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Ruby was speechless. She never thought of answering such a question with any answer.

Joseph spoke softly, "I could only say that at that time, Ruby and I were the most suitable, but not necessarily the most in love. Ruby did not love me, and I respected her. This was not the basis of a long marriage."

Joseph's words were a good answer; although his description of their relationship was harsh, it left Ruby a good chance to take the initiative.

Ruby also understood what Joseph meant. Then she looked at Henry and went on, "Dad, you and my mother are staring at me all day long, urging me to go on blind dates every day with the sons of the owners of your cooperating companies. There are only a few of them in the same age group who also have a good relationship with the Lake's. Can you allow me to marry an ordinary office worker? Joseph is the most suitable candidate. First, he has a share of the Runestone Group, and second, he has a steady manner and is not exaggerating like any other man. That's why I chose him. I married him and did not lose my freedom."

Henry was furious after hearing these words. His eyes were angry, and he looked at Joseph again, "She's making a fuss, and you, too? Joseph, you always have good manners. How could you do such a ridiculous thing?"

"Just get what we need." Joseph was not shocked by Henry's anger, calmly answering, "The Lake is kind to me. I cooperated with Ruby in this case, which can also be regarded as returned kindness. But some things happened involuntarily, so it's better to have our own freedom now."

The word kindness made Henry unable to say a word.

In his last sentence, Joseph said something meaningful. Wise people could hear the hidden meaning of it. The so-called involuntarily was only because of Irish's untimely appearance in his life. The previous scandal between Joseph and Britney White had convinced the Lake members for a long time. But people with bright eyes could see that what Joseph did all the time was work. If he really has something to do with Britney, why is no message followed up? Instead, Britney only played herself, and Joseph's attitude of not responding made people suspicious, and the Lake members thought there was someone who he was deliberately protecting.

Henry knew that there would be such a day sooner or later, so when Ruby filed for divorce, he was not surprised because he had already inferred by the previous attitude of Joseph. Both were his daughters. How did he choose whom to support this time? What never occurred to him was that Ruby and Joseph were married in a fake way.

But Shirley refused, like a crazy woman, pointing at Joseph.

"You call it payback? Is that what you're doing? When no other woman is coming your way, you take advantage of our daughter, now, there is a woman around you, and in the blink of an eye, you change your mind? You can bring it up if you want to ask for a divorce. What fake marriage are you talking about?"

"Mom, I brought up the fake marriage to him." Ruby hurriedly opened her mouth to protect Joseph and reached this decision.

"Silly daughter, you have been traded, you do not know? Why do you have to speak for him? Now that he has a woman, he can't wait to dump you. Are you still foolishly believing him?" Shirley was outraged, without thinking about what she said, "Did he threaten you? Or did he encourage you to say that? If you have a pseudo-marriage with him and then decide to get divorced, is it not him who gains in the end? What can you get?"

"You shut up!" Henry roared angrily and pointed upstairs, "Go upstairs, don't make a fool of yourself in front of your children!"

"Our daughter has come to such a loss. What am I ashamed of?" Shirley was hysterical, rolling her eyes, "Joseph, please explain clearly, how you bully my daughter. Did you set up a sham marriage with her? You say it is a fake marriage, and it is the truth? Many people were on the wedding day, and now you're retreating? All the good things in the world fall on you, right? What do you think of my daughter? What's the purpose of the wedding ceremony at that time if you're both not legally married? Not married, but are both of you sleeping in a room? You took advantage of my daughter, and now you want to walk away, and what have you said? Returning kindness? Without the Lake family, can you have your career today? You are now in the Runestone Group, taking charge of it as general manager and becoming a successful businessman; therefore, you are bewitched by a woman and dump the wife immediately. Who are you, by the way? How dare you dump my daughter this way?"

Shirley's words poked the heart of a man. Her mood was understandable, but she was too aggressive, bitter, and pungent. As Irish listened to her, her heart wrung and was in pain, and she wanted to argue with Shirley. But at this time, if she were to be aggressive, Joseph would be in a real dilemma. She forcefully restrained herself, letting Shirley say everything she wanted.

Ruby's confession was of no use this time. She wanted to explain herself. Unfortunately, she couldn't convince her family this time that they were in a fake marriage.

Henry was already upset and felt a headache from Shirley's words. In just one night, two major events shocked them all. He could not bear any more pressure, so he yelled at the housekeeper angrily and asked the housekeeper to take Shirley back to her room.

But she never went back, beginning to cry, and Roy could not help but persuade her.

Kelly and Lilith returned early to their room and also heard the commotion downstairs. When they went downstairs, they learned that Ruby and Joseph had a sham marriage. Kelly was also shocked. Lilith blinked and looked at Joseph with respect. She let go of her father's affairs and sat by Irish's side, listening for fear of missing every detail.

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