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Chapter 341 A Treat

"I like anything that you prepare, grandma." Autumn chuckled. She gave her grandparents a hug and then hurried off to work.

Since everything had been cleared up with Charles, Autumn felt relaxed and wore a smile on her face. The world was beautiful again. As soon as Isla entered the office and saw a new and refreshed Autumn, she knew that she and Charles had made up.

"Take a look at this, Autumn. It looks like I'm gonna be really busy today," Isla said holding up a stack of papers and left Autumn's office. The cooperation with Giant Promise Company, along with the fact that their opponent stole their proposal getting out, had led to a gradual increase in the company's business. Now the whole Cloud Advertising Company was swamped. One could feel the energy within the company.

As the company had been constantly getting better, Autumn was exhilarated beyond description.

She remembered that Amy invited her to dinner so she made time to call Charles and asked him to go with her and visit the Zhao family after work. "Okay, I'll pick you up after work then." Charles said holding the phone to his ear while signing a few documents.

"No, you don't have to bother coming here. I'll come to you," Autumn replied, smiling by herself in her office.

After hanging up, Charles remained in his seat, looking across the table at Leila, and asked, "What did you say?"

"Oh, Mr. Lu, I said..." Leila beamed and repeated what she had just said. Since their return from Europe, tensions between Charles and Leila had eased a lot.

Charles was able to see Leila's abilities based on their latest business trip to Europe. Naturally, he wanted to treasure her talent.

After giving her report, Leila kept looking at Charles, her dark eyes gleaming with expectation. Charles gave her a puzzled look and asked, "What's the matter? Anything else?"

"Mr. Lu, you promised me a reward when we were in Europe, remember?" Leila reminded him with a faint giggle.

smiled and nodded. "Yes, of course I haven't forgotten. So have you decided what you want for you

Leila replied with a little hop. "Well, what I want is very simple. I just want you to buy me

a moment and asked,

I don't need any reward at all. However, I always learn a

to keep improving at it. Of course, it doesn't matter if I am the one treating you to this dinner, as long as you are

done a good job." Charles responded coolly.

want to be better. Mr. Lu, I really hope you can give me some advice. And I hope you don't turn

" Charles agreed, a little reluctant. 'It's just a meal. No big deal, ' he thought. But it suddenly occurred to him that he had promised Autumn to go to

wife to visit her family with her and have dinner with them

"Oh...I see. Never mind." She then took a pained look at Charles and added enviously, "You really love your wife, Mr. Lu. She must be very happy to have you as her husband. I'm so

have to envy her. You are still young, and you are sure to meet someone who will

think there is no better man than you in the world, so I

man in her

Please remember to invite me to dinner when

problem, I'll keep that in mind, " Charles promised,

her eyes. Of course she heard Charles and Autumn talk on the phone. She knew that Charles would not be able to join her for dinner today, but she made

by him in the hall. He had heard

a faint smile, but

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Autumn didn't know what was going on, but the road to Shining Company was too congested. It was almost time to get off work when she finally got there.

"Charles..." Autumn was standing downstairs, waiting for Charles. She saw him coming out of the presidential private elevator the moment it opened. She wanted to go to him and greet him warmly, but she also saw Leila following closely behind Charles. Autumn hated Leila's presence. It was like a cold bucket of water that was poured on her. She was going to wave to her husband, but dropped her hand on seeing Leila.

As soon as Leila came out of the elevator, she also saw Autumn. She moved close to Charles on purpose. From Autumn's angle, she could hardly hear what they were talking about, but she could see they seemed more intimate than before.

"Mr. Lu, I will go now. No need to disturb you and your wife." Leila said with a bright smile on her face. When she passed by Autumn she also greeted her as if nothing had happened.

Autumn was too overwhelmed to say hello to Leila. The intense feelings in her heart suddenly came up again. Her heart beat too fast.

Charles came close to Autumn and asked curiously, "Hello there! What's wrong with you? Why are you standing here in a daze?"

Autumn didn't answer Charles' question. "Why do you take the elevator down with her?"

That elevator was for Charles only. Without his permission, no one else could take it.

"You are starting to make blind guesses again." Charles just stared at Autumn. He explained, "She said she had something urgent to deal with after work, so she asked me if she could use the elevator with me. As you can see, we have so many employees in Shining Company. If she waited for the staff elevator, who knows when she will be able to come down? Therefore, I allowed her to take the elevator with me. What's wrong with that? Why are you so terribly suspicious and paranoid?"

Autumn didn't know the reason, either. Recently, she found her mood to be volatile, like the weather outside. She couldn't help giving malice to the relationship between Charles and Leila. She had lost control of her emotions.

mean to scold Autumn.

told herself that she must trust her husband, Charles. When they arrived at the Zhao

was freezing cold, that evening. Amy prepared a hot pot for the family. Smelling the spiciness of the hot pot, Autumn sniffed the air and exclaimed as soon as she came in, "That

Autumn also greeted

open to reach out to Autumn the moment she heard

visit these days?" Emily took Autumn's hands and caressed them. She then felt Autumn's face.

Afterwards, Emily frowned and asked her, "You seem to

to her surprise, in spite of grandma's blindness, she could feel it by touching her face. Autumn explained to her grandma, "I've been quite busy these days. Besides, Charles also went on a business trip several day ago, so I didn't come to see you, grandma. I

room. After an exchange of greetings, Charles said to Emily,

too much spicy food, so Amy made a two-flavor hot pot. Autumn sat between Emily and Cindy so that she could take care of both of

and Charles have been married for quite a while now. Don't you have any plans of having a baby?"

Autumn liked Cindy so much,

because of Emily's words or because of

having a meal. Why do you suddenly bring this up?" Autumn asked with her face

enough. At your age, it's the right time for you to give birth to a baby." Emily said with smile, "Look, you are so fond of Cindy. If you can have a child

is right, Autumn." Abby, who was sitting across the table, also joined in. "If you're gonna have a baby, that means Cindy will have a playmate, doesn't it? After Cindy was born, there was no baby born in our family for

also raised up her head. She looked at Autumn, and asked like a lamb, "Do you

"You wish

for a while. Then she raised up her head again to give her answer earnestly, "I want a baby boy first, and then a baby

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"Okay." Charles nodded at Andy and went to Autumn. He gave her a pat on the shoulder and whispered, "Autumn, wake up. Let's go home."

When Autumn opened her eyes, Charles' face was onto hers. She asked as she rubbed her sleepy eyes, "Have you finished your conversation?"

"Yes. Let's go home, " Charles said. He was used to ignoring his wife as long as he threw himself into his work. For this, he felt a sense of guilt.

Charles escorted Autumn into the car. When they left, Autumn was wide awake. Charles noticed that Autumn was staring blankly in the passenger seat and he apologized, "Were you bored just now? I'm so sorry about that."

"Sorry for what?" It took quite a while for Autumn to get back into the moment. Her mind had been adrift somewhere far away. When she realized why Charles made an apology, she replied with a smile, "It's okay. You were talking about business. I couldn't join in, so yes, I felt kind of bored."

"Work usually eats up all my attention. If I ignore something, especially you, please remind me." Charles' apology was sincere.

"It is okay." Autumn said gently.

It was odd that she always got distracted. Her good mood was easily spoiled. Even small matters affected her significantly.

As soon as they arrived home, Nancy came forward and took their coats and bags. "Mr. Lu, Mrs. Lu, have you had supper? Do you want some snacks or maybe desert?" Nancy asked eagerly.

"No, thank you, Nancy." Charles replied, "We are okay. You can go to bed."

"What about Mrs. Lu?" Nancy turned her gaze to Autumn. She knew Autumn's habit of having a glass of milk before bedtime. Autumn was about to reply, but Nancy said, "Your milk is ready. Do you want to have it now?"

milk Nancy brought from

Autumn. But she treated Autumn with civil

maybe they could have a talk. Sometimes things didn't work out the way you thought they would. However, as soon as her head touched

He took off her clothes with a bitter smile and cleaned her up before he tucked her in.

girls huddled over something behind the door of the conference room. It seemed as if they were ogling at some

the girls walked to Autumn and complained, "Manager Ye, you are married. Why didn't

was just a joke. However, Autumn was completely at a loss. She asked the girls in front, "What are you talking about?

standing beside the door. He said he was your friend and came here looking for you. So we invited him inside to wait

brows wrinkled and

keep the guest waiting whoever it was. She just never thought that it would be Roger. Never did she want to become associated with him. And

their eyes off the handsome Roger. They were astonished at his outstanding appearance, "Oh my god! He

are you doing? Don't you have work to do?" The moment Isla entered the company, she was not pleased to see the unprofessional conduct of the staff. As

ask for justice?'

as she pushed the door open. When Roger saw Autumn standing beside the door, he walked to her saying excitedly, "Here you are finally.

Autumn and Roger because she had a feminine instinct that Roger

company. No matter what he wants

am here ..." Roger got close to them as he spoke. Isla took one step back and yelled out, "Hey, hey, hey! No need

I'm here to say I'm sorry." Roger said guiltily, pretending

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Letting out a sigh, Autumn told Isla what happened in the last few days. Isla got furious as she got to know how Roger was so callous and shameless. "I never expected that there would be such a disgusting person. It seems that I shouldn't be so polite to him. Just wait and see. If I meet him next time, I would definitely beat him up and I would not be forgiving next time."

"Calm down. He is gone. What's more, he has received a just punishment, so you don't have to get so irritated for such a shameless man. Remember that he has nothing to do with us. But thanks for stepping up for me," said Autumn with a smile. She tried to calm Isla and let her cool down.

Getting close to Autumn, Isla shifted her attention to her and exclaimed, "Wow, Autumn, you look great today! Are you back in good terms with Charles?"

"Isla, you are teasing me again!" Autumn blushed since she was embarrassed to hear this from Isla.

"Autumn, I am not teasing you. I am so happy for you, " explained Isla with a sincere smile. "Well, I'm gonna go. I still have a lot on my desk today, " she added.

"Okay." Though Autumn replied briefly, she was moved by Isla's sincerity. She was thankful and fortunate to have such a good friend. When Autumn finished the proposal, she felt dizzy. Perhaps it was because she just recovered from a severe illness. She even felt like she was going to lose her temper though she was frail at the moment.

"Manager Ye, may I come in? I have here the summary of all of our business this month." As Autumn was about to have a rest, she heard the voice outside her office. "Come in, " said Autumn. The door opened and Yoyo walked in and put the files on Autumn's desk. "Manager Ye, here are the papers. Please look through them, " said Yoyo then turned to leave.

"Yoyo, wait for a second." Autumn, confused, stopped her and asked, "Why did you hand this to me?"

Obviously, Yoyo was shocked about her question. "Manager Ye, you asked me to hand it to you after putting the papers in order yesterday." She gazed at Autumn, the astonishment visible in her eyes. "You said that you wanted to have a look at the business achievement for the last month, so you asked me to give you the files. But I was managing the proposal at that time, so I said I would hand it to you today."

Confused and puzzled, Yoyo tried her best to recall their conversation yesterday and tried to figure out whether Autumn was losing her memory or not. 'Did it happen the day before yesterday?

pretty sure that it was yesterday's conversation,

couldn't remember if she said this to Yoyo. All of a sudden, she felt a severe headache. staring at

hunching over the desk to relieve her pain. She didn't sit up until she felt better. When she was about to get off from work, Autumn made a call to Charles and asked him if he would be home for dinner. Charles told her

something weird when Autumn was in the hospital, so after some

said Chris. Chris greeted Autumn

with a soft smile. "Okay. I will go and wash my hands

was waiting for her outside the door. Confused, Autumn furrowed

was going to talk about

to see if Autumn was all right. Though they could not be lovers in this lifetime, Sam would like to treat her as his own sister, so he

you fine? You are green around the gills." Sam asked her in a low yet caring voice.

hearing this, Autumn nodded her head. "I am fine. There is no other problem with me. I have just recovered

go. Chris must be waiting for you, " replied Autumn casually. Then, she turned to

"Autumn, you have to tell me if you don't feel good. You have to take good

Sam, I think you'd better give more consideration for Chris, after all she is your girlfriend now. Have you decided on the date of your

at Autumn,

great embarrassment as she found Sam staring at her motionlessly. "Is there anything dirty

his

of Vernal Equinox while Sam still remembered that Autumn even said it would be a nice day. However,

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"Do I?" Sam was extremely worried about Autumn. The moment he realized that he had lost sight of Chris, he felt very sorry for her. He immediately explained to her, "I have been too busy these days to care about you, and I sincerely apologize for that."

"It doesn't matter." Chris said to Sam with a worried expression on her face, "Sam, I don't know what on earth has got you so worried and anxious. But I want to remind you that after our our wedding ceremonies next year, we will legally be man and wife. With that in mind, I wish we could deal with the dilemma no matter how it may impact us. As you can probably see, Charles and Autumn deeply trust each other, so nothing will do them apart. The foundation of their relationship strongly rests on love and trust. I hope to build the same with you! "

"Are you envious of them?" Sam asked her with curiosity as a frown set on his face.

"Of course, I do!" Chris got happy and excited just at the very mention of Charles and Autumn. "Charles has been my role model even since I can recall. All through childhood he guided me. He is a perfectionist with every work he takes up, irrespective of how small or big it is. So I do admire him quite a lot. And about his marriage, although he married the wrong bride, he married a girl who was the right fit for him, his true soulmate. Autumn is also a very nice person. No matter what difficulty I face in life, she always knows what to say to guide me in the right direction. Besides, they never have a row with each other. I don't know what you think of them, but I really envy them."

Sam couldn't help laughing. "Then, we won't have a row with each other in the future, either, I promise you that. No matter what happens with me, I will inform you immediately so we can face it together."

"OK. This is a deal." Chris was content and happy with his dedicated answer.

Sam was eager to tell Chris about the Autumn's volatile emotions. But after thinking over it, he decided against it and kept it a secret from Chris. Anyway, this secret would not affect their relationship and it wasn't definite. He didn't want to spread it around because it was her story to tell.

"It is getting dark. I should head back home now," Sam said. Before he left, he added, "My parents are busy with the wedding preparation. As for things like taking wedding photos and the like, it's all your decision do whatever you think necessary to make yourself happy. You don't need to think about the money, that is my part."

and whims." Chris then

room. She waved to her with delight. After she walked into the house,

Lu drinks milk every night before going to

said with a smile,

Nancy stopped her in her tracks at once and said, "Miss Lu, this is a servant's duty.

since my birth. After all these years, you have been more like a family than most of our blood

little hesitant at first, but at last she handed the milk to Chris. Chris took the milk to the Autumn's room. As Chris opened the door, Autumn draw the curtains close. Autumn saw Chris with surprise, so she asked, "Why do you

on the way to your room, and she was ready to send you the milk. So I helped

sofa. Chris looked at Autumn with admiration as she said, "Autumn, you will never know that how much I admire and value you. You inspire me to be a better person everyday. You and my brother have never had a quarrel. You are leading a perfectly content and happy life with my brother. But now, I am starting to

was a little shocked when she heard Chris' words. Sam was a kind man. If Chris married him, she would

her future life. Chris continued, "Although I have been in a relationship with Sam for a very short time,

lead a happy life after I marry him. Even though he is kind to me now, I'm not sure he will not regret this hasty marriage after living with me for a certain time.

Chris was suffering through. She was getting cold feet and it was only natural because this

marriage with your brother, but on the other side I really envy the way Sam and you get along. The grass is always greener on the other

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Over the weekend, a press conference was held in Zhao family's house. Coincidentally, Autumn's birthday was also at the same day. With both these events, both the Zhao family and Lu family were pretty busy and occupied recently.

Autumn got up quite early in the morning, got dressed and did an extensive make-up routine. She put on the clothes bought by Chris especially for the event. In Chris' view, every lady should dress well and enjoy fashion when she was young, otherwise it would be too late for her to spend time on her appearance when she was old.

Autumn instantly laughed as she heard Chris say that. "You got a smart mouth."

"Isn't that true?" Chris stared at Autumn's delicate face, then said, "Autumn, you're so pretty. Why don't you take good care of your skin?"

"I don't consider beauty as a useful and important aspect, somehow." Autumn never thought she could get an edge or receive undue benefits owing to her beauty. When she was a child, her father Bowen always told her that her mother was very beautiful in her early 20s.

Wendy, however, hurt Bowen badly.

Therefore, Bowen always taught her one lesson: Do not care about your appearance, but instead work on your personality and inner beauty. This was the most valuable aspect.

"But beauty is a big advantage." Chris yet again tried to convince Autumn of her perspective, "For example, if two young girls are seeking jobs in your company, one is good-looking and the other one is rather ugly, who would will you select?"

Chris smiled bitterly, and then continued in a soft tone, "That's the bitter truth. In this society, everyone will choose the former one. And the two girls will diverge to take separate paths in life."

Chris helped Autumn fix up her outfit, gently pushed her in front of the mirror, and said in a cheerful voice, "Well, Autumn, look at yourself in the mirror. Don't you think you look elegant and so much more refined?"

yet casual glance at herself. However, she could not conceal her shock to see that nice clothes

Autumn's shy smile, Chris knew that she was satisfied with this look and approved of it. She quickly picked up a small box from the dressing table, and then

necklace was discreetly lying in a small, velvet box. Even though the day was gloomy, this necklace was much more expensive than the one she had given Chris earlier, unless she's a fool. How could she accept such an extravagant

Chris pretended to be angry. "When you gave me a birthday gift, with it's high price tag. She was afraid

to remind you that all the clothes I'm wearing are bought by my brother, who is your husband. All my pocket money is also still given by him. And now I used my pocket money to

but she did feel embarrassed. She then mildly said, "Okay, you

Chris smiled. "Happy birthday, Autumn! Please give me the greatest gift by

out her milky and long legs. Without the diamond necklace, her collarbone seemed

you are, Autumn." Autumn's beauty was stunning. Chris felt insecure about herself as she stood

Autumn's face turned red. She was not used to dressing herself in such a glamorous manner. But once she was all decked

had been waiting downstairs for quite a while. As the time passed and they were no where to be seen, he grew impatient and walked upstairs to urge them.

do you think?

as she asked him, "It was worth

something wrong?" Autumn stood there feeling odd. "You

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On the fateful and joyous day, Autumn returned to her origin, the Zhao family, and her father's electronic organ which had been lost for years was gifted to her. She was grateful as she felt the great power of fate in works.

"I hope you like it," Sam said with hopeful eyes. Looking at Autumn's bright and excited face, he felt that it was worth the trouble to find the electronic organ. "I heard you lost this electronic organ when you moved. I wonder if it happened to be picked up by someone nearby. Then I learned that a trash collector had found it. He had a daughter who wanted to learn the piano, so he gave it to her. After I explained the situation to him, I traded him a piano for the electronic organ. The damage has been repaired. A surprise, isn't it?"

"Yes, this really is a big surprise. I cannot even begin to express how much this means to me. Thank you so very much, Sam," Autumn replied dripping with emotions as she held the electronic organ tightly in a grateful embrace. No birthday present could be better for her than this.

Gary also prepared a birthday gift for Autumn, which was a box of tea sets. He knew that Autumn was a demure girl, who liked making and tasting tea quietly instead of shopping for other extravagant luxuries that tempted other girls.

Autumn took the gift and expressed her gratitude. Then all eyes were affixed on Charles. "Charles, it's your wife's birthday. All of us have given our presents. What have you gotten her?" Chris asked impatiently as her curiosity was peaking.

"Come on, give me your present," Autumn demanded with a hopeful look.

Charles glanced at Autumn, and then at Sam with reproachful eyes. "Well, Sam, you gave her your thoughtful present first, and now no matter what gift I give her, it will not be as good as yours," he expressed his concern in all honesty.

"That is not necessary, Charles," Chris assured him, "you're the most special man in Autumn's heart, so don't worry. I'm sure she will appreciate and cherish whatever you give her."

Charles let out a dry cough, as he turned to Autumn and lovingly said, "Autumn, I know you've always wanted to travel. But for various reasons, our plans to travel ever since we got married have never materialized, so my birthday gift to you is..."

He paused as he drew out two plane tickets from his pocket, and continued, "After much deliberation over the perfect destination, I got us two tickets to Saipan next week."

is a wonderful gift." Even though Autumn did not appear very excited, she was quite elated in her heart. Charles' gift was just what she wished for in her heart. She was overwhelmed by the love she received was matter more, that the value of a gift, was the thought and

for a trip. The gift indicated that he remembered this promise and that he was willing to go the extra mile to spend time with her

much, Charles, " Autumn sincerely

party is about to begin. Let's hurry to the hotel

they reached the hotel, the birthday party was just about to begin. While Arthur was preparing the party, Autumn told him not to make a big and grand deal out of it, but to simply conduct a dinner

one granddaughter, and this was the first time he was celebrating her birthday. It

a result, the party was coming alive as quite a happy

the door and was surrounded by a group of journalists. "Doctor Zhao, could you please tell us why you please answer the questions." These journalists relentlessly questioned him, leaving Arthur pretty disgusted and

I made clear earlier, I will attend to all these questions later. I will appreciate

Autumn entering. He hurried to meet her.

"Grandpa." Autumn smiled.

esteemed guests have still

Amy and Emily sitting on the sofa in the corner. She immediately went to them, and called

enthusiastic greeting they too

Autumn couldn't help grumbling, "Grandma, I told grandpa not to

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Upon hearing Autumn's quick witted response, Rachel was stunned. "Well... Okay, if that is what you want, " Rachel replied, after a long pause, with a sense of embarrassment in her tone.

Autumn's response was smart. Not only did she refuse Rachel's gift in a polite manner but also showcased how sensible and quick on her feet she was.

"I hope that Miss Bai, you will enjoy yourself tonight. Thank you again for the considerate gift and wishes, " Autumn replied with a courteous smile as she stood up and walked away, leaving Rachel shocked as to how she turned the situation around.

Being tired of dealing with Rachel and her never ending drama, she ended their conversation immediately on a pleasant note and went towards the lady's room.

As she walked out of the restroom, she knitted her brows at the very sight of Roger who was standing at the door. Roger stared at Autumn with a rather mischievous smile.

'What is he doing here? Who invited him to this party?' Autumn's mind was overflowing with questions and concerns.

"Surprise!" Roger exclaimed with a grin and made a prominent entrance. "You must be curious as to what I am doing here. I am a star and I have some connections in this circle. It's not difficult to get invited to your birthday, " he explained.

"Are you?" Autumn sneered, with an intention of leaving.

"Hold on there, what is the hurry?" Roger said as he quickly grabbed Autumn's hand. "I went through great lengths to meet you here. I have something to say to you. Please at least hear me out."

"There is no need for that. I think that I've already made myself clear to you on several occasions, " Autumn said as she declined his request. "Whatever your intentions are, I advise you to give up, " she added in a stern and resolute tone.

sincere tone. He realized that Autumn was a far

here to make an apology, then

at her immediate dismissal. The whole apology story was just a front to approach Autumn. In fact he expected Autumn to refuse his apology. If she had, he would have an excuse to keep coming back to her. But now contrary to what he

clear now! I am saying it yet again I forgive you, " Autumn raised her voice to make herself clear and leave no room for doubts. "My only wish is that you leave my party now and I never have to see you again. I don't want to have anything to do with you or be

you are still angry with me, " Roger tried to manipulate her yet again. "You just needed an excuse

another attempt to push him away. "Roger, I will not repeat myself again. I don't blame you and I have moved on. All I want now is for you

much? What did I do to deserve such hatred?" Roger asked with a rather frustrated expression. He thought that he

thinking too much, " Autumn said calmly. "We are strangers and it should remain that way.

we have other options besides being strangers?"

" Roger responded, looking at Autumn with expectation and hopes to flip the situation.

refused bluntly without considering his offer. "If you don't leave now, I

my husband is here. If he sees you here, he will not spare you easily. You know what he

I will let you come to me obediently, " Roger snorted, as he pursed his

thought he was joking. She didn't know how Roger sneaked an invite to the

left the party against his will. His

her. Aron then walked to

troubles to deal with. So Autumn didn't ask

discovered that Arthur had invited almost all

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"Chris." Seeing Chris come closer, Edward suddenly became kind. He gently held Chris' hand and let her introduce Sam to him. "Dad, this is Sam, my boyfriend. You have met him before."

"Hello sir, how are you?" Sam politely said to Edward. Though his welcome was not very enthusiastic, it's not an indifferent one either.

"Hello." As the three people were chatting, Rachel also went near the restroom. After waiting by the door for a while, a big hand quietly reached out from the men's room, tightly grabbed her arm and snatched her inside. She screamed out. When she saw who it was, she then breathed deeply to calm down. "What are you doing?!"

"Are you crazy, pulling me inside the men's room?!"

"I missed you so much." Rachel once enjoyed his touch on her body. She missed that too. But she calmed down and immediately pulled him to a corner when she realized that she was inside the men's room. The task she had set for Roger remained unfinished. She pounded on his chest and asked, "Why did you do that to me? You are mad."

Then she impatiently fixed her clothes, pretended to be cold, and asked him, "Have you completed your task? What's the delay? Are you having trouble?"

"Rachel, my dear baby." The wannabe actor rubbed her soft hand. "You are my only love in this life time. How can I seduce a woman I don't love? I feel guilty doing that."

Rachel sneered, feeling that he was just playing her. "What garbage is this! You have a job to do. Remember, it is I who let you do this. Do it! Once it is done, I'll satisfy all your needs. I promise you."

"Really?" Roger raised his eyebrow and looked at Rachel. "What if..."

"I want you to divorce your ancient husband and marry me?"

The veteran actress was stunned. It was hard to believe that an attractive young actor like Roger could actually fall in love with her.

as long as he was useful to her, it's better to have him dangling for now. Smiling sincerely, she kissed him on his cheek. "If you do what we agreed on, I will not only marry you. I will

her waist, he whispered in

Not today."

in anger. To seduce Autumn was the only reason she

did he not say this when

Today is her birthday, and all people are focused on her. If I seduce her here, everyone around her will immediately suspect

her office every day. She

To do it."

serious?" Rachel looked at Roger with
then smiled.

reasonable this time. It's impossible to do that today. Also, she had someone else working for her.

his face on her breast when she was tidying her clothes and fixing her make-up. He tried to take more
advantage of her but then he gave up. "Honey,

forget what you have promised me." The young actor

her make-up. She went back to the banquet hall and saw Edward chatting with Chris. She hated what
she saw. It instantly made

a lesson. However, she did not expect, that a few threats were all around her. She had to watch herself
at every moment. She gathered her composure and went near them, with

Rachel, then turned to Edward and lovingly said to her father, "Dad, I'll be back with Sam

okay, sweetie." Edward laughed, as if he heard something sprinkled with sugar dust. However,

"Seriously, what were you talking about? Why did you all fall

her think that it might

of Rachel's worried face, "What are you worrying about? I just talked about her recent condition. Why
you are so anxious whenever I talk to my own

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"All distinguished guests..." Arthur cleared his throat and said to everyone in the audience. "I believe
everyone is here today to give our beloved Autumn a wonderful birthday celebration. And how can a
birthday be complete without a cake?"

Meanwhile, a hotel staff was wheeling in a huge cake with life sized and vivid figures of Autumn from
ages one to three years on one end and her present appearance on the other end. There was some
space in the middle that were left out intentionally to show the gap of years in between.

The birthday girl was overcome with mixed feeling at the sight of her birthday cake.

She recalled her impoverished family during her younger days when she could not take pictures at will
with a phone camera, and her father would take her to a photo studio instead. However Bowen later
plunged into illness with insufficient money to support her family. As a result, Autumn's long span of
growth did not have any single picture to show for it.

Autumn became uncontrollably emotional over her sad childhood at the sight of the birthday cake.

"Be calm, be happy and be free of sadness." Charles tried his best to console and soothe her with
comforting words, "Today is your birthday. You should be happy rather than sad."

Autumn quickly gathered herself and controlled her emotions.

Amy stood beside Arthur and waved to Autumn, "My beloved granddaughter, come here. It is time to cut the birthday cake."

Meanwhile, those present began to suspect the unusual closeness that they had — a little too close, sharing each other's happiness and sadness.

"Autumn, please forgive my absence from your childhood... And I could not figure out what you looked like then." Amy spoke through her sobs, feeling guilty over Autumn's troubled childhood.

calmly. Meanwhile,

gave the biggest share to Arthur and Amy in reverence. "My grandparents, please

granddaughter." Amy could not control

to soothe her. "Amy, since Autumn has reunited with you, it

win back my granddaughter!" Amy was too emotional over

stood beside Emily and Amy, while Arthur made an official statement after Amy contained her emotion.

"Besides the celebration of Autumn's birthday, I have an important thing to proudly announce in this press

were awaiting earnestly Arthur's statement.

family, partners and acquaintances, that this beautiful lady

a piece of shocking news!" The guests were astounded. But Arthur knew beforehand the collective disbelief and doubt that would come after his announcement. He did not bother to

truth to Autumn's identity? Autumn, as

of Yvonne was already a sensation. We never expected something

learn that she actually comes from a family of scholars and

never fails to surprise

"Despite the apparent disbelief and doubt among you all, I can make a guarantee

and make up for all the lost years. You are kindly requested to favor her with the same support and trust that you

her jealousy at the realization of Autumn's status