

Revenge Against My Ex-husband

Chapter 90 Sick

Irene was furious. Steven had been a politician for a long time, and to her surprise, even his style of communicating was similar to that of a politician. He even used one of their tricks on her, saying that he left hundreds of million worth of assets for her. If she really cared about those, she would never have divorced Edric so easily.

What made her most angry was the fact that Steven was deceived by Deborah and Lily so easily. Steven was not a fool. The reason why he could tolerate them must be related to his career. What right did a person who disregarded family for his own future, have, to act as her father? Right then, she was completely disappointed in Steven.

After returning home, Irene's face was written with dejection. Thomas asked her, concerned, "What did he meet you for?"

Irene sighed and told Thomas that Steven and Deborah asked Lily to bear Edric's child.

After she divorced Edric, she only told Thomas that Edric cheated on her, but she never included that the person he cheated on her with was Lily.

Hearing that, Thomas trembled with red fury. "The person that had an affair with Edric turned out to be Deborah's daughter? B*tch! They are all b*tches!"

He really despised them. Deborah was the one who went to seduce Steven in the past; and now, Lily turned out going after Irene's husband. The apple didn't fall far from the tree.

However, Steven was the one who enraged Thomas the most. Steven did nothing as he watched Lily take Irene's man away. Okay then, nevermind, but he even agreed to a marriage between Lily and Edric. Was there a shortage of men in the world? Why must they choose Edric?

"Uncle Thomas, don't get worked up. It's not worth it!" Irene was not vexed now in the slightest bit. Previously, she had gotten so irate that she lost all rationality and ended up beating and scolding Lily.

However, when she looked back on it, she found her behavior to be ridiculous. It took two to tango. If Edric wasn't open to it, would Lily be able to seduce him?

The most hateful thing was that he even stipulated such harsh conditions for her upon their divorce; and, he did all these for Lily. Irene must be a real fool to have misjudged him.

"Irene, you should have told me at the start. If I knew that the daughter of that b*tch was the mistress, I would try my best to pull Steven down too!" Thomas gnashed his teeth in hatred.

"Uncle Thomas, it's already in the past." Irene comforted him, "A person like Steven is not worth our time, as are his wife and daughter. Let's live a peaceful life ourselves."

"I'm only saying that because I can't accept their behaviors. How could a smart and clever person like your mother choose such a person?" Thomas sighed.

"There were so many people who chased after your mother. Steven wasn't an outstanding person at all at that time. I used to think that Steven was never a just man, but your mother said that he was more trustworthy than those rich people... Alas! If I had stopped her at that time."

"Not a just man? What happened?" Irene asked.

"One of your mother's friends asked your mother to keep several antique paintings that were worth as much as a city. Later on, those paintings were discovered to be fake." Thomas sighed.

"What does this have to do with Steven?" Irene did not understand.

"At that time, Steven was going after your mother..." Thomas did not continue.

Irene was stunned, and her heart sank. "Do you suspect that he substituted the antique paintings in secret?"

Thomas nodded. "It's just my suspicion, I have no evidence, and I can't rule out the possibility that your mother's friend was cheated and had bought fakes."

"Uncle Thomas, he must've done it!" Irene thundered. She then filled Thomas in about Steven telling her that his house had a lot of antiques.

Thomas' expression suddenly darkened. "Are you serious?"

"He said it himself. He said that those antiques would cost one's arm and leg too!" Irene confirmed.

"It's really him! It's really him!" Thomas hit the table with his fist, his face livid. He gnashed his teeth as he said, "How could Steven be so shameless? Your mother really was blind at that time!"

"You're right! If Mom finds out that she had married such a man, she will definitely feel exasperated." Irene's blood was boiling with rage. "Uncle Thomas, what happened after that?"

"Because of that, your mother's friend went bankrupt, and her reputation was ruined..." Thomas' face turned pale, and his voice trembled with seething anger. "I guess you really will get into trouble if you don't know who you are dealing with!"

"Uncle Thomas, who was that friend of my mother's?" Irene asked.

"It's all in the past!" Thomas stood up shakily. "Irene, I'm tired. I'll head inside and lie down for a while."

Looking at Thomas' staggering steps, Irene was puzzled. What was up with Thomas?

The next day, the news of Edric and Lily getting engaged appeared on the headlines of the major media outlets in San Feticillo. Irene saw the news at Kinsey's house.

The person who hosted the press conference turned out to be the public relations manager of Edric's company. Irene actually saw Margaret on the channel.

Margaret was all smiles; she looked exceptionally amiable. Irene was unfamiliar with that side of Margaret. In Irene's memory, it seemed that she had never seen Margaret smile before in the few years that she was married to Edric.

However, Margaret was so gleeful at this moment as if she had found a treasure right then. It seemed that she really liked Lily very much! Edric was wearing a formal suit; and he too, was wearing a charming smile. He even personally announced their engagement date.

Flashes from the cameras lit the entire of the press conference. Irene looked at the smile on Edric's face and froze on the spot. Eden also saw Edric on the TV. He pointed to Edric and asked Irene, "Mom, is Mr. Edric getting married?"

"Yes." Irene came back to her senses.

"Mr. Edric lied to me. That time, he told me that he didn't have a girlfriend." Eden showed a despondent expression.

"I like him so much, so how can he lie to me? Jordan is also a bad guy. He said that he was going to be my Dad. I even called him Dad, but he abandoned us," Eden continued.

Irene reached out and hugged Eden. Her heart ached so much. Fortunately, Eden did not know that Edric was his father. Otherwise, how heartbroken would he be? She would never let Eden know that his father was such a disgusting person!

Eden was still a child; hence, it didn't take long before he let go of all his anger. He returned to playing with his toys soon. After a while, the door was opened. Thomas, who had gone to buy fruits, came back irately. "Uncle Thomas, didn't you go to buy some fruits? Why did you come back empty-handed?" Irene asked.

"Irene, are you okay?" Thomas looked at Irene with concern.

"I'm okay," Irene grinned. Thomas must be afraid that she would feel dejected when she heard the news of Edric's engagement to Lily. Irene continued, "Uncle Thomas, I've already given up on him. I'm not sad, not at all!"

"Kid! Oh my poor kid!" Seeing Irene putting on a strong front, Thomas was extremely crestfallen.

"I promised your mother that I would take good care of you, but I have failed her. You've been in so much torment all this while. I've let your mother and you down!" Thomas remarked, downhearted.

"Uncle Thomas, you've been very good to me! If it weren't for you, I would have ended up on the streets long ago." Irene was telling the truth. It was Thomas who took her in and raised her when she was at her worst. To her, Thomas was not only her uncle, but also her father.

"All the people in the Cook family are so heartless, and that scum Edric doesn't have a shred of conscience either. How could he shamelessly get engaged to that b*tch?!" The more Thomas thought about it, the angrier he became. "I can't let those two b*tches get what they want just like this. I must expose their scheme. I will crush all their hopes!"

"In my opinion, blame is to be laid on both. Just let those jackals from the same lair harm each other. Let's not concern them." Irene held Thomas' hand.

"You don't deserve all this, Irene. If it weren't for them, you wouldn't have suffered so much pain. Everything they have right now was supposed to be yours. Yours!" Thomas replied.

"Uncle Thomas, there's no such as thing as being deserving or not. Everyone has their own goal. I never wanted to be a politician's daughter, nor a noble lady from an affluent family. My goal is simple: I want to live with my beloved family happily every day! Right now, you and Eden are all I have and who I can rely on. I'm happy enough to have you two!" Irene explained.

Thomas exhaled. "Irene, I didn't expect you to be so much more forgiving than me! You're right. It's good as long as you're content with your life!"

Eden came up with a fever again in the middle of the night. Irene and Kinsey urgently sent him to the hospital. The fever this time was different from before. The antipyretic and the IV drip didn't have any effect at all.

Eden's fever was similar to the early symptoms of leukemia. The doctor suggested doing a blood test. After the doctor extracted his blood, he found that there was something wrong with the leukocytes in Eden's blood. The doctor was shocked to find that, for the abnormal leukocyte count indicated that the child might have leukemia.

In order to confirm it, they had to run a bone marrow test. After that, it showed that Eden indeed had leukemia. Irene was beyond words.

Irene could not accept that result at all. She suspected that there was something amiss with the hospital's examination, so she flew abroad with Eden immediately after Eden recovered a little.

Nathan went to several hospitals with her and Eden in succession, and the results of all the examinations were exactly the same.

The doctor diagnosed that Eden had acute myeloid leukemia; its five-year survival rate was at most 40%. At present, the safest treatment was to control it with medicine in order to prevent the cancer cells from spreading. Then, they would work on finding a bone marrow donor. If they found someone with matching bone marrow, they could then do a marrow transplant immediately.

However, a bone marrow transplant might not be 100% effective in treating Eden. There was only an 80% chance of it being cured.

80% of hope was better than nothing. Irene immediately commenced a bone marrow match test, but her bone marrow didn't match Eden's. The hospital looked around for other people with bone marrow that matched Eden's; however, it wasn't an easy task.

Irene had become haggard in just a few days; Nathan left his work to accompany her day and night. When the doctor saw Irene's dishevelled appearance, he suggested that the best way to cure Eden was to do a cord blood transplant.

The doctor proposed to have Eden's biological father to bear another child with Irene, and to treat Eden's leukemia with the cord blood of the new baby.

Irene flumped herself dejectedly on the chair in the hospital with Nathan sitting next to her. "It has taken such a long time even before we can find a match. I think this suggestion is feasible."

"You want me to make love to that disgusting man? Do you want me to die of disgust?" Irene shook her head.

"Irene, for Eden's sake, no matter how disgusting it is, you still have to do it. Tell him the truth. After all, Eden is his child. No matter what, he will definitely do this for his child," Nathan persuaded her.

"I know him very well. Since he personally announced his engagement with Lily, it shows that he values that matter very much. I don't want to humiliate myself!" Irene retorted.

"How do you know if you don't even try? You have to give it a shot, even if the chance of succeeding is meager, for Eden's sake. Do you want Eden to bear the pain of illness all the time?"

"He is my child, and I am his mother. How would I allow him to be in such pain?" Irene covered her face with her hands. Did she really have to bend down to that disgusting man? Men and toothbrushes were the only thing that couldn't be shared. That being said, Edric's betrayal had made him a dirty and nauseating man!

"Irene, it's not the time to let your emotions take the better of you. You have to think about Eden. Edric and Lily will be engaged the day after tomorrow. You have to stop them before the engagement," Nathan said.

With Nathan's persuasion, Irene picked up the phone and called Edric. For so many years, his phone number had always been in her mind. She didn't even need to look it up in her contact book at all.