it is something we can help, we will definitely help!"

"Julian has always liked your daughter Ruby! Vivian clearly knows this point but she still let Ruby go to Villa of Cooper Family. Which woman can have such a big heart? No matter how bad our Vivian is, she did not say anything to your family. If it wasn't for Vivian, would Cousin's illness be cured? Although Vivian can't be considered your family's benefactor, please help her." Mrs. Holmes cried as she spoke.

Ruby's father listened to her cousin's words. Although he knew in his heart that the money was given by Julian, but at this time he did not want to add insult to injury, so he said slowly, "Cousin, just say it. How do you want me to help you?"

"You ask Ruby to persuade Julian to let Vivian live. Even if Julian divorced her, as long as she is not sentenced, she can do anything!"

"Ruby can persuade him, but I can't guarantee that the people of Cooper Family will listen to her. . ."
Ruby's father replied helplessly.

"Cousin, you swore to me that if Julian divorced Vivian, you would die in front of the Cooper Group! Now that Vivian is in trouble, you can't leave her to die! You have to help her!"

Hearing Mrs. Holmes's words, Ruby's father frowned. Looking at this unreasonable woman, the expression on his face was somewhat serious. "Cousin, what you said is wrong. I did swear an oath back then, but I

said if Vivian and Julian divorced because of Ruby, I would have done that. But things are not like what I said back then! Vivian had the intention of harming others. She had violated the laws of the country. Do you think it has anything to do with Ruby? Even if Ruby could help to express her feelings, even if the people of Cooper Family did not pursue the matter, it was clearly shown on the television that Vivian gave Julian sleeping pills. And she is also accused of slander! Does this have anything to do with Ruby?"

"Cousin, even if Vivian did something wrong, she still helped you guys back then. . . No matter what, she is indebted to your family. You guys can't kick her while she is down. . ." Mrs. Holmes heard Ruby's father's words and immediately retorted anxiously.

"It is cousin that your words are a little too much. Vivian has come to this stage today, is it Ruby who made her do this? You said that she helped us

before. I also admit this point! She might have wanted to help us in the beginning! But how did that 100,000 yuan come? Do you know? In the past, I didn't want to say it, but since you have said it to this extent today, I had no choice but to say it."

"Ruby was supposed to be a servant in the Cooper Family, so we thought that she would earn more money in the future and find a good family to marry her. But not long after, she was ruined by Julian. Later on, I called Ruby back and asked her a few times. At first, she didn't want to tell the truth, but later on, when she saw that I got angry, she cried and told us the truth. It was because Vivian asked her to put on the aphrodisiac perfume. After that, Vivian avoided the responsibility saying she took the wrong perfume."

"Julian then took out a million to compensate Ruby, but Vivian only gave Ruby a hundred thousand! Cousin, Our family is short of money, but if I knew that my daughter lost her innocence in exchange, even if I died of illness, I would not have used that money.

Later on, when I found out the truth, I almost died out of guilt towards my daughter."

"Cousin, you're already in your fifties or sixties, and your daughter is the heart of yours. Just like you love your daughter, we love our daughter too. Don't think that your own child is the child and others' are not. I have indeed said that before, but since it's already like that, now when I think about it, I feel that I am too muddle-headed about Vivian's matter."

"I will call Ruby, but how much of an effect can she have there? Vivian has to bear the responsibilities of her wrong doings. Also, don't mention anything about 100,000 yuan to me in the future. That would be an insult to Ruby. I also know that Vivian and Julian haven't divorced yet and it is not right for Ruby to live in the Cooper Family, but it was Vivian who brought

Ruby into the Cooper Family. There are some paths that you have to pay a price for. I will not interfere in the matters between Ruby and Julian anymore. Because the one who has been wronged from the beginning to the end is our Ruby! What she owes you all has long been paid back."

Ruby's father's words made Mrs. Holmes speechless.

She originally thought that her cousin would definitely help her regardless of everything, but now it seemed like. . . That kind of hope was also very slim.

Mrs. Holmes came out of Ruby's house and took the taxi back to the city. Along the way, Mrs. Holmes thought about her daughter and kept shedding tears.

At this moment, she felt Vivian might really be sentenced this time.

But she had already done what she needed to do. Whether it was the Cooper Family or Ruby's family, she had said all sorts of good things, but still no one helped her.

. . .

Because the evidence was conclusive, Vivian's case was quickly transferred to the court.

On the day of the court hearing, Mrs. Holmes finally saw Vivian. Seeing her daughter being detained by two policemen at the scene of the court hearing and looking at her daughter's impoverished appearance, she instantly had tears streaming down her face.

"Vivian. . ." Mrs. Holmes looked at her daughter crying out loud.

The first time Vivian walked into the court, she saw

her parents. Seeing that both of them had aged a lot because of her, she tightly bit her lower lip and held back her tears.

Except for the lawyer, no one else from the Cooper Family was present.

Because the evidence was conclusive, Vivian could not do anything about it. When the judge finished reading the judgment, she shouted in despair,

"Impossible! I did not commit a crime! Julian is my husband, I didn't control him! You guys are mistaken! You must be wrong!"

No matter how much she refused to believe it, no matter how much she refused to accept this fact, the law was merciless.

Vivian was sentenced to six years in prison!

When she was first blinded by greed, she should have thought of today's outcome!

"Mom! Hurry and help me! I can't be sentenced! I can't go to jail! Hurry and help me! Help me!"

When Vivian was taken away by the law enforcement officers, Vivian looked at her mother who was sitting by the side and shouted at the top of her lungs!

Her life had just begun! How could she go to jail?

"Vivian. . ." Mrs. Holmes heard her daughter's shout and kept shaking her head. Regret and tears also followed. "It's all mother's fault! I should have persuaded you back then. . . Vivian. . . "

Actually, Julian was right about one thing. Why did Vivian become like today? It had a lot to do with her

mother!

Mrs. Holmes knew that her daughter had done something wrong, but she did not stop her! It was too late for regrets!

The dust settled on Vivian's case very quickly!

Even though Mrs. Holmes had the lawyer bring up the lawsuit again, the outcome of the second trial was still to maintain the conviction.

Such an outcome made Vivian completely collapse.

The last glimmer of hope also disappeared without a trace.

On the second day after the case was settled, Julian submitted a divorce lawsuit to the court.

When Vivian heard this news, she refused to sign the divorce agreement no matter what.

But no matter how much she insisted, when the court considered the crimes she had committed before, they were sentenced to divorce!

And the child Stephen was returned to the Cooper Family.

Because of Vivian's previous scandal, she did not get a single cent of the Cooper Family's property!

And for the sake of his son, Julian compensated Mrs. Holmes 100,000 yuan.

When Vivian heard the verdict, she broke down again.

"No! He can't divorce me! I have a son, he can't divorce me! He said that he would give me a villa if I

gave birth to a son! No! I don't agree! I don't agree!" Vivian screamed in despair.

However, no matter how much she collapsed, no matter how much she did not believe everything, her marriage with Julian had come to an end.

The moment Julian got the divorce certificate and heard Ruby read the content of the verdict to him, he excitedly reached out and hugged Ruby tightly. He lowered his head and continuously kissed her forehead, her eyebrows, and her nose. Her lips. . .

"Ruby, let's go register and get married now! I want to marry you!" Julian finally got rid of Vivian. He did not want to wait a second longer!

Ruby heard his words and smiled. "Have you really thought it through?"

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**Chapter 314 Sister-in-law** 

"I have already thought about it! If Vivian did not agree to divorce previously, how could I have delayed it until now?"

"But Ruby. . . You will not despise me because of my eyes, right?"

Although he was rich, in his heart, he knew that money would not work in front of this woman.

Furthermore, she had repeatedly rejected him

previously. So now. . . He was a little lacking in confidence.

"If I really dislike you, how could I possibly stay by your side all the time? Julian, no matter what you become, I will not dislike you. . ." Ruby said as she reached out and gently hugged his waist, pressing her face against his chest.

Previously when he took away her first time, she hated him. But when his eyes went blind and when he helplessly faced this world, her heart also ached.

That night, when he hugged her and cried out involuntarily and said the words that he was wrong, she had already completely forgiven him.

There was an old saying; a prodigal who returns is more precious than gold. She could clearly feel that he was trying hard to make himself better and better.

"Then let's go register now! I don't want to wait any longer. Ruby, I don't want to wait any longer. I want you to marry me and become my wife! Alright?"

Julian gently held her face. Although he could not see her current appearance, he still looked at her attentively.

Seeing his eager expression, Ruby did not insist and nodded slightly. "Okay! But. . . Julian. . ."

"What's wrong?"

"I want to tell my Dad first, is that okay?" She hoped that her marriage would be blessed by her parents. She didn't want to secretly marry like this.

Julian immediately nodded. "Okay! I'll go with you."

Ruby smiled and gently held his hand. "Then let's go now. . ."

Facing Julian again, Ruby's father was no longer like before. However, he was still a little worried.

"Julian, you can't see with your eyes now. If one day your eyes are cured. . . Will you still treat Ruby like this?"

Ruby's father was not worried about now. Instead, he was about a certain day in the future. After his eyes were cured, would Julian meet the person he liked again and cheat on her daughter?

Julian immediately promised. "If you are really worried about this, then I will never cure my eyes for the rest of my life! Let Ruby be my eyes!"

Hearing this, Ruby's father nodded in satisfaction.

"Alright, I can see that you are also sincere towards our Ruby. In the past, we were against you being together. That is because you and Vivian were still husband and wife. No matter what, this kind of thing is wrong. Don't you think so?"

Julian nodded and said with some guilt, "It was my fault in the past. Uncle, since Ruby came to our house, too many things have happened. My eyes went blind. My father is still unconscious and my mother has unfortunately left me. I'm not saying this to gain your sympathy, but I just want to tell you that after going through so many things, I'm no longer the Julian I used to be. I understand that there are many things that I need to give my heart. From now on, whether it is to Ruby or to my own family, I will treat them sincerely! So that I will not regret afterwards."

Ruby's father nodded. "Hearing what you said, I am relieved. After all, the difference between our families

is too great. Actually, facing a rich family like you, I don't feel like getting a fortune. On the contrary, I feel a little uneasy. But from what you just said, I know that after Ruby marries you, she won't suffer any more grievances. Today, I won't stop the two of you anymore. I only hope that in the future. . . No matter what happens to you, you must remember to be united as husband and wife. Do you understand?"

"Yes, thank you, uncle! " Julian immediately nodded happily.

Ruby's mother heard the words of her prospective son-in-law and smiled. "Ruby's father has already agreed to your marriage. Are you still calling him uncle now?"

Ruby heard her mother's words and her face turned slightly red.

"Thank you father! Thank you, Mom!" Julian changed his words happily. Ruby looked at his excited expression and could not help but laugh.

Ruby's father went to the room and took out the household register and handed it to Julian. "This is Ruby's household register. Go and register for your marriage."

"Thank you, father." Julian took it and nodded excitedly.

Julian and Ruby took the household register and went straight to the Civil Affairs Bureau. That afternoon, they received their marriage certificate.

The moment they got the marriage certificate, Julian hugged Ruby excitedly. His eyes also turned red.

"Ruby, you are finally my wife. This time, you will not

be able to escape!"

Ruby also smiled and reached out to hug him. "I won't escape. I will always be by your side!"

Julian listened to her and hugged her tightly. "Ruby, thank you! Thank you for coming to my side! Thank you for letting me see myself clearly."

Ruby easily let go of his waist and looked at him with a smile. "Then let's go home now. Tell our family about our matter and tell sister-in-law. . ."

"Okay! Let's tell sister-in-law."

Ruby smiled and looked at him in surprise. "Why didn't you call her by her name?"

"I used to call her by her name because I never treated her as my sister-in-law. This time, she did so

much for the Cooper Group. She used her actions to tell me that she is sister-in-law! And from now on, I have to respect her. So I can't call her by her name like before. Besides, my heart is now filled with you. I can't let any other woman in now."

Ruby heard his words and smiled happily. She gently held his hand. "Then let's go home now."

"Okay. Let's go."

That night, when the people of Cooper Family sat around the dining table, Julian told Old Master Cooper and Sarah about his marriage with Ruby.

When Old Master Cooper heard the news, he smiled happily.

"Great! Our Cooper Family has made it through this and now we have a good daughter-in-law like Ruby.

In the future, our Cooper Family will become better and better. Julian, you must treasure this."

"Grandpa, don't worry. Although I can't see right now, my heart is brighter than ever. In the future, I will work hard and learn to be a good son and a good father. I owe this family too much. In the future, I will try my best to make up for it. I won't let everyone down."

Old Master Cooper listened to his grandson's words and nodded in satisfaction. "In fact, people will encounter some difficulties in their lives. It depends on what kind of attitude you choose when facing these difficulties. This time, the Cooper Family was able to make it here, it was all because of Sarah. If it wasn't for her. . . Vivian wouldn't have been exposed, and the Cooper Group might have already fallen into Dowson's hands!"

"But in the end, they still managed to keep it. Although

she was shocked, she still did her best to protect our family. However, I feel that something like this has happened to the company, it was a very good experience to our family. Because that's the only way all of us can be united!"

Sarah also nodded. "Grandpa, you are right! Although this experience has frightened me, I feel that I have gained a lot. In the past, I always felt that this family had a father to support it. Even if Dad is unconscious, there was still Christian and Julian here. But I never thought that I would face such a thing one day."

"But after experiencing it, I realized that if a family wanted happiness. . . We can't just rely on one person. Everyone has to share some of the burden. Julian, Ruby, I just heard you guys say that you have gotten your marriage certificate. I am happy for you guys from the bottom of my heart. Congratulations!"

"Thank you, Sister-in-law!" Julian was the first to raise his glass. And he called Sarah, sister-in-law for the first time.

The word sister-in-law made Sarah laugh. "I have been married to your Big Brother for a long time. This is the first time I have heard you call me sister-in-law from the bottom of your heart."

"I was wrong in the past. From now on, you are my sister-in-law. The real sister-in-law!" After experiencing the equity crisis, Julian treated Sarah as sister-in-law from the bottom of his heart.

Old Master Cooper listened to his grandson's words and nodded in relief. Looking at the scene in front of him, he still sighed lightly. "If your father saw this scene, he would definitely be very happy. And Daphne. . . "

Sarah heard the old man's words and looked at him. She slowly comforted, "Grandpa, if Aunt Daphne saw Julian become so good now, I think her soul in heaven would also be very happy. Don't you think so?"

Old Master Cooper nodded. "Yes! If Ethan woke up and saw Julian like this, I think he would be very happy too."

Although Julian felt sad in his heart, thinking about his father, he still looked in the general direction of Sarah. "Sister-in-law, did auntie tell you how my father's condition these two days was?"

"I was just about to tell you guys. My mother called and said that Dad's condition is getting better and better in these two days. The doctor said that Dad will probably wake up in a few days. . ." "Really? Sister-in-law, you didn't lie to me, right?" Julian was a little excited when he heard that his father was going to wake up.

Sarah nodded her head heavily. "It's true! My mom has been chatting with him non-stop these two days. When she talked about the company's situation this afternoon, Dad grabbed my mom's hand. I think maybe dad will wake up tomorrow!"

"That's great! As long as Dad wakes up, everything will be fine." Julian clenched his fists in excitement.

Old Master Cooper also happily nodded his head.
"Great. Sarah, if Ethan wakes up, your mother will be the one who contributed the most!"

"Grandpa, aren't we family? You are saying such things again. . ." Sarah smiled.

"Yes, yes, yes! A family! We're all a family!" Old Master Cooper smiled and nodded.

This night was a new beginning for the people of Cooper Family.

After Sarah had dinner and fed the two children milk, she returned to the bed. She leaned against the bed and thought about what had happened during this period of time. Her heart was filled with emotion.

She reached out to take the phone, found Christian's number, and called him.

"Hubby, I miss you. . ." Once the phone was connected, Sarah called out first.

She was a little envious when she saw Julian and Ruby being so happy together tonight. She really wanted Christian to be by her side at this time. This was the first time he had heard his wife confess so directly. Christian couldn't help but laugh. "Wife, Hubby misses you more! Is there something happy happened at home?"

From his wife's tone, it sounded like something big had happened.

"Well, you really guessed it. There are two happy things happened at home today."

"Quickly tell me. Which two?"

"Julian and Ruby registered for marriage today. How is it? Is this considered a happy matter?"

"I knew long ago that they would be together. Not bad! This was indeed a very happy thing! What about the second one?"

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**Chapter 315 A Brand New Beginning** 

"My mom called me and said that Dad grabbed her hand and didn't let go. The doctor said Dad would probably wake up in two days!"

"Really? Is what you said true?"

This kind of news was not a happy thing to Christian, but simply a pleasant surprise.

He knew that his wife was not a person who liked to lie. But this time, he still asked in disbelief.

"Yes! When Dad wakes up, I'll call you."

"That's great! As long as Dad wakes up, our family will have more hope."

"En, so Hubby, you have to work hard too!"

"Don't worry. My wife has performed so well this time. She handled the company's matters so well. If I don't do it well, whom can I show my face to? Sarah, this time, the Cooper Group is out of danger. I really have to thank you!"

Two days ago, Julian called him and told him everything that happened. It was only then that he understood why Sarah was in such a hurry to find him to sign the equity transfer contract. Who would have ever thought that she was really going to do something?

When he thought how she was originally just a secretary in the company yet, she had to face such a huge matter. Even Christian himself admired his wife from the bottom of his heart.

"I don't want to hear thank you. I want to hear something else. Do you miss me?" Sarah asked back with a smile when she heard him say thank you to her.

"How can I not miss you? I miss you and worry about you! When Julian called me two days ago, I wanted to fly back immediately. But I have been back for a long time. If I want to go back again, I can only wait until the end of the year. Wife, you won't blame me, right?"

The task at the training ground was heavy. He had gone home twice a while ago that's all after he had gone to the higher-ups to approve.

So it was impossible to do it again.

"Of course not. I will wait for you at home. You are alone there, so you have to take care of yourself, okay? Don't worry about the family matters. Julian and I will be there. Now Ruby and Julian have registered for marriage, there is another person in the family. You know, when I came home in the past, I always felt the atmosphere was a little depressed. Now that everything is settled, it feels like even the air is sweet."

Because of Vivian's existence, Sarah did not really feel happy when she entered the Cooper family. Now that Vivian had completely disappeared from this house, Sarah's mood also became completely better.

"En, hearing what you said, I really want to go back immediately. Oh right wife, how is my daughter doing

during this period of time? She must have gotten a lot fatter again, right?"

He had been away from home for such a long time that he couldn't see his own child. Christian couldn't help but miss her in his heart.

Sarah smiled, "Yes, she has become much fatter. But compared to that little fellow Stephen, she is still a little lacking. You don't even know. Stephen is very good at eating right now. My milk is already not enough. This little guy is very picky about food and doesn't drink milk powder at all. He eats more than half of my milk. Sometimes, it isn't enough for Simona. So I can only let the servants feed her some milk powder."

"Looks like you have wronged our daughter again. Sigh, alright. Who asked Stephen, that little fellow, to be Julian's son? Anyway, we are family!" When Christian heard Sarah's words, he understood that his wife was too kind. She would rather have her daughter wronged than to have Stephen wronged.

"Don't blame me in the future." Sarah joked.

"Blaming you is also my daughter's fault. Don't worry. If she knew that her mother was so good, she would not blame you."

"Hubby, let me tell you another happy thing. . ."

"What is it?"

"Guess..."

"I really can't guess!"

"Let me tell you! During dinner today, Julian called me

sister-in-law. This is the first time he called me that. You don't know how happy I am. . ."

Julian used to be the person she liked for nine years. From the time he called her sister-in-law, she knew very well that it was also a test and training for her.

Christian listened to his wife's words and nodded with a smile. "I didn't expect Julian to really change now. He finally let you go. I, as Big Brother, am sincerely happy for him."

The relationship between Sarah and Christian had always been a knot in the hearts of the three of them. Now, it had finally been resolved. He was also indescribably happy.

"That's right. I have to thank Ruby for this. If she hadn't appeared, Julian definitely wouldn't have come out so quickly."

"That's right. A while ago, I talked to our hospital general and asked them to keep an eye on the suitable cornea. I heard that a patient was willing to donate the cornea. I have sent all the information about Julian to him. I think there will be news in two days."

"Really? That's great!"

"Don't tell the family yet. If the matching fails, he will be disappointed again."

"Okay, don't worry. I won't tell him. But if there is news, you must tell me quickly." Sarah was a little anxious.

"Yes, I will tell you first."

To Julian, tonight was no different from a day of

rebirth.

Although he and Ruby had been living together and sleeping on the same bed, at that time, their relationship could not be exposed. Most of the time when Julian faced Ruby, he felt somewhat ashamed.

Vivian refused to divorce him no matter what, making him feel indescribably helpless. But today, he finally got rid of that woman!

He married the woman he loved.

After dinner, everyone in the family was in high spirits. Julian and Ruby accompanied Old Master Cooper and Sarah to chat. The family chatted for more than an hour before Julian brought Ruby back to the room upstairs.

When they passed by his and Vivian's bedroom, Ruby

originally wanted to bring him in because she felt that it was somewhat unfair for Julian to stay in her original guest room. But Julian refused and forcefully brought her to the original guest room.

"I will let people renovate that room and throw away all the furniture inside. I want to give you a brand new start."

Once Julian entered the room, he held Ruby in his arms. He lowered his head and kissed her soft hair as he whispered into her ear.

That room was filled with the footprints left by Vivian. He did not want his marriage with Ruby to be covered by that woman's shadow.

What he wanted to give her was a brand new beginning!

Ruby heard his words and smiled as she reached out and gently hugged his waist. Her face was lightly pressed against his broad chest. She did not say anything.

She had always understood his heart towards her.

"Ruby. . ." He touched her face and slowly lowered his head. A warm kiss pressed on her forehead bit by bit, on the corner of her brow, and on her sexy and full red lips.

Since the two of them were together until now, she had been very passive towards this kind of thing. Perhaps she had always felt uneasy in her heart in the past and always felt that what she did was wrong. So every time she faced Julian's kiss, Ruby would passively endure it.

But today, Julian was more patient than ever before.

He was gentle. It stirred her soft heart into a ball of fire. When his dragon tongue wrapped around her tongue, she finally couldn't help but respond. She copied his actions and gently kissed him back. For the first time, she was completely immersed in the passionate kiss with him. . .

Seeing his exhausted look, she stretched out her hand and gently caressed his face. She moved closer to his lips and kissed him lightly. "Julian, I want to give you a child. . . Is that okay?"

Hearing her words, Julian reached out and held her in his arms. He lowered his head and kissed her forehead. "Of course! I have been looking forward to having a child between the two of us, but your body didn't show any signs at all. At that time, you might have been in a bad mood, so even the child didn't want to come to this world. People said that when the fate between the child and his parents arrived, he

would come. Ruby. Let's have another one!"

Although Stephen was also his own son, he did not belong to Ruby. He did not want to make his wife feel wronged. He hoped that he could give her more.

"Hmm. . ." Hearing his words, her heart was filled with warmth.

"Oh right, I told you before that I want a child that belongs to us, but at that time, our relationship couldn't be exposed. Now that we're husband and wife, can you tell me the truth? Have you been taking birth control pills before?"

Before he divorced Vivian, he had always hoped that Ruby would give birth to a child for him. But there wasn't any movement.

His eyes could not see, therefore, Julian guessed that

Ruby must have taken precautions behind his back.

"Really. . . Actually, I also want to give birth to a child for you. . . But I don't know why, but I just don't. . ."
Ruby said honestly.

Ever since Julian told her not to take the pill, she had never taken it once. But for some reason, her body didn't seem to have any response at all.

"Really? You did not lie to me?"

"Of course it's true! I really didn't lie to you. . . At that time, I always wanted to have a child of yours. Even if I couldn't marry you in this lifetime, as long as I had a child, I would be content. . ."

"Ruby. . ." Julian heard her words and reached out his hand to hold her tightly. He kept kissing her hair.

"Maybe it is like what you said just now. His fate with us has not come yet, right? Maybe it was because we were too depressed during that period of time. That's why he hadn't come. . ."

Julian nodded, believing that Ruby wouldn't lie to him.

"How about I work hard every night from now on and try to get you pregnant within a month?"

Ruby listened to him. Her face turned slightly red. "How can it be so fast?"

Julian smiled. "It's not fast!"

After saying that, he turned around and pressed down on Ruby's body. He lowered his head and kissed her lips. "Then from now on. . ."

Ruby's face turned red as she looked at him reproachfully. "Aren't you tired?"

"I'm not tired. You don't know how happy I am. Come, let's try again. . ."

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**Chapter 316 Wake Up From Coma** 

Sarah had received a call from her mother yesterday, saying that Ethan's reactions were getting stronger and stronger. So after breakfast the next day, Sarah fed the two children and asked the driver to take her to the hospital. She really wanted Ethan to wake up immediately!

The car soon arrived at Municipal Hospital.

Sarah got out of the car. She quickly ran into the hall and went to the inpatient department.

When she walked out of the elevator on the floor where Ethan was hospitalized, she saw doctors and nurses coming out of Ethan's ward from afar. Her mother sent them to the door. Her face was full of joy.

When Samantha saw her daughter not far away, she smiled and waved at Sarah. Sarah immediately jogged to her mother's side.

"Mom, is Dad awake?" Seeing the smile on her mother's face, Sarah impatiently asked before her mother could say anything.

Samantha smiled, "Go in and take a look yourself!"

Hearing her mother's words, Sarah quickly walked

into the room in surprise.

At first glance, she saw Ethan had already opened his eyes on the bed.

When Ethan saw Sarah walking over, he weakly raised his hand. He had just woken up, but his body was still somewhat weak.

Looking at Ethan in front of her, Sarah's eyes reddened. She quickly held his hand and sat down beside his bed. Her eyes were filled with tears of excitement, but there was a happy smile on her face.

"Dad. Great! You finally woke up! You really woke up! Great. . ."

Sarah was very excited. She held Ethan's hand tightly. She cried and laughed at the same time.

She had experienced too many things during this period of time, but the moment she saw Ethan open his eyes, everything dispersed like smoke.

As long as father-in-law woke up, those hardships and tribulations of the past, what did they count as?

"Sarah. . . Dad. . . Made you worry again. . . " Facing his emotional and tearful daughter-in-law, Ethan felt an unspeakable guilt in his heart.

"Dad, do you know how worried we were about you? It's great that you have finally woken up. If Grandpa knew, he would be very happy." Sarah said as she eagerly took out her phone. She looked at Ethan, who was lying on the bed, and said, "Dad, I want to tell Grandpa and Julian that you woke up!"

This kind of news was a kind of spiritual encouragement to the people of Cooper Family. No

matter what, she wanted everyone to know about this good news as soon as possible.

Ethan looked at Sarah's excited expression and smiled. He had just woken up, so he couldn't say too much. However, he knew very well that he must have been unconscious for a long time, everyone in the Cooper Family must be worried about him. . .

After Sarah called home, she called Julian again. When Julian heard that his father had woken up, he did not care about anything else and asked Ruby to take him to the hospital no matter what.

Although he could not see, at least he could hear his father's voice.

Ruby understood his filial piety. She took him downstairs and took him to the hospital in the car.

When Julian walked into the ward, he heard Sarah chatting with Ethan. He immediately let Ruby help him over and sat down beside his father's bed. He groped his father's hand and said, "Dad, are you really awake? Hurry up and talk to me!"

He could not see his father's face. However, as long as he could hear his father's voice, his heart would be at ease.

"Julian. . ." Ethan looked at his son, who was still blind. He held his son's hand tightly and called out weakly.

Julian was stunned when he heard his father's voice. After a while, his eyes turned red. "It was really my father's voice. Ruby, my father really woke up. He really woke up! Quick! Hurry and call father!"

Julian's emotions were a little agitated. As he spoke,

he instructed Ruby beside him.

Ruby stood behind Julian. She looked at Ethan, who was on the hospital bed, and called softly with a slightly red face, "Dad. . ."

Ethan was still somewhat puzzled and looked at Sarah, who was at the side.

Seeing the doubt in Ethan's eyes, Sarah smiled and explained, "Dad, Julian and Vivian had divorced yesterday. Yesterday afternoon, he registered with Ruby and got married. So now, Ruby is your daughter-in-law."

Ethan smiled in understanding and looked at Ruby with a satisfied smile. "Okay." He then looked at his son beside him and asked with a puzzled expression. "Julian, why is your mother not here?"

As soon as Ethan said that, the ward became quiet. Everyone's expression changed.

Samantha reacted quickly. She looked at Ethan and explained with a smile, "Daphne has been feeling unwell these days. So she has been resting at home. She will come to see you again soon. . . "

When Sarah heard her mother's words, she nodded in agreement, "Yes, Dad. Aunt Daphne was a little tired from taking care of you during this period of time, so she went home to rest. . . "

Although Ethan's body was a little weak, his brain's thinking ability was still very clear. Just now when everyone was silent, he quickly caught the change in Julian's expression. But he did not continue asking and only nodded slightly.

Although he was sad, Julian also understood that at

this moment, the most important thing was his father's mood. He quickly sped up his emotions and looked in his father's direction.

"Dad, you have a granddaughter and a grandson now, and both of them are very cute. Right now, they are all babbling and chatting with us every day."

"Then quickly carry them over now, Sarah. . . " When Ethan heard that he has finally become a Grandfather, he couldn't conceal his excitement. He wished he could immediately see his grandson and granddaughter.

Sarah smiled and nodded. "Okay, Dad. I will carry both of them over when I go back later. I will let you take a good look at them."

"Go now!" Ethan waved at her, as if he could not wait any longer.

Sarah could not help but laugh, but she also understood his anxious heart. She looked at him and nodded. "Okay! Then I will go home now."

Sarah said goodbye to her mother and Julian, then left the hospital and got into the car to quickly return to Villa of Cooper Family.

Old Master Cooper heard that his son had woken up. He was over 80 years old and was as happy as a child. He insisted on going to the hospital to see his son.

When he was about to go out, he received a call from Sarah saying that she wanted to come back and bring the two children to the hospital. When the old man heard this, He waited at home until Sarah arrived.

Sarah's car arrived very quickly. She first got the maid

to help Old Master Cooper into the car. Then, she and the maternity matron carried the two children together and went to the hospital again.

Ethan's ward immediately became lively.

When the two little fellows entered the ward and saw that there were so many people, they became excited. Especially Stephen, when he looked at the adults in front of him, he kept smiling.

Ethan looked at the two little fellows with relief. He let Sarah carry them to sit beside his bed. He reached out his hand to hold his grandson's little hand and touched his granddaughter's little face.

Sarah saw that Ethan was in such a good mood, so she carried Stephen to Ethan's bed to play for a while.

Old Master Cooper sat on the other side and saw that

his son had really woken up. He could not help choking and sighing. He said, "Sigh, if Daphne could see you wake up, how happy would she be?
Unfortunately, she will never see you again. . ."

Ethan's hand, which was originally holding his grandson, suddenly froze. Just before his father and the two children appeared, he felt something strange. But he didn't think about anything else. At most, Daphne might have contracted some kind of illness.

However, what his father said just now. . .

A bad feeling instantly flashed across his heart. He looked at his father and asked, "Dad. . . Daphne. . . Did something happen to her?"

As soon as his son opened his mouth, Old Master Cooper realized that he had said something wrong. However, this kind of thing could not be hidden for too

long.

When he heard his son ask him, he was just about to open his mouth and answer. He heard Sarah's voice, "Dad, Aunt Daphne is sick. What grandpa meant was that it would be great if she could come and see you now. But Aunt Daphne is sick. . . "

"Yes! Yes! Daphne could not come for the time being. That's why I came to see you. . ." Samantha also tried to smooth things over.

Ethan looked at his old father. "Dad. . . Is it true? "

Old Master Cooper heard Samantha and Sarah's words and could only look at his son and slightly nod his head. "Yes, when she recovers, I will definitely let her see you. . . "

Ethan looked at his son again. "Julian, what illness is

your mother suffering from?"

"Dad, my mother. . ." Julian could not make it up. His voice was choked with sobs.

Ethan looked at his father slowly again. "Dad. . . Daphne. . . What happened to her?"

He was sick. But his brain is still awake. . .

Old Master Cooper looked at his son and sighed heavily. He heard Sarah call him, "Grandpa..."

Old Master Cooper looked at Sarah and slightly raised his hand. "Sarah, this kind of thing cannot be hidden for long. Today, let's tell Ethan."

After he finished speaking, he looked at his son on the hospital bed. "Ethan. A while ago, Daphne went downstairs alone at night and fell down the stairs. The next morning, when we found out, it was already too late to send her to the hospital."

Once Old Master Cooper finished speaking, Julian's tears flowed down.

"Dad, my mom. . . Left. Dad. . ." Julian thought of his mother who had passed away not long ago. He climbed up to his father's bed and started to cry.

The corner of Ethan's mouth twitched a few times. He closed his eyes slightly and a drop of tears slid down his face.

After waking up from a coma, he never would have thought that his wife was no longer alive!

Sarah and Samantha looked at the scene in front of them and could not help but shed tears.

But no matter how sad it was, the person who had left could never come back.

When he heard the news of his wife's death, Ethan did not speak anymore.

Knowing that he was in a bad mood, Samantha let Sarah take Old Master Cooper and the two children away. Julian also followed Ruby back to the company.

Samantha closed the door of the ward, walked to the bedside and sat down. She first took a tissue to help Ethan wipe his tears. Only then did she speak slowly, "Ethan, a dead person cannot be resurrected. I know you are sad. But no matter how sad it is, Daphne has already left. During the time you were unconscious, a lot of things happened at home. Fortunately, the children at home are becoming stronger and stronger. Even if Julian's eyes are not good, it's still much better than before. So you have to get better quickly. This

family needs you now, understand?"

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**Chapter 317 Take Away Her Most Precious Thing** 

Ethan heard Samantha's words and slowly opened his eyes. He looked at the ceiling and said slowly, "Her body is so good. Why did she leave? Daphne. . "

"Yeah, no one can figure it out. Logically speaking, even if she fell, it shouldn't be that serious. Later Sarah even called the police, but the police didn't find anything. They said it was an accident. . . Sigh. . . " Samantha shook her head, not knowing what to say.

Ethan heard what she said and closed his eyes again in pain.

Ever since Ethan woke up, his body's condition was getting better and better day by day. In order to get Ethan to walk earlier, Samantha kept giving him leg massage whenever she was free.

Under Samantha's careful care, Ethan's body recovered faster and faster. In less than ten days, he had already started to walk. Even the doctor said. This was really a miracle.

In these ten days, Ethan slowly learned from his son that Sarah had saved the Cooper Group with Jasmine's help. He couldn't find any words of comfort in his heart, but gratitude towards the Wilson Family.

"When I recover, I must go to the Wilson family and

thank them personally!" No matter what, Sarah was his daughter-in-law, but the Wilson Family and the Cooper Family were not related by blood. He had to remember this kindness in his heart.

Samantha smiled and said, "You don't need to take it to heart. This is what Jasmine should do!"

"How can it be what she should do? Jasmine has nothing to do with our Cooper Family. Because she was Sarah's good friend, she spared no effort to help the Cooper Group! I will return this favor no matter what!"

As soon as Ethan finished his words, he heard a hearty laughter coming from the door, followed by a voice.

"Haha! If I say I don't need to return this favor, then I don't need to return it. . ."

The person who walked in from the door was the chairman of Wilson Group, Joseph Wilson. Behind him was his daughter, Jasmine Wilson.

When Ethan saw Joseph, he asked Samantha to help him sit up. "Joseph. . . "

Joseph smiled brightly and sat down beside his bed. He smiled and held his hand. "How have you been recently?"

"Much better. It's all thanks to Jasmine this time to save the Cooper Group. I. . ."

The father and daughter duo saw Ethan was going to say the words of gratitude again. Joseph raised his hand and interrupted him.

"We are one family, let's not talk like strangers! No

matter what Jasmine does, that is what she should and must do!"

"That's right, uncle. You don't have to take it to heart. Besides, I didn't do anything. I just cheered Sarah on. My dad is right. We are a family. You really don't have to take it to heart." Jasmine also replied with a smile.

Ethan was completely touched when he heard the father and daughter's words. "Thank you. Thank you."

"Haha. Don't say thank you anymore. Tell you the truth, Samantha, who takes care of you by the bedside every day, do you know who she is?" Joseph smiled and kept him in suspense.

Ethan looked at Samantha in confusion, then looked at Joseph and shook his head. He did not understand what he meant.

Jasmine smiled and walked to Samantha's side. She put her arm around her shoulder and smiled as she replied, "She is my aunt! My grandmother used to have a pair of twin daughters. One of them passed away and the other one was lost. Not long ago when Sarah gave birth, my grandmother came to see Sarah and accidentally saw Second Aunt. So I secretly did a DNA test for her and I Second Aunt, and the result showed that she is my grandma's biological daughter who went missing for decades!"

When Ethan heard Jasmine's words, he immediately looked at Joseph in shock, then looked at Samantha. "Samantha, is this true?"

Samantha smiled and nodded. "Yes! He is indeed my Big Brother! At first, I did not believe it, but my mother's words made me convinced. And that DNA test, I have to believe everything."

Ethan nodded slightly. "That's great. He did not expect Joseph to be Sarah's uncle! This is really unexpected."

Joseph heard his words and smiled. "That is why we are a family from now on! A family doesn't talk about gratitude. Jasmine didn't do anything much earlier either. Besides, even if she really did do something, it was still something she should do. Don't take it to heart."

Ethan smiled and nodded. "Alright! Then I won't be polite with Joseph. But why didn't Sarah mention it before?"

It had been almost ten days since he woke up, but Sarah had never mentioned it in front of him.

Joseph smiled. "Sarah did not want to attract too much attention, so she told Jasmine not to reveal her

identity for the time being. Now your family's situation is getting better and better, so she did not care. Moreover, she also knows that if she told you, you would definitely be happy for her and Samantha."

"Yes! I am truly happy for them! Ever since Patrick passed away, Samantha has always been alone. I know her situation very well. She doesn't have many relatives and friends. Usually, she is the only one living at home. It is indeed a little lonely. It's good now. There was a big family in Wilson Family. Samantha would not be lonely anymore in the future. I am also relieved!"

He was clearer about Sarah's family situation than anyone else. Ever since his best friend passed away, Samantha only lived with Sarah. She did not have any relatives or friends at home. In addition, after Sarah got married last year, Samantha became even more lonely.

Now that he heard that she was Joseph's biological sister, how could he not be happy for her?

"Haha! Ethan, you have to get better quickly. After you are discharged from the hospital, we will have a good gathering no matter what." Joseph had always admired Ethan.

Although both of them were business people, they appreciated each other. They had a good relationship before this. Now that there was another layer added, they naturally felt closer.

"Alright! I'll listen to Joseph. After I'm discharged from the hospital, we must gather together." Ethan also nodded happily, and his mood became very good.

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Vivian was sent to prison not long after she was sentenced.

After Mrs. Holmes found out the location of the prison that her daughter was sent to, she applied for a visit. Half a month after she was sent to prison, Mrs. Holmes finally saw her daughter.

After waiting in the meeting room for a few minutes, she heard footsteps. Immediately after, the door of the meeting room was opened and Vivian walked in with a depressed expression. Vivian was wearing handcuffs and the clothes of a prisoner. When Mrs. Holmes saw her daughter, her heart ached and tears fell down.

"Vivian. . ." Mrs. Holmes looked at her daughter's impoverished appearance and her voice choked up.

"Mom. . . " Vivian sat down opposite her mother.

Seeing her mother crying in pain, her heart also did not feel good.

"Vivian. . . Have you. . . Been well these few days?" Mrs. Holmes looked at her daughter in front of her. After not seeing her for more than half a month, her eyes did not see any light and she was no longer as energetic as before. Looking at her daughter's appearance, Mrs. Holmes's tears kept falling.

Vivian looked at her mother's heartbroken expression and wanted to forcefully squeeze out a smile but the corner of her mouth twitched for a long time and only moved, "Mom, I am quite good here."

"Vivian, it's all Mom's fault. No, that's not right. . . Mom should have persuaded you back then. . ." During this period of time after Vivian was sentenced, Mrs. Holmes kept blaming herself. No matter what, she felt that it was her fault that her daughter had taken this

step.

"Mom! It's not your fault! Don't be sad!" Vivian forcefully swallowed the bitterness in her heart and looked at her mother to console her.

Mrs. Holmes shook her head in pain. "It was Mom who did not teach you well. . . "

"Mom! Don't say such things! Right, have you been to the Cooper Family recently? Have you seen the child?" Vivian glanced at the caretaker beside her and asked in a low voice.

Hearing her daughter's words, a trace of nervousness and uneasiness slid across Mrs. Holmes's face. "No. . . I did not go. . . "

"Mother, Hannah knows everything about Stephen. No matter what, you are Stephen's grandmother. Think of a way to get him back from the Cooper Family." Vivian once again whispered to her mother in a low voice.

Mrs. Holmes nervously swallowed her saliva and looked at her daughter. "That. . . Stephen. . . " There was an outsider present and she really did not know what to say.

When she saw the supervisor looking at her, Mrs. Holmes nervously swallowed back what she wanted to say.

"Mom, no matter what, you are Stephen's grandmother. You have the right to see him, so help me take a look." Vivian saw the supervisor looking at her. She did not hide her words.

Anyway, the other party did not know about her situation. Even if she said it, she would not know what

she was talking about.

"But. . . " Mrs. Holmes looked at her daughter with some difficulty.

"Don't you have Hannah's number?"

"Yes, I have. . . " Mrs. Holmes nodded nervously.

"Then go and find her!"

"Then... Okay..." Mrs. Holmes nodded again.

Vivian saw that the supervisor retracted her gaze and said in a low voice again, "Mom, if you see Stephen, take him far away from here, where no one would be able to find. You don't have to come to see me again in the future!"

Mrs. Holmes nervously swallowed her saliva when

she heard her daughter's words. Looking at Vivian's expectant gaze, she could not bear to reject, "Alright..."

"Mom! You must remember what you said today!"
Vivian wanted to reach out her handcuffed hand to
hold her mother's hand, but the supervisor at the side
immediately shouted. "It's time!"

With that said, she walked to Vivian's side and prepared to leave with her.

"Mom! Remember to bring Stephen away! Definitely!" Vivian reminded her mother again.

She lost her everything because of Sarah. Why Sarah could live a happy life with her son and she was tortured in this prison?

Since Sarah sent her to prison, she would take away

her most precious thing! Her child!

Then she would wait and see, how Sarah and the people of Cooper family would react!

"Shut up!" The prison guard beside her scolded her loudly and took her out of the meeting room. When they reached the door, Vivian looked back at her mother unwillingly and disappeared from the door after a moment.

"Vivian. . . My daughter. . ." Mrs. Holmes's tears kept falling. She got up to look at her daughter's back as she cried out her name in pain.

With a bang, the iron door mercilessly closed.

Hearing that sound, Mrs. Holmes's body suddenly shook. Tears flowed out again.

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Chapter 318 Either Go To Jail Or Come To See Me

But no matter how sad she was, she had no choice but to turn around and leave the meeting room. Her heart aching as she returned home.

When she walked in, she saw her husband lying on the sofa gloomily. When he saw her walk in, Vivian's father immediately sat up from the sofa and looked at Mrs. Holmes to ask.

"Wife, you saw Vivian?"

Mrs. Holmes looked at her husband and then sighed heavily. She walked to the sofa and sat down tiredly. She looked at the front with a disappointed face and nodded. "Yes. . . I saw Vivian. Sigh. . . It had only been half a month and she had lost a lot of weight. She is no longer as energetic as before. . . I really feel heartache when I see her. . ."

Mrs. Holmes thought of her daughter's impoverished appearance and her tears could not help but flow down.

"Sigh. . . In that kind of place, it is hard not to lose weight even if you want to." Mr. Holmes shook his head in pain. He reached out his old hand to pick up the cigarette on the coffee table and lit it up. He took a few deep breaths and then spat out a cloud of smoke.

"If Vivian had a good life in Cooper Family, how could she have fallen to this stage? Sigh. . . " Mrs. Holmes could not stop her tears as she spoke.

"You still have the nerve to say! When Vivian did this kind of thing back then, you should not have kept it from me. If I knew that there was such a thing going on, I would not have let her do it no matter what! This is a heartless thing. You are so old but your brain is also muddled, right? Now it's good. After all the trouble, my daughter has ended up like today. You should be satisfied now, right?" Mr. Holmes couldn't help but complain when he thought about Vivian.

He only knew about this after he saw it on TV. If he had known that Vivian had done such a thing, he would have stopped her no matter what!

But now, it was all too late!

Mrs. Holmes listened to her husband's words and could not help but feel injustice for Vivian. "You still

have the nerve to blame me? Where did you get the money for your usual treatment? Wasn't it all given to you by Vivian? She also did that to let our family live a good life. And that Julian, he thought of ways to divorce Vivian. If Vivian did not do that, she would still be chased out by the Cooper Family!"

Mr. Holmes raised his eyebrows and stared at his wife. He shouted, "Yes! My daughter gave me the money to treat my illness! She also paid for the expenses at home! She wants our family to live a good life. But even if Julian wanted to divorce her, if such a thing doesn't happen, the Cooper Family won't have turned their backs on you! It's just that you are too greedy!"

"You still have the nerve to speak up for her. Our family has been living this kind of bitter life since Vivian was young. In the past, when Vivian didn't marry into the Cooper Family, did we all starve to

death? Did we all go begging on the streets? With the wealth of the Cooper Family, even if they divorced, the compensation wouldn't be less than that of an ordinary family. Wouldn't it be fine as long as they lived a good life? Look at what she has done. She wants the entire Cooper Group. She is digging her own grave by feeding Julian sleeping pills! You should have stopped her a long time ago. Even if she didn't listen to you, you should have told me."

"Before such a big problem happened, you clearly knew that you daughter had done something wrong, but you still hid it for her! I see that Vivian's fate today has something to do with you!"

Ever since Vivian's accident until now, every time Mr. Holmes talked about this matter with his wife, he could not help but get angry.

"Yes! What you said makes sense! My daughter's fate

today was all because of her own fault! She deserved it! Wouldn't it be more comfortable to say it like this? Are you happy?" Mrs. Holmes stood up angrily and quickly went to Vivian's room. Once she walked in and closed the door, her heart ached and her tears rolled down again.

She stumbled to Vivian's bed and looked at the picture of Vivian on the table. She reached out to take it and gently caressed it. "Vivian. What do you think Mom should do? Your dad also blames me. What should I do?"

She thought about what Vivian had said to him in the meeting room and then remembered her expectant gaze. Mrs. Holmes was in a dilemma.

In fact, from the moment Vivian was in trouble until now, she could not say what she regretted. But no matter how much she regretted, her daughter had already been sentenced. Even if she had to come out, it would be six years later.

However, when she thought about the Cooper Family being happy and her daughter suffering in the prison, she still felt somewhat unwilling!

Why did Julian abandon her daughter and live a happy life with Ruby? Why did her daughter deserve to be imprisoned for six years?

No way!

Absolutely not!

If her daughter were to spend six years in prison, then she would make the people of Cooper Family's heart ache for six years!

No one knew Stephen's true identity now. As long as

she could get the child, she would take him away from this place in the future! If that happened, the people of the Cooper Family would also feel their hearts ache!

Mrs. Holmes looked at her daughter's photo and gritted her teeth slightly. "Vivian, Mom will not let you suffer for nothing. No matter what, Mom will get that child! I want to let the people of Cooper Family taste the pain of losing their child!"

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Ever since Vivian was sent to prison, Hannah had been living in fear every day. She originally wanted to resign and leave. But the Cooper Family lacked manpower. When she mentioned that she wanted to leave, Sarah raised the salary of all the servants by 1,000 yuans.

Adding on the original salary, even if she went to

other people's homes to help with the work for a few more years, she might not even be able to get such an amount of money. Due to the temptation of money, she could not help but stay.

Hannah kept comforting herself in her heart. Anyway, Vivian had already been arrested. Furthermore, she had also divorced Julian. In the future, Vivian would no longer have any relationship with the Cooper Family.

Thinking about this, she felt much more at ease in her heart. Only then did she have a clear conscience and stay in the Cooper Family.

During this period of time, the atmosphere in the Cooper Family had become better and better. She had also been influenced by it. Actually, before Vivian appeared, she had always felt good here. But ever since Vivian came, the atmosphere in the house had

changed very much. Now Sarah had become the mistress of the house. The atmosphere in the house was very good every day, making her more and more reluctant to leave.

But for her, these days were not good for long. On the twentieth day after Vivian was imprisoned, she received a call from a stranger. Because what happened previously had left her with lingering fears, when she saw that it was an unknown number, she immediately hung up.

Fortunately, it was ten o'clock in the morning. There was no one else in the living room except Old Master Cooper, but she still felt guilty. She took her phone and went back to her room. She closed the door and walked to the window, closing the window tightly. She found the number and dialed it again.

"Hello, who are you looking for?" Hannah quickly

asked as soon as the other person answered. She wanted to confirm the other person's identity as soon as possible to prevent herself from being nervous.

"I am Vivian's mother. You are Hannah, right?" The voice of Mrs. Holmes came from inside.

Hannah's hand trembled and she hurriedly covered her phone. She looked around in horror and felt nothing unusual. She then fearfully put the phone back to her ear and asked in a low voice, "Auntie, What's the matter?"

Actually, her first reaction was to hang up the phone, but she was also afraid of missing something important. So she picked up the phone uneasily.

"I'll get straight to the point. You know very well about Vivian changing her child. If you don't want to go to jail, you can meet me this afternoon! If you don't

come, don't blame me for turning against you!" Mrs. Holmes knew that if she did not take out her trump card at this time, Hannah would definitely not give in.

"Then. . . Then. . . Then let me think about it. . ."
When she heard Mrs. Holmes's words, Hannah was so scared that she swallowed her words. Her heart was in a mess and her hand that was holding the phone was also trembling. But she did know about this matter. And she was involved in some of the details. When she heard Mrs. Holmes say that she would be sent to prison, she immediately became afraid.

"What are you considering about this kind of thing? Let me tell you! Either you go to jail for a few years like Vivian, or you come and see me!" Mrs. Holmes's tone did not allow any rebuttal.

"That. . . Alright then. . . But where should I go to see

you?" Hannah's heart was beating rapidly but she also knew that Mrs. Holmes had something to use against her now and she had no choice but to compromise for the time being.

"You go to the beach this afternoon. See you at the square by the beach!" Mrs. Holmes did not wait for Hannah to speak before quickly withdrawing her line. She did not give her any chance to regret.

Listening to the phone turn into a blind sound,
Hannah clenched the phone tightly and looked in front
of her in fear. Her body went limp and collapsed onto
the floor.

Thinking about what Mrs. Holmes just said, if what she did was really exposed and she was sentenced to prison, then wouldn't her life be completely over?

No!

Absolutely not!

Her life had only just begun. Up until now, she did not even have a boyfriend. She had yet to properly enjoy her life!

She couldn't just ruin her life like this!

No!

Absolutely not!

But what Vivian did had already been exposed. What she did in the future, would she also be discovered?

Other than Vivian, the only person who knew what she did was Mrs. Holmes. As long as Mrs. Holmes did not let her do anything extreme, perhaps she could escape from disaster!

In the entire morning, Hannah spent her time in a state of unease. Even when the butler asked her to go to the basement to get things, she took the wrong things. She ran three times before bringing the right thing up.

"What is wrong with you today? Why are you so absent-minded when doing things?" The butler looked at Hannah in front of him and frowned as he sized her up.

Hannah immediately shook her head in panic and looked at the butler as she squeezed out a smile, "I have nothing to do. I just miss home a little."

The butler heard her words and smiled. "So many things have happened during this period of time, so I did not let you to go back to your hometown. If you really want to go home, when Chairman Cooper is

discharged in two days, I will tell Young Madam to let you go home and take a look first."

"Thank you, Mr. Garcia. You are so good! Actually, I don't really have much to say. I'll be fine in two days. By the way, I want to go out this afternoon to buy some things for my family and send them back. Is that okay?" Hannah took this opportunity to discuss with Mr. Garcia.

Mr. Garcia nodded his head readily. "Okay! Anyway, Lea and I are at home. You can go!"

"Thank you, Mr. Garcia!" Hannah immediately replied sweetly.

"You are really sweet. Go and get busy. . ." Mr. Garcia smiled and looked at her before turning around to get busy again.

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**Chapter 319 Steal Stephen** 

Hannah looked at Mr. Garcia's back and the expression on her face twitched before she left nervously.

Even though Hannah had done a lot of mental struggles, but in the end, she could not match Mrs. Holmes's sentence of sending her to jail.

Hannah was really afraid. Vivian was a living example. She did not want to ruin herself. So she steeled her heart.

After leaving Villa of Cooper Family, afraid that her whereabouts would be discovered, she got the taxi driver to take a detour. Finally, she went to the square by the sea. Before going, she was afraid that others would recognize her. She even went to the roadside to buy sunglasses and put on a scarf. Then she went to the beach.

When she walked to the side of the square, she saw the reef in the distance. Mrs. Holmes was sitting on the rock. Although her back was facing her, Hannah still recognized her at a glance.

She had called in advance, and there was no one else there besides her. Hannah nervously looked around. Then she carefully walked over.

When the sound of footsteps came from behind, Mrs. Holmes knew that the person she was waiting for had

arrived!

When Hannah sat down beside Mrs. Holmes uneasily, Mrs. Holmes turned her face to look at her and then coldly looked at the sea in front of her, "You did not tell anyone when you came, right?"

Hannah immediately shook her head. "No! No! Auntie, why are you looking for me today?"

How could she tell someone else about this? Even if someone else asked, she wouldn't dare to reveal a single word.

"Actually, the matter that I am looking for you is very simple." After Mrs. Holmes finished speaking, she turned her face to look at Hannah and then coldly said, "Help me steal Stephen out of the Cooper family!"

Hearing Mrs. Holmes's words, Hannah's expression instantly changed and even her tongue was tied up. "No. . . No, no, no. . . How can I do this?"

"The matter of Vivian changing the child, other than me, you are the second person who knew. Don't think that you can escape punishment just because my daughter is in prison. If I go to the police station to expose you now, your outcome will not be any better than Vivian's! If I remember correctly, Vivian once told me that when Ethan fell ill that night, it was you who helped to cook bird's nest porridge in the kitchen. I think you also put the things inside, right?"

When Hannah heard Mrs. Holmes's words, her eyes widened and she was unable to speak for a long time!

She would never forget what happened that night!
She did put something in the bird's nest porridge. But
Vivian only told her at that time that it was just a type

of laxative. Even if she ate it, she would at most go to the bathroom a few times.

But Hannah never would have thought that Ethan would enter the resuscitation room that night! Later on, even though Ethan was rescued, he was still unconscious.

At that time, Hannah knew clearly that what she had placed in Ethan's bowl was definitely not laxative!

Seeing Hannah's panicked expression, Mrs. Holmes knew that her words had already taken effect. She sneered and said, "I think if the people of Cooper Family knew that Ethan did not have a physical problem, but was drugged. What do you think they would do? Do you know Vivian's friend, Lucas? He was sentenced to 25 years for attempt to murder. This was also an attempted murder, but the consequences were very serious. I think if these two things are

exposed, you will also have to go to jail. If you are also sentenced to 25 years, then when you come out.

. You're not much different from my current age, what do you think?"

Hannah was completely shocked by Mrs. Holmes's words. Her lips trembled. Her words were a little incoherent. "No! Please don't! I don't want to go to jail! Auntie, I'm only in my twenties. You can't just destroy me like this, please. . ."

Hannah was completely frightened, and her frightened tears rolled down.

"Actually, what I told you to do is not a difficult task, because even until now, the people of the Cooper Family didn't know Stephen's true identity. And even if you stole him and gave him to me and the people of the Cooper Family really find out about it, you can also fabricate a lie. Just say that I, as a grandmother,

miss the child too much, or say something that I begged you. If you really can't do it, then say that I knelt down to you. When the people of Cooper Family heard this, they will understand that you're just being soft-hearted for a moment. They won't blame you!"

"Then. . . Then why do you want the child? You. . . Don't tell me you want to kill him?" Hannah looked nervously at Mrs. Holmes.

Mrs. Holmes could not help but laugh when she heard her words. "I just want to let the people of Cooper Family have a taste of losing their child, but I am not that ruthless. I also do not want to kill people. I will only take him away for a period of time. When my daughter gets out of prison six years later, I will return the child!"

"But. . . There are so many people in Cooper Family. . I don't have that chance at all!" Hannah kept shaking

her head.

"If you don't want to go to jail, there will be a way.

Don't worry. I know this kind of thing also needs an opportunity. So don't worry, I won't let you do it immediately, but if you find an opportunity, call me immediately!" Mrs. Holmes made up her mind to take the child away.

"Then. . . Then I will try. . ." Hannah nodded uneasily and finally agreed to Mrs. Holmes's request.

"Okay! Then you should think about what to do next. I'll be leaving first." Mrs. Holmes heard that Hannah finally agreed and knew that she had achieved her goal, so she got up and quickly left.

Hannah looked at the sea in front of her in a daze and thought about what she was going to do next. Her body instantly turned soft.

Thinking about that cute Stephen, if she really stole him from the Cooper Family. . . With Mrs. Holmes's personality, if Stephen really lived with her for six years. . .

She did not dare to continue thinking about it!

Her body could not help but shiver. However, she had walked her own path. No matter how much she regretted it, Ethan's body had already been injured, and he had been unconscious for a few months. Even if she was illiterate, she knew that she had committed a crime that was intentional murder!

If she was really exposed. . . Then her life. . .

And it would be completely exposed. It was over!

Hannah finally rode back to Villa of Cooper Family

while feeling uneasy.

The night quietly came. Hannah laid on her bed and kept tossing and turning. Should she do it or not?

If such a young child was really carried away by her, if something happened to him and the Cooper Family found out about it, how could they let her go?

No way! No way!

She sat up from the bed and looked at the darkness before her eyes before lying down again

When she thought about Stephen, who was such a young child, her conscience was constantly condemned, but when she thought about what she had done to Ethan, and how she had participated in the matter of changing the child, no matter which of these two things, she would not be able to escape

## responsibility!

When she thought of this, she couldn't stop the tears of regret from falling. If she had known earlier that it would be like this, she wouldn't have done it even if she died! She regretted taking the tens of thousands of dollars that Vivian gave her back then and going astray!

But no matter how much she regretted it, no matter how kind the people of Cooper Family were, they would definitely not let her go. Because during the period of Ethan's coma, Daphne had unexpectedly died. What happened in the Cooper Family could not be forgotten.

If Ethan knew that it was her who drugged him, he would definitely hate her to death!

What should she do? What should she do? What

should she do?

Hannah struggled on the bed for an entire night, but in the end, she still could not come up with a good result...

. . .

No one knew if Vivian was a bad luck for the Cooper Family. But ever since she was arrested, the happy events in the Cooper Family happened one after another.

Today was the whole month after Vivian was imprisoned.

It was also the day Ethan was discharged from the hospital.

Ever since he woke up, Ethan's health had been

improving day by day. Because the Cooper Family had been constantly changing his cooking style during this period of time, Ethan's body had become stronger and stronger.

He had been lying in the hospital for a few months. When he woke up, he wished he could go home immediately. If Samantha had not insisted for him to stay for a while longer, he would have really returned to Villa of Cooper Family long ago.

Yesterday, he felt that he had almost recovered. So he clamored to be discharged from the hospital. Samantha could not convince him. So she called the doctor over and did a full body examination on him. And the results of the checkup made everyone very happy.

Ethan could totally be discharged from the hospital.

So early in the morning, the Cooper Family had already prepared breakfast. Sarah prepared to go to the hospital to bring father-in-law back after breakfast.

The whole family had just walked to the dining room and sat down when the phone in the living room rang continuously. Mr. Garcia quickly walked over to pick up the phone. A moment later, he walked to the dining room and looked at Sarah, "Young Madam, it is the Young Master calling."

When she heard that it was Christian, Sarah immediately put down the chopsticks and went to the living room. She picked up the earpiece and placed it beside her ear. "Christian, why did you call at this time?"

"Sarah, is Julian here?" Christian asked.

"Yes! He's in the dinner room. Are you looking for

him?" Sarah continued to ask.

"I can look for you. Remember last time when I told you that there was someone who agreed to donate the cornea?"

Sarah heard Christian's words and immediately realized something. She asked excitedly, "You don't mean that Julian and that person have successfully matched, do you?"

Although she had asked this question, Sarah was still not confident in her heart, but she also had some expectations that she could not speak of.

"Matching completed! You go and tell Julian right now. Tell him to book a flight to my place. As long as you send him to my place, you don't have to worry about other things."

"Really? Is what you said true?" Sarah asked excitedly, but she still did not believe it.

"It is absolutely true! I didn't let you tell him before because I was afraid that I would disappoint him again this time! Now, it's confirmed. The doctor informed me that he can operate on Julian at any time! Bring him here immediately!"

"Yes. . . Yes, yes, yes! I know, I'll do it right away!" Sarah heard Christian's words and immediately nodded her head.

"Then let's do this first!" Christian did not want to waste any more time, so he finished talking to his wife and hung up.

Sarah excitedly put down the phone and quickly ran into the restaurant. She looked at Julian, who was about to eat, and shouted excitedly, "Julian! Your Big

Brother just called. He said that he found a person who is completely compatible with you, and that he is willing to donate his cornea! The doctor has informed your Big Brother that he can operate on you at any time! Your eyes can finally see the light again!"

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As soon as Sarah finished speaking, everyone looked at her with excitement. Julian was even more excited. "Sister-in-law, is what you said true? You didn't lie to me?"

"Sarah, is this true?" Old Master Cooper also looked

at Sarah in surprise.

"Yes! Grandpa! It's true! Christian had already confirmed! I need to book a flight ticket now!" After Sarah finished speaking, she turned around and quickly ran back to the living room.

Once Sarah left, Julian grabbed Ruby's hand tightly. He was very excited. "Ruby, did you hear that? Sisterin-law just said that I... I can see the light again...

Did you hear that? Ruby, I can see you again..."

Every day he spent in the endless darkness, Julian's desire for the light was beyond anyone's imagination.

He originally thought that in his life, he would never see the sun, never see his family, and never see everything in this world.

But he never would have thought that he would see

the light again.

How could he not be excited?

Ruby looked at him and was also indescribably happy. "Julian! I heard it. I heard it all. You can see me again. Great. . ."

Old Master Cooper nodded happily. "Great. Your eyes can see the light again. Today, Ethan came back home. Our family has a double happiness!"

Julian could not eat anymore. He wished he could fly to Christian's troops immediately. He held Ruby's hand and was about to stand up and go upstairs.

"Ruby, quickly take me upstairs to change my clothes and pack my luggage. I have to go faster!" He was afraid that if he went late, the surgery would not work.

He wanted to see everything again!

He did not want his wife to continue leading his way.

He wanted to bring her on a date. He wanted to
accompany her to a movie. There were many things
he wanted to do for her. He longed for this day where
he could see the light again!

Ruby looked at his anxious look and smiled. "Even if you want to perform surgery, you have to eat this meal before leaving. In a while, sister-in-law will come over to tell in what time our flight ticket is before we make a decision, okay?"

Old Master Cooper looked at his grandson's anxious look and smiled. "Julian really can't wait anymore."

While they were talking, they saw Sarah happily walk back again. She looked at Julian and said, "I have already booked the plane ticket for today's flight at ten

o'clock in the morning. Don't be so anxious, eat your breakfast first."

Julian listened to Sarah's words and could only sit back in his chair. "I am really a little anxious."

Sarah smiled and understood his current mood very well. "Before the surgery, you must ensure your health, so you must build a good foundation first.

Don't worry. Although the things that happened before in our family were a little bumpy and made our heart ache, but I think that it was also a test for us. Julian, even more so for you. Now is the time for you to see the light again. So calm down."

Julian heard Sarah's words and felt a little ashamed. "Sister-in-law, what you said is too philosophical. I feel a little ashamed of myself. What you said is right. This period of time is a test for me. No matter if it is blind now or seeing the light again, I must learn to cherish

it!"

Old Master Cooper listened to Sarah and Julian's words and nodded in relief. "Grandpa is really happy. After this period of time, all of you have become more mature than before. In the future, our family will become better and better."

"Yes! Better and better!"

When the whole family heard Sarah's words, they could not help but laugh.

Because Ruby had never gone far before and Sarah could not leave for a moment, she called Jasmine and asked her to bring the bodyguards who went with her to Christian's army the last time. She asked him to send Julian and Ruby to Christian's army. This way, she could be more at ease.

This kind of small matter was naturally a piece of cake for Jasmine. A short while later, Sarah received a call from the bodyguard saying that he had already driven to Villa of Cooper Family to pick up Julian and Ruby.

Not long after Sarah put down the phone, she saw Ruby carrying her suitcase downstairs. The driver at home immediately walked over and helped her to open the door.

Jasmine's bodyguard came. Very soon, the car stopped in front of Villa of Cooper Family. Sarah sent Julian and Ruby to the car. Seeing the car quickly disappear into the distance, she let out a long sigh. She turned around and went back to the villa.

Sarah ordered the driver to drive her to the hospital. She wanted to bring Ethan back home.

When Sarah rushed to the hospital, Samantha had

already packed all of Ethan's things. Ethan was about to go home himself when Sarah walked in. Samantha looked at her daughter and smiled. "If you don't come soon, your father will go home by himself."

Ethan heard Samantha's words and laughed, "Sarah, I really have had enough of this place. I don't want to stay here any longer."

Sarah could not help but laugh. "Okay! Dad, even if you want to go back, you have to hear one thing from me first."

Ethan looked at Sarah in confusion. "What is it?"

Samantha also looked at her daughter curiously.

"When we were preparing to eat breakfast this morning, we received a call from Christian. He told me before that there was a patient who matched well

with Julian. But the doctor asked us to wait a little longer. This morning, Christian received a call from the hospital saying that they could operate on Julian at any time. But the sooner the better! So before I came here, I sent Julian away first."

Ethan was stunned when he heard that. "So you mean that Julian's eyes can see the light again?"

Sarah nodded heavily. "Yes! As long as the surgery is completed, his eyes will still be the same as before!"

"That's great! That's great! Samantha, did you hear that? Julian can see again!" When Ethan heard this news, he was indescribably excited. Julian's eyes had always been a sore spot in his heart. Now that his son could see the light again, the worry in his heart was also relieved.

Samantha smiled and nodded. "I heard it! Julian's

eyes can be cured. That was great! That's great!"

"Sarah! Let's go back!" Ethan happily walked towards the door. Sarah and Samantha smiled and followed Ethan out of the ward.

When they walked out of the hospital building, the Cooper Family's car was already waiting for them. Seeing Ethan enter the car, Samantha closed the door for him. She smiled through the window and said, "Ethan, you are well now. I am relieved. Today I have to go back to Wilson Family to take a look. I will go and see you later."

After all, she was not a member of the Cooper Family. Since Ethan had already been discharged from the hospital, she didn't need to follow anymore.

Ethan was also a sensible person. He looked at her and nodded gratefully. "Samantha, thank you for this

period of time!"

Samantha smiled and did not say anything else. When she looked at her daughter on the other side of the car, she reminded her to take good care of Ethan. The car slowly started up. After a while, they drove out of the hospital.

Samantha saw the car drive away and walked towards the car sent by the Wilson Family. Her mother was now old. She had been taking care of Ethan in the hospital for quite some time. This time, she had to go back and see her mother.

The car of the Cooper Family left the hospital very quickly. Ethan looked at Sarah who was beside him and said, "Daphne is not here anymore. Thanks to your mother taking care of me during this period of time, the Cooper Family really owes your family too much. . ."

Sarah smiled and said, "Dad, aren't we all family? You don't have to say such things. After you go home during this period of time, I will ask Mr. Garcia to help you recuperate first and wait for you to completely recover to your previous state. Then you should take back the position of chairman! I can't sleep well at night now. . ."

Although she didn't know anything about the company's operations, to the outside world and the Cooper Group, she was the chairman. It was precisely because she held 50% of the shares that Sarah did not have a proper sleep at night.

Ethan heard her words and smiled. "Vivian did not hesitate to commit crimes and go to jail for the sake of getting the company, but you are the one who got this, yet you can't sleep well? Do you know how many people dream of getting this? But you don't want it?"

"If you did not transfer the 30% shares to me, Dad, how could I become the chairman? With my work experience, I could still do something. But I don't like those things. For me, as long as I take care of everyone in our family, keep family harmony, everyone is safe and healthy, this makes me happier than you giving me the Cooper Group. So, Dad, you have to be the chairman."

She knew nothing about the management of the company and was not interested in it. With so many shares in her hands, she felt as if she was sitting on pins and needles.

Ethan heard her words and smiled. "Alright, but that 20% belongs to Christian, I will put it under your name. When Simona grows up in the future, you can pass it to her. If you reject me again, then I won't take a single cent!"

"Alright! Anyway, as long as you become the chairman, you can do anything!" Sarah heard Ethan agree and then smiled.

The car soon arrived at Villa of Cooper Family and slowly drove into the yard. Benjamin already knew that his son was coming back, so he had been waiting in the yard. As soon as the car drove into the yard, the maids at home came out to welcome Ethan home.

"Ethan!" Seeing his son walk out of the car and return to his original appearance, Old Master Cooper was a little excited.

"Dad. . ." Ethan stepped forward and grabbed his father's hand. He helped him walk into the villa.

"It's good that you are back! It's good that you are back! You're finally back and Julian can see again,

Dad have nothing to worry about now. . . "

Ethan helped his father into the living room and saw the Maternity Matrons walking over with the children in their arms. He had only seen them once in the hospital. At that time, he did not have much strength. Now that he saw the two children, Ethan excitedly walked over and carried the two children over to kiss them.

Ethan couldn't describe how happy he was when he saw each of them. Worried that Ethan would get tired again, Sarah let the Maternity Matrons take the children back first. Ethan refused and carried Stephen to the sofa to sit down. Looking at the grandson in his arms, he was indescribably happy.

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