Married by Mistake – Chapter 0527

Madeline picked up the object that was lying in Jeremy's palm.

Her eyes flickered as the memories suddenly dragged her back to that summer long, long ago...

At the age of ten, she met a 12-year-old Jeremy.

At that time, she had given him that colorful seashell and said she hoped he would always be happy.

Jeremy's eyes were full of caution back then, but he still showed Madeline a rare smile in the end.

The ten-year-old Madeline was ignorant and naive. She later realized that at the moment when Jeremy looked at her, the throbbing of her heart signified a love at first sight that would last for a thousand years.

Later, Jeremy made a bookmark with leaves and gave it to her.

She had been treasuring it carefully, keeping it in her diary and sometimes taking a glance at it.

Although, once when she had wanted to read the contents of her previous diary, she realized the diary was missing along with the bookmark wedged in it.

She had been sad for a long time.

After all, that was the only thing Jez had left for her.

However, how could this long-lost bookmark appear here with Jeremy?

"Jeremy, answer me. Why is this bookmark in your hands?" Madeline asked, her gaze sharp and eager. On the contrary, Jeremy's eyes were soft. The moment he saw Madeline care so much about this bookmark, he was already very happy.

"Why it's here is no longer important. What's important is that you still remember this bookmark, Linnie."

Madeline's heartbeat skipped a little. She stabilized her emotions and held the bookmark tightly. "When I was most eager to meet you again, you denied me. When I treasured this bookmark, you placed me in the back of your mind. Jeremy, this bookmark no longer has any meaning to me, just like you."

Madeline passed him by coldly. Jeremy stood rooted in place distractedly as the feeling of loneliness seeped into the bottom of his heart.

After Madeline went back, she could not figure out how the bookmark ended up with Jeremy.

She remembered that when Len was unable to support her in her studies, she came to the city to work a part-time job by herself.

It so happened that Meredith was in urgent need of a bone marrow treatment, so she went to do the test and discovered that they matched.

After Meredith was successfully treated, Jon and Rose seemed to have adopted her in gratitude. They let her into the Crawfords and even supported her to attend university. She clearly remembered that when she moved in with the Crawfords, the diary and the bookmark were still there.

She even carefully stored them in the drawer of the room and did not touch them.

The diary had later disappeared inexplicably. She thought Meredith had cleaned her room and moved the diary elsewhere, but when she asked, Rose and Meredith both said that they never entered Madeline's room.

Thinking about it now, both Meredith and Rose might have lied at the time.

The words Jeremy said that day involuntarily floated in her mind, "The reason why I indulged her was because the person I love is you."

Those words sounded so absurd at that time, but now, Madeline faintly felt that they were meaningful.

After thinking deeply, she decided to go to the prison tomorrow.

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Prison conjugal room.

Meredith appeared unkempt in handcuffs and shackles.