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Love Change Of Heart Chapter 46—Do You Want a Child?

After the kiss ended, Anthony left abruptly. When Leanna wanted to keep her phone away, an indifferent voice came from behind her. "I didn't know that you have an interest like this."

At a loss for words, Leanna decided not to explain anything to him and hurriedly left after chuckling stiffly. Just as Aidan was about to leave, he stepped on something, and he lowered his head to take a look. The brand of a certain maternal and child product company was printed on the paper bag. Without flinching, he crouched down and picked up the bag.

Meanwhile, after Leanna had left the hotel and wanted to give Zoe a call, it struck her that the latter was in a shoot now. So, she opened the chat window and typed in something, but every time, she would delete it.

The longer time passed, the heavier her heart felt. Zoe and Anthony had been dating for several years, and their relationship had always been very good.

Anthony was a remarkable person and he did not lack admirers, but no matter how women threw themselves at him, he only had Zoe in his eyes.

At that time, there were even people joking that he was Zoe's tail, following her wherever she went, but he was happy about it. However, everything had changed after he went abroad for only a year.

Zoe is still waiting for his proposal. So, does love fade away so easily? Leanna wondered. In the end, she lowered her phone lifelessly, as she had no idea how she should break this news to Zoe.

After taking a few steps, she suddenly realized that her hands felt a little empty. I should be carrying something in my hands...

Suddenly, she looked down and saw that the baby's clothing she had bought earlier were nowhere to be found. Rooted to the spot in stunned silence for a few seconds, she then slowly accepted the fact that she had left the clothes in the hotel room earlier.

Her head was about to explode. Finally, after one peaceful month, why were the unfortunate events happening one after another? She had totally lost the courage to return to look for her stuff, not to mention the mood to argue with Aidan.

After she returned to her apartment, Leanna laid in bed for a long time. When her emotions had subsided and calmed down, she got out of bed and started designing the necklace for Sienna.

In the evening, a servant from Castor Villa gave her a call. "Madam, Master said that he picked up something belonging to you. If you still need it, then come over to pick it up. Otherwise, he'll dispose of it."

Leanna really wanted to say that she didn't want them anymore, but since that jerk had deliberately informed her, it showed that he had some ideas on his mind again. If she didn't go, it would just deepen his suspicions.

In Castor Villa, the servant placed down the phone. "Master, Madam says that she's coming right now."

"Okay," he muttered calmly. "You can take a rest now."

Nodding, the servant bowed slightly and left.

Loosening his tie, Aidan then picked up the bag on the couch and went to the second floor.

Half an hour later, Leanna pushed open the door of Castor Villa. The lights on the first floor were turned on, but there was no one around.

She pursed her lips and could only go upstairs slowly. Standing outside the bedroom door, she extended her hand and knocked on it. "Are you in there, President Pearson?"

When there was no reply, she suppressed her temper and raised her voice a little. "President Pearson, are you in?"

A few seconds later, a stoic voice of a man came from inside. "Come in."

Pushing the door open, she then took a few cautious steps inside while Aidan came out of the bathroom dressed in casual clothes with his hair wet.

After peering at Leanna, he went straight to the couch, took a seat and pointed with his chin. "That's your stuff."

In hurried steps, she scurried over and held the bag in her arms. "Thank you, President Pearson. I'll be leaving now if there's nothing else. Have an early rest. Good night."

"Hold it right there."

Stiffly, she froze in her tracks, and he lifted his gaze gently. "Aren't you going to explain to me about the stuff in there?"

Holding her body in a stiff position, Leanna told him the lie she had prepared earlier without even batting an eyelid. "Zoe is preparing for a baby, isn't she? As the baby's godmother, it's... normal that I'm buying these things."

Reasonable, well-founded and consistent, her story was so convincing that she almost believed it herself.

Chortling, Aidan asked, "Leanna McKinney, do you really think that I'm an idiot?"

His words made her heart skip a few beats, and she forced the plastered smile on her face. "Everything I said is true, and I can't help it if you don't believe it."

Aidan was quiet, while Leanna's heart drummed against her chest. Unsure of how far his suspicions went, she didn't dare to open her mouth rashly. However, judging from his expression, it didn't seem like he was going to skin her alive. In contrast, there was an inexplicable sense of despondency and gloominess.

Some time passed before he finally asked slowly, "Leanna, do you want a baby?"

When she clearly knew that there was nothing going on between him and Mia and Mia wasn't pregnant as well, Leanna still insisted to divorce him and even lied to him that she was pregnant in order to provoke him.

Hence, Aidan thought that Leanna was most probably testing him at that time. She wanted a baby but he couldn't give it to her, so she threw a tantrum with him and wanted a divorce because of this?

The edge of her lips twitched, and Leanna's heart, which had almost skipped out from her body, fell back to its place. "I don't have such a thought."

"Really?" Aidan asked nonchalantly, as though implying that she shouldn't deny it anymore because he could read her like a book.

Dumbfounded, she then said, "Even if I want a child, it has nothing to do with you, and I don't know why you had to ask me over to ask me about this now. However, I would like to remind you that you're the one who said that you won't allow any woman to be pregnant with your child, including me."

A knot appeared between his brows. "Did I really say that?"

Speechless, Leanna thought, This *sshole really is shameless!

Then, he said, "Even if I said it before, that's the truth. You should know very well that I don't plan to have a child."

"Oh," she muttered. What the hell has this got to do with me?

Hearing the disappointment in her voice, he pursed his lips for a second and added, "At least not for the next two years, but I may consider it in the future."

He would never allow his child to be someone else's puppet after being born, not to mention grow into a life that was already pre-planned.

"You can discuss this with your future partner, President Pearson. There's no need to tell it to me," Leanna said calmly.

Casting her a disgruntled look, Aidan once again felt that Leanna didn't know what was better for her. He had already made things so clear and even took a step back, but why was she still being so difficult?

Indeed, give this woman an inch and she will take a yard after having a taste of sweetness, he thought.

Although Leanna didn't really understand the dangerous look in Aidan's eyes, she didn't want to ask him about it either, and merely said with a smile, "I won't disturb you then, President Pearson. Good—"

Harshly, he broke her off. "Take all your things with you."

"Huh?" she blurted. What else do I have?

"All the things in your wardrobe. Take all of them away."

"But those aren't mine..."

Basically, all the clothes, bags and shoes in the closet were delivered directly from the stores, and she had literally not used them before.

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Aidan said, "Do they look like they're my stuff? Move them away. It annoys me just by looking at them." Leanna was silent for two seconds before she said, "President Pearson, I guess we'll just have to throw them away if you don't want them."

After hearing that, he involuntarily reprimanded her after he heard her words, "Do you think I hire servants just for the sake of helping you take out the trash? Take them outside and throw them yourself!"

As soon as she heard that, she was speechless. Then, she grumbled after a while, "But they're too much. I can't take that much."

Even so, he was still being insensitive. "Don't you know that you can come over every day and throw them away little by little?"

Seeing that Aidan was in no way willing to compromise with her, Leanna took a deep breath. "Fine. But I have some work on hand right now, so I hope you can be merciful and give me a few more days to settle this matter."

Immediately after she spoke those words, silence took over the atmosphere surrounding them. The silence continued after a few seconds until Aidan reluctantly hummed through the tip of his nose.

"Well then, I shall take my leave first. Goodbye, President Pearson."

With that, Leanna moved her feet and walked away. However, Aidan's voice came from behind just when she took a few steps forward. "Let the driver send you home."

Hearing his voice, Leanna halted her tracks for a moment. Then, she declined his offer by saying, "There's no need to be so troublesome. I'll head outside and take a taxi by myself."

"Didn't you ever say that it's unsafe for someone so loveable and gorgeous like you to walk on the streets alone at night?"

The words that escaped Aidan's lips surprised Leanna and made her unable to respond swiftly. After a long while, she finally reacted and let out a hollow laugh. "Did I ever say so?"

However, it was clear that Aidan wasn't interested in continuing the conversation. Thus, he withdrew his gaze and ignored her.

When Leanna noticed that, she rubbed her nose awkwardly and left.

Once she arrived downstairs, the driver appeared in front of her just as she was about to head outside. "Madam, Master has asked me to send you home."

Upon hearing the way the driver addressed her, Leanna patiently corrected, "Don't address me as Madam anymore. Aidan and I have already divorced, remember?"

Nevertheless, the driver was obviously not as tactful as Jonathan. He held himself back for a while before saying, "Yes... Madam."

On her way back, Leanna leaned against the car window while holding a paper bag. Thinking about Aidan, she breathed out a long sigh.

Fortunately for me, that b*stard, Aidan's mind always functions very differently from others. When he saw the folic acid, he suspected that Zayn and I were trying to get me pregnant. Then, when he saw the baby clothes, he suspected that I wanted a child. In short, he never once suspected that I might actually be pregnant right now. Regardless, I'm glad I managed to escape another catastrophe again this time.

At the same time, Leanna also realized one thing through the lessons she learned after she faced two incidents. It will be hard for me to keep this a secret from Aidan. He'll find out sooner or later if I stay here any longer.

With that in mind, she wished to find Harvey and see whether she could ask for his permission to leave Highside after she was done with the jewelry customization order this time.

I'm basically just designing anyway, so it's fine for me to not go to work in the magazine unless there's something major.

Although she didn't know how long she could hide this secret from Aidan this way, it didn't matter much to her now. The most important thing now was to keep Aidan in the dark for as long as she could.

Besides...

At that moment, Leanna remembered Aidan's words from tonight. He has clearly said that he didn't want children, and if he ever finds out that I'm pregnant one of these days, the life of this little bean in my belly will certainly be in danger.

Once she got home, Leanna sat in front of her design for a while before she took out her phone to call Zoe.

As soon as the call went through, Zoe asked, "Sweetie! What's wrong?"

In the meantime, Leanna could sense the tinge of happiness in Zoe's voice. Not only that, she could also hear the noises coming from her side of the phone.

Holding her phone, Leanna said, "Oh, nothing much. By the way, where are you now?"

"I'm at the amusement park. It's rare that Anthony got off work on time and didn't have to attend any social engagements today, so he decided to take me to have fun at the amusement park. Would you like to come over and join us?"

Leanna declined after hearing those words. "No, it's fine. Have fun and enjoy yourself."

Ever since she found out that Anthony was cheating on Zoe, Leanna had always wanted to find the right time to tell her friend. However, as Zoe's close friend, Leanna couldn't bring herself to dampen Zoe's spirit and ruin her mood when she was feeling so happy. For someone who had gone through a divorce, Leanna knew all too well the heartbreaking feeling of being betrayed by your loved ones.

In the meantime, Zoe walked to a quiet place as there was something that she wanted to tell Leanna. Covering her phone's speaker, she whispered to Leanna. "Nana, between us, I have a hunch that Anthony will propose to me tonight. His behavior is just

so unusual today. Oh, what should I do? Do you think I should just agree to his proposal right away? Or should I restrain myself and reject him?"

Just as Leanna was about to speak, Anthony's voice came from the other end of the phone. "Baby, who are you on the phone with?"

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Love Change Of Heart Chapter 48– Didn't You Say You're Loveable and Gorgeous?

When Zoe heard Anthony's voice, she turned to him and said, "I'm on the phone with Leanna." After that, she returned to her call with Leanna and said, "Okay, okay. I got to go first. I'll share with you the process of his marriage proposal again later!"

With that, Zoe hastily ended the call. Staring at her phone screen that went black, Leanna parted her lips and felt powerless for a moment.

Presently, she wasn't afraid that Anthony would propose to Zoe. Knowing Anthony wasn't someone with a good personality, Leanna knew that he wanted to continue being with Zoe as he kept things up with his mistress. Zoe has already given him obvious hints countless of times before, yet he pretends to act dumb and rejects her idea of marriage. Isn't it obvious that Anthony simply wants the best of both worlds?

Therefore, he'll definitely not propose to Zoe in order to avoid his responsibility. It was just that Leanna still didn't know how to tell Zoe about Anthony cheating on her.

As expected, Zoe sent Leanna a disappointed text message after half an hour. 'I've guessed wrong. He didn't propose to me. He only gave me a bag.'

Reading Zoe's text message, Leanna thought of the two bags that Anthony bought in the store today. At once, the rage within her was unleashed.

Enraged, her fingers started tapping on the phone screen and she typed out a few words. However, she deleted them again.

She continued doing so for the next few minutes, and God knew how many times she had deleted the text that she wanted to send.

Soon, Leanna received another message from Zoe. 'It seems like I still can't rush into this matter. Sigh. I guess I'll just go with the flow, then. Anthony asked me to follow him back to his home for the next month's holiday, and I think it should be about discussing matters relating to marriage. By the way, I have my eyes on a few wedding dresses recently, and I really like them. Hold on, I'll send the pictures to you.'

Immediately afterward, Leanna received the pictures of wedding dresses sent over by Zoe.

After sending Leanna those pictures of the wedding dresses, Zoe texted her, asking for her opinion. 'Nana, what do you think? Which one of these wedding dresses looks good?'

Looking at the question asked, Leanna deleted the words that she had originally typed out. Then, she replaced them with a simple text. 'I think they all look nice.'

Feeling delighted with Leanna's comment, Zoe texted back excitedly. 'How about you becoming my bridesmaid when the time comes? You must be the most beautiful bridesmaid in the world!'

Reading at Zoe's request, Leanna smiled. Then, she replied. 'Silly. I'm a divorcée, remember? I don't want to jinx your wedding.'

Despite excluding this part in her text, she still thought to herself, What's more, my marriage was still a very unhappy one.

When Zoe saw that reply, she immediately texted back. 'What about being a divorcée? Besides, you're not the cause of that unhappy marriage of yours. It's Aidan, that b*stard, who didn't know how to appreciate an outstanding wife like you.'

Before Leanna could reply back, Zoe sent her another text again. 'Hey, I've got to go. Anthony is calling for me. Go ahead with your work, and I'll catch up with you again later.'

After Leanna read that message, she put down her phone and rested her arm and head on the table. Thinking about the incident when she found out Anthony was cheating, she couldn't help but feel angry again.

What the hell is going on?! Why are there so many b*stards in the world?!

Several minutes later, Leanna's phone rang again.

As Leanna already comfortably rested her head and arm on the table, she found herself too lazy to move. Then, she reached out her hand and grabbed her phone. Looking at who the sender might be, she saw it was Daphne. She had sent her a text complaining about Aidan.

In the message, Daphne told her that she had just booked a flight to go shopping abroad. However, Aidan had already requested her to accept a drama deal before she could recover from her excitement.

Not only that, Daphne even added in her text that Aidan's sudden request was like taking away her freedom.

With that, Leanna replied to her, and soon they started chatting with each other. After they chatted for a while, Leanna asked carefully, 'I have a friend, and uh... her friend's boyfriend cheated on her, so she asked me how she should tell her friend. Do you have any good ideas?'

When Daphne saw her text, she swiftly replied, 'Ask your friend to tell that friend of hers to give her boyfriend hints saying she wants a bouquet of yellow roses, or keep sharing quotes about cheating.'

Then, Leanna replied again. 'But my friend's friend has been with her boyfriend for so many years, and their relationship is very deep. She'll surely be very sad if she finds out.'

Shortly after, their topic of conversation changed from reprimanding Aidan to scolding a b*stard who cheated.

Also, it was during this time that Leanna came to find out the details of the scandal that had been spreading uproariously about Daphne before.

Well, that was another story about another b*stard.

Back then, there was a rich guy who was an outsider in the entertainment industry who vigorously pursued Daphne. At first, Daphne ignored him. However, she eventually couldn't resist the b*stard's inquisitiveness and thoughtfulness. Over time, his thoughtful gestures moved her, and she became enamored.

And just like that, the two got together and became a couple. However, things took a drastic turn when the two were only a few months into their relationship. Out of the blue, Daphne became a trending search figure for no reason.

Not only did she become a trending search figure, but the scandals and real-time news that trended along with her name were the ones that could blow someone's mind.

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It turned out that the rich guy had been married a long time ago. Daphne didn't know the rich guy was married at first. It was until his wife came out and slandered Daphne that she discovered that he had long been married.

Thinking Daphne was the one who seduced her husband, the rich guy's wife condemned her on the Internet by posting many intimate pictures of the two of them going out for dinner, hugging, and kissing.

The woman kept getting on Daphne's tail. She adamantly wanted to force her out of the entertainment industry. Hence, besides posting intimate pictures of Daphne and the rich guy, she even hired paid posters and accounts to slander and make malicious remarks toward Daphne.

And because of this incident, Daphne kept a low profile for a long time. Finally, Daphne replied, 'Sadness is inevitable, but I believe she's more reluctant to be kept in the dark than feeling sad.'

Drifting back from her thoughts, Leanna read Daphne's reply and texted back. 'Got it. I'll find a suitable time to tell her.' Putting down her phone, Leanna went into the bathroom. She splashed her face with some cold water and patted her cheeks, trying to wake herself up a little.

No, I can't be decadent like this anymore. I need to complete the design drawing in three days! Keeping that in mind, Leanna then got down to her design task. She thought it would take her to the very last second to complete the design drawing, but in reality, it only took her two and a half days to complete the sketch for the design.

Then, she immediately sent it to Justin, thinking she should leave another half a day for her to make some amendments. Unexpectedly, Justin promptly responded to her after she sent the sketch. 'This is fine. Well done! I'll have someone take it for processing.'

Leanna replied to him, 'Sure. I'll send you the drawing of the completed design.' After she sent the picture over, Justin sent another message two minutes later. 'Will you agree to come if I wish to invite you to my mother's birthday party?'

As Leanna looked at that line of text, she was stunned. Before she could even react and reply, Justin sent another message again. 'What I have in mind is that my mother would be happier if the designer of this piece of jewelry can come and explain the meaning of the jewelry to her in person. But I also won't force you as I understand your concerns.'

Upon seeing that, Leanna replied, 'I won't be going to the birthday party. Do with Mrs. Pearson happy birthday.' The next day, Leanna headed to the Lux Magazine to find Harvey to report to work.

As soon as she arrived at the magazine, she was pulled aside by Zoe. "Nana, can you spare me some time tonight?"

"Yeah. What's wrong?"

"Well, it's Anthony. It's been a while since he returned to Highside, so he wants to throw a party and invite some friends to a get-together. He had always wanted to organize one, but he couldn't because he was busy with work. Since it's rare for him to have some free time, he wants to throw one now that he's free. So I was thinking that we can

go together if you're free tonight." As Zoe spoke, she muttered again, "I don't know most of the friends he invited this time. I'll feel better if you go."

Looking at Zoe's upset state, Leanna found it hard to reject her. Since she also wanted to take tonight's opportunity to talk things out with her, she eventually decided to attend the party.

Therefore, Leanna nodded lightly after a while. "Sure! I'll go with you."

At once, the smile on Zoe's face returned. Giving Leanna a big hug, she said, "That's great! Okay, hurry up and go to Mr. Mancini. I have a photo shooting task today, so I'll get going first."

When Leanna arrived at Harvey's office, she saw a woman sitting in the office with Harvey.

Upon seeing Leanna enter, Harvey said to her, "McK, you came just in time. Here, let me introduce you to Lux Magazine's newly signed designer, Queenie Wojzicki."

Without waiting for Harvey to continue with the introduction, Queenie stood up. Smiling, she reached out her hand to Leanna. "Pleased to meet you, McK. I've heard so much about you."

Leanna knew who this woman in front of her was, considering Queenie was the runner-up in The Emerging Designer Competition three years ago and also the person who later took her place to study in Aeras.

Politely reaching out her hand, Leanna said, "Pleased to meet you too."

After they greeted each other, Harvey said, "McK, you'll continue to be in charge of the 'First Love' jewelry series, as well as the privately customized jewelry. Queenie, you will be in charge of the new series—"

"Mr. Mancini." Halfway through speaking, Queenie interrupted Harvey. "I have a proposal."

Feeling surprised, Harvey paused for a moment before he continued, "Tell me."

"I, too, wish to get involved with business regarding privately customized jewelry." As Queenie spoke, she smiled at Leanna. "Don't get me wrong, McK. I'm not intending to rob you of your business. It's just that the personal jewelry customization requests that I had accepted while I was abroad were all private high-end orders. I should know the styles that rich women and ladies like better."

"Uh—"

Then, Queenie added again, "By then, we can each produce a design drawing, and whose design that gets selected will take the order."

Being a good sport, Leanna simply put on a faint smile on her face. "Sure."

Seeing that Leanna had already agreed, Harvey didn't say anything more. "In that case, we'll do things that way. I'll contact you two if there's anything related to work."

Little did Queenie know, Harvey didn't tell her that all the clients who signed up for the privately customized jewelry orders with Lux Magazine now were because of Leanna.

After leaving the office, Queenie called out Leanna's name and stopped her when she was about to leave. "We'll be colleagues as well as competitors in the future. I won't be merciful toward you."

Halting her tracks, Leanna turned around and looked at the other woman. "I won't either."

"In that case, we'll compete based on our own abilities then."

After leaving Lux Magazine, Leanna went to the studio where Zoe was shooting and waited for her.

During the photo shooting interval, Zoe came over to gossip with Leanna. "Hey, I just heard that Lux Magazine seems to have signed a new designer. It's said that she came back from Aeras and had participated in several fashion shows. She's quite well-known in the industry, but she's very arrogant. It's best not to provoke someone like her and avoid confrontation with her when you see her in the future, because someone like her will only annoy the sh*t out of you."

To Zoe's surprise, Leanna replied to her by saying, "We already met."

"Huh?! When?"

"We met in Mr. Mancini's office."

Upon hearing that, Zoe had a complicated expression on her face. Just as she was about to ask what happened in Harvey's office, the staff in the studio asked her to go over and continue with the photoshoot, as the celebrity had finished changing their outfit and came out.

And thus, Zoe whispered to Leanna, "The photoshoot will end in a while. Wait for me."

Leanna nodded in response. "Sure, go and do your work first."

Not long after, Leanna received a message on her phone.

It was a message from Jonathan. 'Miss McKinney, President Pearson asked if you have finished with work?'

Reading the message, Leanna became speechless as she grumbled to herself, Did this b*stard install surveillance on me?! He can't seem to enjoy seeing me resting. All he knows is hounding me every day!

Burning with rage from her thoughts, Leanna typed out all the words hard and replied. 'No! Tell him I'm busy and not free for his bullsh*t at the moment!'

Shortly after, Jonathan texted back, 'President Pearson asked how busy you are.'

Gritting her teeth, Leanna replied, 'I'm so busy that I didn't eat for two days. In fact, I'm so busy that I didn't even wash my hair for a week!'

A while later, she received another reply from Jonathan. 'President Pearson said you work rather hard, so... good luck!'

When Leanna saw the reply sent by Jonathan, she put down her phone hard. Then, she took a deep breath to calm herself down.

Will I be in a 10 million debt if it wasn't him who framed me?! Yet he still dares to wish me luck?! To hell with his good luck!

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After Zoe finished her work in the studio, both she and Leanna headed their way toward the venue of Anthony's get-together party. That night, Anthony had reserved a private room inside a high-end restaurant, where only the rich would come and enjoy their meal.

By the time Zoe and Leanna arrived at the restaurant, most of the people were already present.

Meanwhile, Anthony was wandering inside the private room. When he saw their figures, he immediately came over to greet them. "Zoe, you ladies are finally here."

As he spoke, he looked at Leanna. Then, he apologized to her by saying, "I'm sorry about the incident that took place last time. I've always wanted to treat you to a dinner, but I was too preoccupied with work—"

Halfway through the conversation, a woman came over and said to Leanna, "So this is your girlfriend, Anthony? She looks so pretty."

Anthony's expression became a little embarrassed. "No. This is my girlfriend," said Anthony while pointing at Zoe, who was next to him.

“Well, I’ve always heard you say that your girlfriend is very pretty, so I thought this one’s your girlfriend.” As the woman spoke, she stuck her tongue out, acting cute. Then, she said to Leanna again, “I’m so sorry.”

In the meantime, the expression on Leanna’s face remained unchanged. Upon hearing the woman’s apology, she said calmly, “It’s okay, Miss Boulogne.”

With that, Jeanette smiled and said, “Let’s not be strangers. I’m Anthony’s colleague, so you can just call me by my name—”

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Love Change Of Heart Chapter 50– A Shameless Woman

Suddenly, the expressions on both Jeanette and Anthony’s face changed subtly at the same time. Furthermore, Anthony was even more frightened that Zoe would find out that he was cheating on her. In a fit of panic, he tried to comprehend the situation in front of him. Logically speaking, Leanna couldn’t have known Jeanette. But if so, how did she know her last name is Boulogne?

Feeling puzzled, Anthony tried to look at Leanna. However, he saw a trace of warning in her gaze when he met her eyes again.

Like a greased lightning, he reacted swiftly and said to Jeanette, “Look! They’re calling for you to go over and have fun with them. Sorry, I have to accompany my girlfriend.”

Upon hearing that, Jeanette retracted her gaze. “Do you think you’re all that great just because you have a partner?” As soon as she spoke those words, she moved her feet and left.

Once Jeanette left, Anthony immediately went to cheer Zoe up. “Baby, don’t be angry. That’s just her nature. She likes joking around with us. But it’s also my fault for not introducing you clearly.”

Pulling his hand off her, Zoe said, “Why should I be angry? Alright, that’s enough. Don’t worry about me. Just go and accompany your friends.”

“They can keep themselves company, so why should they deserve my company? You’re my girlfriend, so of course I’ll accompany you.” Then, Anthony whispered something in Zoe’s ear before dragging her outside. After taking a few steps, Zoe turned around and said, “Nana, wait for me for a while. I’ll be right back.”

“Okay.”

Not long after they left, Jeanette appeared next to Leanna again. Holding two glasses of wine, she said, "I'm really sorry. In order to express my apology, I'll drink a glass as a forfeit."

However, Leanna said, "I don't drink."

Feeling embarrassed, Jeanette sheepishly withdrew her hand. "I heard Anthony say that you're a jewelry designer. In that case, you should be quite awesome. How about you design a piece of jewelry for me? Then, I'll help you spread the word to my friends and let them take care of your business."

Upon hearing that, Leanna smiled. "Sure. The privately customized jewelry starts at 200,000. Miss Boulogne, you can pay the deposit now if you want to."

Upon hearing that, Jeanette widened her eyes, and her facial expression took a drastic turn. "200,000?!"

Following her shock, she involuntarily condemned Leanna in her heart. She's not even a renowned jewelry designer! I thought the most she would charge was 10,000 to 20,000, but she's actually charging 200,000!

Looking at Jeanette's shocked face, Leanna said in a very friendly tone, "Oh, 200,000 is just the design fee. It doesn't include the price for the jewelry materials yet."

As Jeanette held the wine glass, there was an obvious change in her attitude. Suddenly, she wasn't as enthusiastic as earlier, and she said perfunctorily, "In that case... I will think about it."

However, Leanna's voice came from behind just as she was about to leave. "Miss Boulogne, your method of sowing discord is really disreputable."

After Leanna finished speaking, she ignored her and left straightaway.

When she walked to the door, she happened to stumble upon Anthony, who came back with Zoe.

Clearly, Anthony succeeded in coaxing Zoe. When she saw Leanna, she asked, "Nana, where are you going?"

"I'm going to the washroom."

"Then I'll go with you."

Anthony became noticeably nervous as soon as Zoe finished saying that. In a fit of panic, he hurriedly said, "Zoe, didn't we agree that you'll let me take you to meet my friends and colleagues? They haven't met you yet."

Feeling that something was off, Zoe looked at him. "I'm just accompanying Nana to the washroom. Won't it be the same if I meet them now and when I meet them after I come back from the washroom?"

Currently, Anthony was so on the edge that he couldn't respond to her question promptly.

Looking at Anthony as if he was facing a great enemy, Leanna curled the corners of her lips into a sneer. He wasn't afraid when he first decided to cheat on her. Yet he's on tenterhooks now that he finally realizes his cheating action will be exposed.

The more Leanna thought about it, the more she despised him. Hence, she decided to ignore him and only looked at Zoe. "Zoe, I'll just go by myself. Don't worry. I'll be back in a while."

"Okay, then." Even so, Zoe was still worried about her. Thus, she exhorted, "The bathroom's floor is a little slippery, so be careful."

"Got it."

After Leanna left, Anthony grabbed Zoe and ranted, "Baby, you care more about her than me."

Thinking Anthony was being unreasonable, Zoe said snappishly, "You're a grown man! Why should I care so much about you? Not to mention that Nana is pregnant now—"

Halfway through her speaking, Zoe stopped abruptly.

Nonetheless, Anthony still heard her. Thus, he started asking her one question after another. "She's pregnant? But isn't she divorced? Speaking of which, who's her husband anyway? They've been married for three years, yet I haven't seen him once."

Pushing him off, Zoe didn't answer any of his questions. "Alright, that's enough. Stop asking so many questions. Go ahead with whatever it is that you're going to do." After that, she walked off.

With a thoughtful expression on his face, Anthony watched Zoe's silhouette as she walked off.

If she's really married, is she really that ashamed of her marriage? Unless—

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Minutes later, Leanna came out of the washroom and washed her hands. Just as she was about to leave, she bumped into an acquaintance.

When Anna saw her, she was so enraged that she wished she could go ballistic. “Why are you here?!”

“Why can’t I be here? Does your family own this restaurant?”

However, Leanna felt regret as soon as those words escaped her lips.

There might be a chance that the Pearson Family really owns this restaurant!

Fortunately, Anna didn’t give her a sarcastic smile. Instead, she glared at her angrily. “Did you come here with Zayn?! How can you be such a shameless woman?! I would have been engaged to Zayn long ago if it wasn’t for you!”

“What does that have to do with me? Aren’t your parents the ones who have the final say in your family members’ marriage affairs? What do you take me for?”

Anna was stunned for a while before realizing that Leanna was taking advantage of her. In an instant, her face flushed with anger. Just as she was about to act against her, she suddenly thought of something. Hence, she stopped and withdrew her hand. “Leanna, this is a warning for you. The person you’ll see next time won’t be me if you don’t know your place and keep pestering Zayn!”

Even though Anna was usually impulsive, she was no fool. During this period, she could clearly see that she wasn’t the only one who wished for this marriage to work out.

Besides Anna, her uncle seemed to wish for her to get married to Zayn more than she did.

Unfazed by Anna’s warning, Leanna simply replied with a grunt.

Never once did she care about who Anna would marry. However, she would really feel it was unfair for Zayn if it turned out to be him.

Seeing that she was indifferent, Anna gritted her teeth and uttered, “Just you wait and see, Leanna! First, you unscrupulously got married to Aidan. Now, you’re going to great lengths to seduce Zayn! People like you will definitely be punished!”

Nevertheless, Leanna was still unfazed, and she smiled indifferently. “Tell me—what kind of karma will someone like you receive, then? Anna, you can deny everything that you have done. But I hope you won’t forget the real taste of the ‘karma’ that you talked about.”

There was a slight change in Anna’s facial expression when she heard that. However, Leanna had already left before she could counterattack.

Meanwhile, Georgina glanced at Leanna's stomach when she passed by her side. She had her suspicions, but she was unsure if Leanna was truly pregnant.

Leanna had been wearing baggy clothes ever since she was pregnant. However, her pregnant belly wasn't that visible yet as she was only in her first trimester. Besides, she was originally someone with a slim figure. Therefore, one hardly noticed anything strange about her belly.

Regardless, the more she dressed like that, the more she incited people's suspicions.

Walking up to Anna, Georgina asked, "Anna, who did you just chat with?"

Upon hearing that, Anna said bitterly, "A shameless woman!"

"Enough. There's no need to get angry about irrelevant people. Do you still want to go and see Zayn?"

Upon hearing that, only then did Anna come back to her senses. That's right! I'm here to see Zayn!

Zayn has been avoiding me recently, and I can't find him anywhere.

Thanks to Georgina, I immediately rushed over after she told me that Zayn is here to discuss business with people today.

But I didn't expect that I'll meet that b*tch, Leanna!