

Revenge Against My Ex-husband

Chapter 52 Declare His Love

Eden was sleeping soundly beside her and even snored. But Irene couldn't fall asleep. Although she tried hard to stop herself from thinking about it, her humiliating past still haunted her.

She was under great pressure when she was with Edric. Handsome and rich, how could he fall in love with a Cinderella like her? She resisted him at first by instinct, but then she was slowly moved by his love and affection and fell for him as well.

She knew that Margaret didn't like her. Margaret had a long face the first time she met Irene. She sized her up and down with a disdainful look and asked her in an arrogant voice, "How old are you? What do your parents do?"

Irene could easily tell how dissatisfied Margaret was from her expression and tone. She glanced at Edric, suppressed the grievance in her heart, and tried her best to talk to her politely.

Margaret was even more displeased when she heard that Irene's mother had passed away. "How could that be? Is it because you bring bad luck?"

Irene's face changed instantly as Margaret blamed her for her mother's death. Edric held Irene's hand and said, "Mom, that's a superstition!"

Margaret snorted, annoyed that her son was siding with Irene. "You look so thin. Are you capable of giving birth to a child?"

Irene did not know how to answer her question and could only remain silent. Edric said, "Mom, you just met the first time. Why did you say that?"

None of them enjoyed the first meeting. When Edric was sending Irene back, she asked him nervously, "Edric, your mom doesn't like me at all."

"Don't think too much. My mother has a bad temper, but she doesn't mean anything bad," Edric comforted her.

After a few days, she saw Edric's mother at the cafe she was working in. Margaret and Lily were having coffee together, which was served by Irene. Margaret made spiteful remarks about her, "Lily, a person needs to have some self-awareness. A chicken has to know her place and shouldn't dream about becoming a golden phoenix. That's not realistic."

Irene could feel her blood boiling at Margaret's apparent derision. Thinking of Edric, she gritted her teeth and suppressed her anger. She turned around and left with the tray.

A few days later, Margaret came to see Irene and told her straightforwardly that she didn't like Irene and wanted Lily to be her daughter-in-law. She asked Irene to leave Edric on her own.

Margaret's aggressive look made Irene sick. Irene asked her if she would want Lily as her daughter-in-law if Steven weren't her father. Embarrassed and furious, Margaret threw Irene a check of five hundred thousand dollars and forced her to break up with Edric.

Irene wanted to slap Margaret with her check so badly. But she eventually controlled herself and left.

She broke up with Edric after she went back. Edric begged her not to leave, but she was determined. Heartbroken, Edric got drunk in bars every day and was sent to the hospital for gastrointestinal bleeding.

Edric's sickness softened Margaret's heart. She reluctantly called Irene and asked her to go to the hospital. Edric grasped Irene's hand and wouldn't let her leave. Margaret finally acquiesced in the relationship between Edric and Irene.

However, she was not resigned. She never stopped provoking and criticizing Irene after they got married. She met with Lily frequently and treated Irene even worse after knowing she couldn't bear children.

Margaret often forced Irene to drink bitter medicine that was alleged to be able to treat infertility. She also found some strange prescriptions that were said to be effective, including one that required Irene to drink liquor with black ants soaked in.

Margaret claimed that Irene would be able to conceive once she drank it. Irene was so disgusted by the ants and didn't want to drink. Margaret shouted at her and asked her to get out so she could have a daughter-in-law that could actually give her grandchildren.

Irene tried her best to put up with Margaret. But her patience was limited. She couldn't bear the physical and psychological torture and started to quarrel with Margaret.

Edric happened to see her fight with Margaret a few times. Margaret was a good actress. Even though she was yelling and cursing at Irene just moments ago, she managed to play the victim in tears as soon as she saw her son. She forced Edric to divorce Irene.

Irene had had enough of this life and couldn't stand it anymore. She had a long conversation with Edric and told him that she had taken enough medicine and done enough exams. She didn't want to drink anything else or go to the hospital for those exams that gave her creeps.

Since the Myers Family had to have a son, she'd better break up with Edric and wouldn't blame him.

Guilt-ridden, Edric held her tightly in his arms. "Irene, don't be silly. Having children is not important to me. I only care about you. You're all I want!"

Many women liked to listen to men's sweet talks. She made concessions for Edric once again.

Edric made up his mind and decided to talk to Margaret. Irene didn't know what they talked about, but someone Margaret agreed to let them move out.

Life was so much better without Margaret's harassment. Irene no longer had to endure the physical pain and mental torture. She and Edric had a relatively peaceful time together.

Much to her surprise, she was pregnant, probably thanks to her better mood. When the pregnancy was confirmed, she was ecstatic and couldn't wait to call Edric.

It didn't go as she imagined. Irene never dreamed that Edric would cheat on her.

How could she believe him when he said he only wanted her? He already found a mistress who was able to bear children. Of course he would say such things to deceive her. She blamed herself for believing him. Fortunately, Lily came to her in time.

As much as she hated Lily, she felt gratitude for her later. If it weren't for Lily, how could she know that Edric was such a disgusting man? How could she witness the lies and evilness under his mask?

He vowed to love Irene forever and gave her everything he had before she found out about his affair with Lily. But his dark side was revealed as soon as his relationship with Lily was exposed. He couldn't wait to divorce her in the cruelest way. Irene almost wanted to laugh out loud when she read the divorce agreement.

What a wonderful irony! Men treated women like treasures when they fell in love and like dirt when they fell out. She never believed that until she saw the divorce agreement. She was the most foolish person in the world indeed. She signed it without hesitation and left the house with nothing but the clothes Thomas bought for her.

The next morning, Irene went to the company with big dark circles under her eyes. Jordan teased her, "Are you a panda?"

Irene was not in the mood to joke with him. She started to work in silence. Jordan studied her secretly and wondered why she was full of worries.

Was it because of Nathan? He had always known that Nathan was hanging up on a woman, but he didn't know it was Irene. Jordan had no idea what kind of relationship Nathan had with Irene. He was certain that Nathan liked Irene. But what about her?

Irene was not a small-minded woman. Jordan felt by instinct that she didn't love Nathan romantically. Otherwise, she would be moved by Nathan's affection a long time ago.

Jordan had mixed feelings after knowing that Nathan liked Irene. It was said a man shouldn't desire his friends' lovers. Jordan knew he should bow out once he found out about Nathan's feelings for Irene. But he didn't. He realized that he couldn't control his heart, for the first time in his life.

He knew exactly what he wanted. He liked Irene and wanted to protect her and give her the warmth and love she deserved.

However, she didn't care about him. Jordan knew that Irene was different from other women around him and had long believed him to be a philanderer. He was at a serious disadvantage compared to Nathan.

But he didn't want to give up because of this. As a man, he had to work hard to fight for what he liked. Irene was his target now.

Judging by the fact that Irene picked Bert, Jordan guessed that she liked gentle and considerate men, so he had been trying to be gentle himself these days. Irene's attitude toward him seemed to have changed a little.

It appeared that he made the right move. He wanted to take things slow before knowing about Nathan's love for her. Now it seemed that he couldn't wait any longer. He must take action quickly.

He had already made it clear to Nathan that they would compete fairly. He must let Irene know about his feelings to do so. He decided to confess his love to Irene officially.

Jordan was an experienced playboy who knew that women enjoyed romance. In order to please Irene, he booked a restaurant and decorated it with roses, balloons, and candles, planning to confess to her in the most romantic settings.

Irene had no idea what Jordan was doing and only realized his intention after tricking her into the restaurant. The flowers, balloons, and candlelit dinner reminded her of Edric.

That was how he trapped her. She now understood how stupid she was at the time. Her experience had proved to her that men couldn't be trusted.

Irene picked up a rose and sniffed it with a mocking smile. Jordan didn't know what she was thinking. He thought he had a chance since Irene didn't appear angry.

Therefore, he dimmed the light as he planned before. The soothing music sounded, and the candlelight flickered. Jordan prepared himself and said, "Irene, be my girlfriend!"

Irene looked at him. "Why me?"

"I like you!"

"You like me?" Irene cracked a wicked smile, "Didn't you despise me as a divorced woman?"

"I've never despised you," Jordan explained himself, "I was just feeling disgruntled that you didn't meet me in the first place, and you were hurt like that. But I'm here now. Irene, I like you! Be my girlfriend! You don't have to work so hard when you are with me. I will respect you no matter what happens and will never force you..."

A snicker interrupted him. Then, a voice rang out abruptly, "Mr. Reed, are you acting in a play?"