

## Revenge Against My Ex-husband

### Chapter 91 Heartlessly Rejected

"Hello?" Edric's voice was tinged with sleepiness due to the difference in time zones.

"It's me!" Irene controlled herself so her emotions did not show in her tone. Edric sat up immediately after he heard Irene's voice. Right then, he returned to his usual indifference. "What's wrong?"

"Edric, can I... can I ask you for a favor?"

"What is it?" he asked.

"Can... can... can you not get engaged to Lily?" Licking her cracked lips, she finally muttered out a complete sentence.

"I'm afraid I can't!" Edric answered in a straightforward manner. He suspected that there was something amiss with his ears. If she had made such a request a few days ago, he would have been ecstatic and gave her a positive answer. However, right then, he felt that it was too ironic.

"Edric! If you don't get engaged to Lily, I... I will consider getting back together with you!" God knew how much courage it took for her to say that. Nonetheless, Edric sneered and parroted, "Get back together with me? Did I hear it correctly?"

"Edric, aren't you curious about why I want to get back with you?" Irene felt extremely humiliated. It was a shame for her to plead Edric, her ex-husband who had an affair to get back to her. This was her last resort; and for Eden, she did not mind to bear such humiliation.

"Miss Nelson, there is a limit to everything. You brought this up after I announced my engagement with Lily. Don't you think it's too late?" Edric simpered.

He had considered it carefully before agreeing to be engaged to Lily. It had nothing to do with love. He only wanted to do right by Lily.

The most important thing was that he did not believe that Irene really wanted to get back with him. She hated Lily and Deborah. Her calling him after he announced his engagement with Lily was most probably for revenge. She wanted Lily's image to be ruined, but he would not allow himself to be Irene's tool for revenge.

"Let me tell you clearly, no matter what reason you have, I won't give up my engagement with Lily!" He hung up after saying that.

Never did Irene want to have any contact with him at all, but for the sake of Eden, she had to give in. Irene bit her lip and called Edric again. The phone rang twice before it was rejected. When she called back for the third times, Edric had already turned off his phone.

Listening to the mechanical female voice from the phone, Irene's face turned pale, her body shaking like a leaf. How could Edric be so heartless? How could he turn her away?!

Her mind was echoing with Edric's ruthless words to her, "No matter what reason you have, I won't give up my engagement with Lily!"

"Edric, you will regret it! I swear you will regret it!" Irene thought.

"How did the negotiation with Edric go?" Nathan asked.

She didn't come back to her senses until Nathan came over and gave her a nudge. She replied, "He said, no matter what reason I have, he won't give up his engagement with Lily!"

"Did he really say that?" Nathan was shocked. "Did you not tell him about the child?"

"He said that no matter what reason I have, he won't give up on Lily. Nathan, I know Edric's personality very well; he and I are very stubborn people. As long as he has made his decision, he will definitely stick to it." Irene shook her head. "It seems that I have underestimated Lily's standing in his heart."

"Then what should we do?" Nathan frowned. "Irene, just tell him about Eden. No one is capable of hurting their own children; Edric is not such a cruel person. I think you should call him again!"

"It's useless. He's turned off his phone!" Irene smiled bitterly. She had thought of telling Edric the truth, but Edric did not even give her a chance.

"How could this be?" Nathan sighed. "Irene, don't worry. Call him again after a few hours. His phone won't be turned off the entire time."

Irene did not speak. Dr. George, Eden's attending doctor, came over. Seeing Nathan and Irene standing there with a dejected face, he asked, "How is it? Have you guys decided to go with my suggestion?"

Nathan smiled bitterly. "This suggestion will not work on our side. The child's father is about to be remarried! I don't think they'll be expecting a new child."

"Why do you mean?" Dr. George shook his head. "You people of Haverland are too old-fashioned. You don't need to marry him to give birth to his child. You only need his sperm."

George's words enlightened Irene. That was right! Medical technology nowadays was so advanced! Indeed, she just needed his sperm. As long as she could find a way to get Edric's sperm... "Nathan, I have an idea."

"What idea?" Nathan asked.

But her excitement was short-lived. Although she just needed his sperm, it was not an easy task to get it. Edric would not let her get his sperm so easily. And treating Eden's illness would certainly cost a lot of money. Those were all problems she was facing.

"I'm too simple-minded. Since Edric is so cruel, how can he let me get what I want? Eden's treatment requires a large sum of money too... Argh!" Irene grunted.

"Worry about getting his sperm for now. I will find the money. Trust me!" Nathan comforted her.

Irene lowered her head and pondered about it for a while. Then, she slowly shook her head. "Nathan, I've got a way to solve the money issue, but getting his sperm could prove to be quite difficult."

"You've got a way to solve the money issue?" Nathan doubted.

"Steven came to me a few days ago and said that he would give me a large sum of his inheritance. I turned him down decisively at that time, but now, I have thought it through. Why didn't I accept the money initially? I can treat Eden with the money; Eden and I wouldn't need to live such a hard life either..." Irene explained.

"Irene! Don't force yourself to do that!" Nathan exclaimed. Irene hated Steven very much. In the past, she didn't even want to admit that he was her father even though her life was harsh. One could imagine how uncomfortable she must have felt to go to Steven for aids.

"I'm not. I used to be too pedantic, but this time, for Eden... for him... I will do anything for him!" Irene said.

Irene was determined. "I've been running away because of my own fear; Eden had suffered so much because of me. On top of that, he was afflicted with such an illness at a tender age. Yet, those who once hurt me are still living a comfortable life. I have figured it out. What right do they have to be happy when I'm not? Not only do I want to get my hands on those assets, but I also want to let them feel indebted to me all their lives!"

Irene's change surprised Nathan. "Irene, don't go to such extremes. Everything is still recoverable."

Irene shook her head. "Nathan, you don't have to persuade me anymore. I will definitely follow my own gut this time. I won't change my decision!"

Irene knew that obtaining Edric's sperm wasn't the only problem. She had to make sure that she was able to get pregnant too. The three years that she was married to Edric, she had never ovulated. If she wanted a child then, she had to make sure that she was able to ovulate. Ensuring that was the first step before she executed the plan.

Irene immediately carried out a physical examination in the hospital. A few hours later, the results of the examination had been released. She looked at the results on the report with surprise. "How could this be?"

When Nathan saw her unusual expression, he immediately took the examination report from her hand. He was astonished too after reading it. "What's going on? When did you undergo such an operation?"

"I haven't gone through such an operation before, though? I'm not stupid. Why would I have such an operation?" Irene chirped.

"Then what's going on?" Nathan replied.

"I don't know! I don't know what's going on!" Irene flounced on the chair with her head in her arms. She had undergone a sterilization surgery, in which her oviduct had been tied up surgically. But why didn't it show after doing so many physical examinations before?

Was it possible that the surgery was not done before she gave birth? Then when did it occur?

Nathan recomposed himself after the shock. He asked the doctor, "Can she get pregnant in such a situation?"

"Yes, she can. But, she has to undergo tubal anastomosis first," the doctor announced.

"How high is the success rate?" Nathan asked again.

The doctor pondered for a moment and answered, "I think it's 85 percent!"

"So low?" Nathan asked.

"I'll do it no matter how low it is. I can't give up any way to cure Eden's illness. First, I'll undergo tubal anastomosis. Then, I'll look for matching bone marrow at the same time to increase our chances," Irene declared.

Nathan nodded and said, "Okay, as you wish!"

Nathan immediately contacted an expert to do the surgery for Irene. After the operation, Irene stayed at the hospital and rested for three days. On the fourth day, she immediately booked a flight and returned to San Fetillo.

On the plane back to Haverland, Irene saw the news about Edric and Lily's engagement. She originally wanted to go home first and discuss her plan with Thomas. But, she suddenly changed her mind when she saw the news. She had to go to Steven's house to witness the engagement ceremony. The news stated that they were a couple made in heaven; Irene had to see it herself if it was true.

After getting off the plane, Irene took a taxi and went straight to the Cook family. That was the first time she went to Steven's house in San Fetillo. When she arrived there, the guards stopped her.

Irene looked at the mirror on the guardhouse and found that she looked exceedingly haggard. Her dirty hair was disheveled and her face was painted with exhaustion. She didn't look like a guest of the Cook family at all; instead, she seemed more like a beggar. No wonder the guards stopped her.

However, it didn't matter. She did come to beg for money. Irene put down her luggage and smiled at the guard. "Please call Mr. Cook and inform him that Irene is here!"

The guard took a look at her. He didn't want to make that call at first, but given her resoluteness and the fact that the Cook family was holding a wedding ceremony that day, he reckoned that Irene might be a distant relative of Mr. Cook's. Hence, he picked up the phone and dialed Steven's number.

A few minutes later, Steven appeared in the guard room with a surprised look on his face. "Irene?"

"Mr. Cook, I have decided to move back here. Shouldn't you welcome me with open arms?" Irene's mouth curved into a beam as she asked in a mocking tone.

"Of course!" Steven reached out and helped Irene to pick up her luggage. "I called you several times, but you had your phone turned off. I went to ask Thomas about it. He said that you went abroad. What happened? Why did you go abroad?"

Steven did not seem to be lying. He did call Irene several times and also went to Irene's new home to find her, but he ended up being splashed with water all over his face by Thomas.

"I had some private matters to attend to!" Irene answered flatly. Anyway, she would have plenty of time to get along with Steven. There was no need for her to raise a fuss with Steven now.

"Today is Lily's engagement day..." Steven trailed off as he carefully observed Irene's face. After noticing that the latter did not have much change in her expression, he continued to say, "I have only invited a few guests to our home. It's going to be a small-scaled occasion."

"Very good!" Irene replied lightly.

"Lily and Edric will move out after getting engaged. You don't have to worry..." Steven added.

"What's there for me to worry about? Why did you ask them to move out? Isn't a family supposed to live together to be happy?" Irene smiled faintly.

Her open-mindedness left Steven tongue-tied. Where did Irene's hostility and resentment go? However, she became more indifferent too. What exactly happened?

While he was lost in his thoughts, they had already arrived at the house. It was Lily's big day, so the house was decorated accordingly to the joyous occasion. Irene saw a platform in the yard. On the platform, Lily was standing beside Edric in a dress. Both of them looked on cloud nine.

The corners of Irene's mouth quirked upwards slightly. With a playful smile, she looked at the pair onstage acting affectionately. Applause rang out before she followed suit and clapped her hands.

Steven was originally worried about Irene. However, when he saw her behavior, he felt a weight lifted off his shoulders. Onstage, Edric put a ring on Lily with a polite smile on his face. His movements were as smooth as flowing water, yet the depth of his eyes was void of emotion.

His eyes swept to Irene, who was standing below the stage while clapping her hands. He was subconsciously stunned. While he was in a daze, Lily tiptoed and took the initiative to perk at his lips.

The applause became more thunderous. The smile on Irene's face widened. Margaret breathed a sigh of relief when she saw that scene. She looked at Deborah, who was next to her. The two exchanged glances and chuckled. Suddenly, they realized that there was a person missing. Margaret asked right away, "Where is Steven?"

"He was still here just now, but he left after answering a call!" Deborah said as she looked at the entrance. When she saw Irene standing beside Steven, she was evidently dumbstruck.

While she was still in shock, Margaret also noticed Irene. "Why is she here?"