

## My Eye 381

### Chapter 381 Hesitancy To Have Another Child

On their way back home, Rachel tried to get something out from Edward, "You seem to be very agitated after talking to Charles. I suppose he doubted your claim and intention behind slandering his wife, right?"

"Doubtful? Ah what can I say..." Edward laughed sarcastically as he added, "Apart from doubting me, Charles rejected my advice. I should have just kept it a secret rather than warn him about Autumn's betrayal."

Edward expressed his disdain, "I would have let Charles be a fool, it feels like he deserves to be cheated on."

"Charles is actually a victim and he will remain one as long as he chooses ignorance." Rachel sighed and explained to Edward, "Autumn remained unperturbed when being spotted by us in the western restaurant and invited us to join them for dinner. I suppose.. she informed Charles of her real plans. As a result, Charles blamed you for unnecessarily bringing this up."

"Anyway, I would have liked to know this in advance so as not to have let my kind attempt to save a marriage get wasted and insulted in such a manner, " Edward expressed his disappointment.

Rachel was too realized that it was her mistake that led to Edward's vulnerability before Charles.

In a bid to change the topic, Rachel decided to touch the subject of starting a family with Edward again, as when it came to the reference in Lu family, Edward felt quite uneasy. Now the atmosphere in the car was suitable for that subject especially in the absence of Chris.

"Edward, don't you.. like children?" Rachel put forth her question artfully and carefully fearing Edward's temper.

for me to be questioned like

my own, my blood that I would raise,

talk was interrupted by Edward's displeasure as he clutched the steering wheel, blue veins on his

and in a soft voice

by guilt.

not relent. "I am too young to be deprived of the right of maternity. We never discussed this before getting married and now I

refusal, irrespective of Rachel's feeling, "Chris is my sole daughter and she is enough to brighten up my life. If after knowing how

in shock. and added, "It would be unjustifiable for you to divorce me due to my strong desire to have a

to how Rachel would feel and think about this matter anymore. He just wanted to come on

indifference towards having a baby,

strong dislike towards the entire thought of having another child,

along the road before he started to explain the situation to Rachel, "Your desire to have a child of your own is perfectly understandable. And it is fair for you to have such expectations from me as well. But I am too old to help produce a child.

to you for this shortcoming.

determined to give birth to a baby while she was still young which would put her in a position to acquire Edward's estate. In such a situation, Edward would have no choice but to

### **Chapter 382 Pay A Visit To Leila**

"I am just fine. Please don't worry about me." As Rachel leaned slowly into Roger's arms, she said in a soft and defeated tone, "I feel relaxed and at peace only when I'm with you. I really don't know how to spend the days which are yet to come with Edward. I wish things were not as complicated as they are."

"What is wrong with you? Please tell me what has happened. Unburden your heart." With increasing concern and confusion, Roger asked Rachel since he felt weird hearing her speak so tenderly with him. "Why did you say that? Rachel, tell me what happened and perhaps I will be able help you."

Rachel stared at Roger and hesitated for a moment before she responded, "Do you remember that I said that at some point in the near future I want to have a baby? Well... I mentioned it to Edward today, and expected him to share my enthusiasm but he just got very agitated when he heard my proposal. He said he never wanted to have another child and I could leave if I couldn't accept this fact, so now I don't have any idea what to do."

"How is this even possible?" Roger furrowed his eye brows and went on, "Edward has reached his middle age. He should be happy if he could have a baby at this age. I don't understand why this would agitate him instead?"

"I don't know. I am also confused about it too. I did expect this in my worst nightmares, " said Rachel, as she sighed heavily. She also couldn't figure out why he was so adamant in his refusal to have a baby with her.

"Don't worry right now, maybe things will change in your favor soon, " Roger said with a sly smile. Slowly, Roger carried Rachel onto the bed. "I am here for you at any time if you really want to have a baby, " Roger offered with a grin.

"What are you talking about? I can't understand. What could you possibly have to offer in this situation?" Rachel, who actually clearly understood what he was trying to convey, pretended not understand. Though she pretended so to prevent Roger's next movement, Rachel did strike an pattern of almost declining and accepting to have sex with him to avoid disappointing him.

However, things went down differently in the Lu family house.

Soon after Edward and Rachel abruptly left, Chris went back to her room. Charles and Autumn too were just about to go back to their bedroom when Nancy rushed over with a glass of milk. "Mrs. Lu, I have prepared the milk for you as you like it, " said Nancy.

"Thank you, but I don't want to drink it tonight, " Autumn declined politely. She felt even better than before since she stopped drinking milk these days, though Autumn was not sure if it was true or was an intuition. Moreover, she did not want to fall asleep when Nancy took the milk for her, and that was really why she declined Nancy's offer.

Lu, you have to take care of yourself. You have lost a lot of weight because you were sick these  
drink it tonight. Please let it be for one night. This will barely make any difference, " Autumn replied her  
as her forehead

try to drink a little bit while it is still warm. It is good for your health." Nancy was persistent in her  
attempts to persuade

feeling awkward, Autumn looked at Charles. Soon Charles understood what she tried to convey from her  
eyes, so he turned to Nancy and said, "Nancy,

is prepared especially for Mrs. Lu." Nancy replied as she shivered a little

hand the glass over?" Confused, Charles asked Nancy and felt weird by her

Nancy let out an embarrassed smile explained, "I am just worried about Mrs. Lu's deteriorating health,  
so I really wanted her to consume it. But now that she doesn't want to drink it tonight, then you can

before Charles could even grasp it, Nancy loosened her grip all of a sudden. The glass fell down with a  
thud and crashed into small pieces

felt like you had held it, but I guess I was confused." Nancy hastily apologized to Charles in a shaky voice.

the glass. I am so sorry. Let me go and fetch you another glass of milk, " replied Nancy, with her head  
lowered. She still looked a little flurried

There is no need for you to do so. Please just go and rest, " Charles said indifferently. After thinking for a  
few seconds, Charles added. "Clean

will clean this up immediately." Nancy nodded slightly and without saying anything else moved out of  
the room in haste. However, as soon as they left, a

seems like something is wrong with her."

hear what she just said? Perhaps she was too exhausted after all she managed all the chores at home, "  
replied Charles calmly. He paused for a while but then seemed to recall something,

around me, " Autumn replied with an assuring smile. "Well, it is late. Let's go to sleep now.

And

### **Chapter 383 A Light Bulb Moment**

Charles rang the buzzer then heard Leila's voice calling out, "Coming!"

He did not tell Leila beforehand that he would be coming to visit. So when Leila opened the door and  
saw Charles in her doorstep, she was surprised.

"I thought you were the electrician who is coming to change a broken light bulb. What brings you here?"

While confused as to why he came, Leila could hardly contain her excitement. His arrival was certainly a pleasant surprise because she never expected Charles to visit her at home.

"Change your broken light bulb?" a slightly confused Charles inquired.

Frowning, he added, "You have a broken light bulb?"

Leila sighed, "Yes, the bathroom light gave out a few days ago. I have been calling the building manager to send someone over to fix it but so far, no one has come." Leila pouted in frustration.

Charles quickly volunteered.

"I can change it for you," he offered.

"Oh, no. I can't ask you to do that," she replied.

"I will wait for the repairman that the building manager will send over. It is too much hassle for you."

Charles assured her, "Look, it's no big deal."

He scanned Leila's home from the doorway and confirmed that she lived alone. Charles was aware how inconvenient a dark bathroom could be for a lady. And it was this concern that prompted him to volunteer fixing the problem.

Before she could refuse again, he took off his suit jacket, draped it on the sofa, and asked for directions to the bathroom. "Can you show me where it is?"

Leila saw how determined Charles was to help so she gave up refusing his offer. The truth was she was thrilled that he volunteered to help out with a domestic problem. It would allow her a chance to ask him to stay longer. Leila led him to the bathroom then handed him a stool to stand on.

"Please be care, Mr. Lu," she said.

Charles gave her a confident smile. "Don't worry," he assured Leila. Changing a light bulb was a piece of cake. As he climbed the stool, he requested, "Please hold the stool steady."

Leila nodded and did as he asked.

real couple, doing normal things that couples did. She would take

the task. After replacing the broken light bulb, he declared,

the moment Leila flipped the switch. She cried out in glee, "It's working

contain her ecstatic feeling over

"Next time

blushed at the offer and said, "But

She may even misunderstand our relationship." Leila thought she was playing coy, but Charles was oblivious and thought there was nothing wrong helping a

can come and help you next time. I know how inconvenient it can be for a woman to live

two became silent, then let the awkwardness pass. Just then, Leila heard a knock on her door. And Charles went back to the bathroom. The faces of her co-workers greeted her when she opened the door and she

here?" she cried out. She felt

get to have time alone with Charles. Now, everyone is

up, "Hey, what's wrong? Are we not

at the eager and concerned faces, still unable

say, "When we heard you were injured, we came as soon as we can. We just

inquired, "What

her with two extensive injuries. The doctor said she would have permanent scars even after they healed. However, Leila felt her injuries were a small price to pay for a huge contract she bagged. If necessary, she was willing to do anything to help Charles with the business.

"Please come in and have a seat." The invitation was issued with a forced smile. When everyone was seated, she inquired, "Have you all eaten?" Hospitality won over annoyance. "I can

show concern and prevented

We came because we're concerned about you. How can we ask someone injured to cook dinner for us? Besides, we won't

sofa. He was not expecting his boss

friend went

Mr. Lu here?

then Charles declared, "I'm

from the hallway. Charles had just finishing washing his hands inside the bathroom. He had heard the group arrive but was in no hurry to make his presence

her face then declared, "Mr. Lu, I really appreciate

would think she was having an affair with Charles. The vagueness of her words would fuel more speculation at work. Then she threw in, "If you hadn't come here, I would

no big deal, really, " Charles

he talked, Charles picked up his suit jacket and put it on. To Leila's guests, he said, "Since you're all here anyway, why not stay longer to keep

to think quickly. "Wait Mr.

and turned to her, she made a gracious

## Chapter 384 The Truth About Lies

"And that's all it is?" David asked, looking at Charles.

He still couldn't believe everything Charles told him. "But in her house, why did you have to take off your suit jacket?" David inquired.

'It wasn't so hot, ' he thought, but afraid to voice out his opinion.

"When she said her bathroom light needed changing, I simply offered to do it for her. So, I had to take off my coat. Is there anything wrong with that?"

Charles was baffled at David's persistent questioning.

"So you mean to say there was nothing to it?" David continued, a little stunned. When Charles was leaving Leila's house, she said something that sounded ambiguous which David took to mean as a hidden relationship between the two. Apparently, he was wrong and the truth was Leila was taking advantage of Charles to deliberately mislead David and everyone else. David shook his head in disbelief.

"Of course, that's all the truth, " Charles stressed. "What were you thinking?"

What David was suggesting made him uncomfortable.

The man had been working for him for years and never had he said anything out of line, to Charles' recollection. But this line of questioning now caught him off-guard. "What are you trying to say?" Charles insisted.

"Just say it!" he barked at David. "Well... recently, there's been a rumor going around the office that you and Leila..."

David paused, gathering the courage to continue. "I know it's not very proper for me to say these things, Mr. Lu, but rumor has it that you're having an illicit relationship with Leila. And after what we witnessed at Leila's house today..."

Those rumors will surely get worse, " he looked worriedly at his boss.

"People are saying Leila and I have an affair?" Charles said, his tone incredulous.

absorbing what he heard. He obviously had no idea how such rumor started. Charles always thought he had maintained a strictly professional relationship with Leila, he as boss and her a subordinate. And he couldn't remember ever doing

David affirmed, looking at Charles.

that there was already talk in Shining Company that if such affair went on, Leila would soon be replacing Autumn. That was why certain people

and with a heavy heart said, "Mr. Lu, I've been working for you for

to pay more attention to what's going on around you, and to distance yourself from Leila. What's more, in the end, it doesn't matter what people say." He paused, then

David's words. "I

about Autumn's behavior recently. 'No wonder Autumn was angry at me for no reason. It really seems that I don't notice a lot of things.' He clapped

Ah, can you please drop me off at the corner?" David requested.

Now, he had to take a taxi back to

woman had a very good idea that everyone who saw Charles with his coat off in her house no longer had doubts about their rumored affair. And they all wanted

to that new restaurant nearby, Leila, " one of them suggested. "I heard the

I think we should try out the place which specializes in boiled fish with pickled cabbage and chili. It's been there for more than a

She did not want to hear any argument. "Look, you know my face is hurting

stay home and cook noodles for myself. But I promise

to go out and eat. More than the food, what they really wanted to do was to talk more about Charles and Leila's supposed relationship. They

felt there was no point going out to dinner if Leila didn't

bruise on my face is not only painful, it might scare someone who sees it. Besides, I'm already

her." She proposed, "Let's just have dinner together once

contrite. "You're right.

agreement and prepared

pulled Liz aside and whispered, "About what I asked you

How are things going?"

has gone viral in the company, everyone believes it to be true. And Leila, you better not forget what

### **Chapter 385 Making Amends**

Leila paused, then decided to sound less threatening. "I would definitely be displeased if you complained about me in front of Mr. Lu. We're co-workers so I don't think there's a need for you to do that. Besides, it's better to keep a harmonious working relationship, don't you think so?"

David nodded. "Yes, I agree with some of the things you said. And you're right, we are colleagues. But... I am not comfortable knowing someone wants to take something that belongs to another.

I just can't bear that thought." Then he dared Leila, "Why, have I done something wrong?"

He sneered, then warned, "Leila, do you really think I am stupid? That I don't know who has been spreading those nasty rumors in the office? Here is some unsolicited advice: You better know your place in this company. Otherwise, you're not getting off the hook if I find out you do it again."

She straightened her shoulders and put on a desperate look. "What nonsense are you talking about? I am not the one spreading rumors that Mr. Lu is having an affair with me. And I have no idea who did this. Besides, why would I spread such gossip when it is my reputation that is being ruined?"

Leila stared at David, frowning when he burst into laughter.

In between laughter, David declared, "You have not been to work for several days. And I don't recall telling you what rumor is being spread around. So, how come you seem to know about this?"

Leila stammered, "I...I..." as she realized she had given herself away.

Thinking quickly, she gave an explanation. "Look David, you got it wrong. It was Liz who mentioned it to me just before she left. And I feel just as helpless about it. You do know Mrs. Lu is my benefactor so I would never do anything to betray or hurt her. If she finds out about this, I am certain we will no longer be friends."

David raised an eyebrow. "Really?"

With a grim smile, he continued, "If you really aren't responsible for spreading the rumor, why are you worried about me saying anything to Mr. Lu?"

The fury on Leila's face pleased David. He said, "Leila, you do know that fire cannot be wrapped up in paper, right? If you really care about Mrs. Lu then you know the right thing to do is to stay away from Mr. Lu, who is not your husband." He continued to mock Leila. "And let's suppose you do become Mrs. Lu someday, the fact remains that you were first a mistress."

Leila sputtered in anger. "You!" But she could say nothing more.

As David drove off, her flushed face turned pale as she pondered his words.

She suddenly became agitated. Her plans to become closer to Charles were already paying off with tremendous effort on her part. But she knew the moment David said something he was not supposed to tell Charles, all her efforts would be in vain.

She sat slumped in a chair, wondering for a long time. "What should I do?" she groaned.

his car for several minutes thinking instead of going inside the house. His conversation earlier with David made him realize that Autumn had reason to be mad each time they would quarrel because of Leila. Not drag out of it. When he walked in, he saw Autumn preparing noodles in the kitchen. Charles moved towards his wife and wrapped his arms around her waist from behind. "Wow, that

said, "You're home

into a smile as she looked at her husband, and then asked, "Have you

bit embarrassed because it was already eight o'clock and

he looked at the time.

"I wasn't

husband would be famished,



nodded. "That

suddenly missed Autumn's cooking, which he had not

prepare a bowl of noodles with vegetables, and also cooked eggs for him. Then she apologized, "Charles, I know you are picky about food, but it's too late to cook something else. I promise to prepare something better next

shoulders and assured his wife. "I like noodles just fine,

green vegetables and the omelette looked very appetizing to Charles. Autumn giggled while he was eating. She teased, "Why are you eating so fast? No one is going to

towards Charles and remarked, "I'm not

satisfaction. "But I'm so full already. Go on. Eat your

newly married, Charles would take Autumn for a walk everyday. But as he became busier with work, the walks stopped. And it had been a long time since they done

at her husband. She noticed he was quite gentle and very considerate today and she was not used to it.

"You're behaving

anything happened?" she inquired.

you thinking about?" Charles

stroked her hair affectionately and replied, "I realize I've taken you for granted the last several weeks because I'm always

Autumn any more trouble, so it would be less stress for his wife. He

that was happening. Then she

"Charles, I'm also

knew she shouldn't have been suspicious and ill-tempered.

and we've been under so much pressure. Hopefully, it is over. Oh Charles, it's like my life

both his hands and held them

his wife was, Charles declared, "I want to take you to visit and pay respects to

parents. Charles decided it was time to

"Okay. We will go

### **Chapter 386 Something Bad Happened**

Giant Promise Company was gearing up to hold a new product launch the next day. Autumn and Isla had been preparing for this event since a long time ago. Earlier that morning Autumn went to the site to inspect everything one last time to ensure nothing went wrong.

This was the first and most important launch event for her since she took over Cloud Advertising Company. She was doing everything in her capacity to ensure that the event turned out perfect.

"What's the matter, Autumn? Are you not feeling okay?" Upon seeing Autumn's frown, Isla came up to her and inquired with concern.

"No, don't worry about it. I am absolutely fine, " answered Autumn in a soft tone. The moment she woke up this morning, her eyelids started to flutter and would keep doing so every now and then almost like a warning about something bad that was about to happen.

"Well, I am relieved to hear that. I will get on with my work then. Let me know if you don't feel well, " said Isla gently. And soon after she was called to help. Autumn took a big gulp of water as she tried to calm herself down. As soon as she looked up, she spotted a familiar figure lurking in the backstage.

If she was not wrong, it was Paula. She had disappeared ever since she stole Autumn's scheme and lost her competition with Autumn. Upon spotting her, Autumn had no idea what Paula was doing here, which seemed rather ominous to her.

She immediately put down the bottle of mineral water and rushed backstage, as she yelled out for all the staff's attention, "Everybody, may I please have your attention for a moment? Please run through your designated responsibilities carefully. Should you find something wrong or even confusing, please do approach me at the earliest. Thank you!"

"What's going on?" asked Isla with eyebrows raised with confusion. Everyone was already terribly busy with their assigned chores. And now that Autumn asked them to re-check their work, it was just adding to their work load and stress which would increase the chances of making a mistake. Therefore, no one was really willing to spare moments to follow her instruction through.

However, Isla knew and understood very well that Autumn was not a troublemaker and had no intentions to increase the workload, and she must have a genuine reason for making such a sudden request.

I woke up. Oh, by the way, I also think I just saw Paula. She ran away from the backstage. I'm really worried as to what could go

thing were the new products. This was the first and yet the most significant step for Giant Promise Company to transform itself into a clothing company, so

event, were carefully stored. But as they reached there, they were appalled to see that the

cold as she turned pale at the sight of the empty room. Apart from how important the event was

a personal feud between Paula and her, and Giant Promise Company could

started to spin. It was Giant Promise Company's new product launch,

now is to approach Mr. Xu with the truth and ask him if they have extra clothes to spare, " Isla responded as she maintained her calm. "If you find it difficult, I'll go and talk to

new product, Giant Promise Company would become a laughingstock, no matter how grand the event arrangements were. So at any cost, they must get other

I'll manage it. This is my mess to clean." Autumn gritted her teeth, in a bid to appear composed. She had to face the situation. "You check here to ensure there are

was talking to his friends when she found him. Autumn had to bite the bullet and addressed him.

"Excuse me, Mr. Xu, may I have a word with you? This is rather urgent." She interrupted their conversation rather abruptly in an

walked away, he turned to Autumn, "How many times did I tell you not to call me Mr. Xu. We are a family,

not while we are working, I think it's better if

his head and stopped requesting her. "What do

All of the new products lined up for the launch event are missing. Now the models have arrived, but there are no clothes... " Autumn plucked up her courage to

### **Chapter 387 Better Late than Never**

Isla held the microphone as she shivered and trembled with fear, given the huge responsibility to shore up Cloud Advertising Company with redoubled efforts that warranted the general recognition, as she was completely aware that the assembly would not give the organizer, Cloud Advertising Company a just consideration.

The society was full of snobs and despicable people who delighted at the sight of other's misfortune and fall.

Isla took a deep breath and conducted the press conference in the manner that Autumn would approve of: leaders address; the speech from designers.... and finally Andy's keynote presentation.

Over forty-five minutes had passed since Autumn's departure, now even Andy's presentation had concluded. But Isla had no choice but to rely on Andy stretching his presentation as long as he possibly could.

Andy sensed Isla's anxiety and tried to speak slowly and yet in an engaging tone. He maintained the slow pace right till the 'Thank you!' he concluded his speech draft. At that moment, Isla thought the crisis was past being averted and there was nothing else she could do.

Isla had to face the challenge head on and while suppressing her anger towards Paula who was shamelessly standing amidst the assembly.

However, right when Paula least expected that Isla's confidence received a boost. She cleared her throat, and cast a glance across the vast assembly. Andy was gripped by severe fear that the press conference would be ruined, as Autumn had just told him over the phone that she would need at least another ten minutes to return, however the hiatus would be of great difficulty to smooth over.

Isla mustered up her courage, well poised, to address the assembly with the utmost sincerity, slowness and clarity almost like an edited film scene.

"Distinguished guests: my name is Isla Zhao, you all know me as the planner and the host of today's event."? Isla's words and expressions laced with humour made the assembly burst into laughter.

The fact that I transferred my allegiance to Cloud Advertising Company which was earlier ill-reputed and not

friend who would not steal the work of a lesser known planner after staking her reputation. I decided to lend her my complete support and faith to help her survive

being perfect, but the fact that we try to establish Cloud Advertising Company in the field of fashion with its enterprising members

in the field of fashion, where many other dissenting

presentation started a wave of thunderous applause of the assembly which all started with Andy's

conference was conducted smoothly despite the

Isla tried her best to reap the harvest that she desired and worked hard to achieve.

her head held high, addressed the distinguished guests, "The winter fashion

in an evening dress, was given a coat from Autumn as she walked

made it!" Isla could not contain her excitement, "We carried

true!"? Autumn was also amazed as she accepted the reality

Isla goosebumps

a big recognition for Isla who thought her efforts and time were recognized and

conference was concluded perfectly with Isla's ending presentation reposted and it was liked by several hundred thousand followers. Autumn spoke to Isla humorously, "Isla, as you see,

situation to Autumn, "But for the exigency, I would not have addressed the assembly like that. Aron would

### **Chapter 388 A Celebratory Dinner**

Andy stared at Autumn seeking a positive response. "Moreover, the launch event was a success. If Father and Mother find out that I didn't give you any bonus, they will scold me quite harshly. So please just honor me to do something for you simply based on your merits."

Autumn blushed pink. After all, Paula did go out her way to ensure the launch event was ruined. She said awkwardly, "Uncle Andy, Paula had a problem with me. She stole all the merchandise as an act of revenge."

"Don't worry about that. You saved the day and that is all that matters now, " Andy comforted her, "Once you informed me about the missing clothes, I immediately called the police. By now, I am sure the police must have arrived and will take her away for further questioning after conducting preliminary investigation."

Andy thought to himself, 'A person as foul as Paula deserves what she gets. Autumn used to tolerate her while being generous towards her. But her kindness was repaid with ingratitude. So this time, I swear not to let her go unpunished.'

Autumn was the reason Paula became so notorious. Paula would seize every chance to embarrass Autumn and put her down. She knew that today was Giant Promise Company's launch event. After managing to sneak backstage without anyone noticing, she stole the samples from the mannequins which Giant Promise Company delicately prepared and hid them in a corner. She hoped that Autumn would land in trouble.

She was so confident that she would not get caught. Instead of leaving at once, she kept lurking on the premise to witness Autumn's despair. If the launch event turned out to be a failure, it was unlikely for anyone to cooperate with Autumn. To her astonishment, the launch event had turned around and was a complete triumph. What's more, Isla's humble words earned a good reputation for Cloud Advertising Company.

The more Paula thought about it, the angrier she felt. Today's scheme failed, but she would not give up on the pursuit of bringing Autumn down.

She glared at the stage as she was about to leave, when a group of policemen in uniforms blocked her way. Her instinctive reaction was to turn around and run. But a tall police officer lifted her up from the group easily almost like she was a child.

"You..." What are you doing?" Paula asked the policeman with a rather guilty expression all over her face, "Why did you stop me, Officer?"

for start, why don't you tell me why you were running away?" The policeman queried,

Paula in low spirits. She realized she

noticed her expression, "It seems like you already know the reason why we are looking for you. Let's go. saw Paula getting arrested as they walked out of the greenroom. Autumn sighed, "Why is she always competing against me?

hopefully over. She will bear the punishments of her ill motivated actions.

" Autumn responded happily. The event ended up successfully with everyone lauding their efforts. Her mood was lifted

planned has been successful. Why don't we head out and celebrate this happy moment?" Autumn

" Isla agreed. Other employees were inside winding up everything. She said with a wide smile as she spotted them, "Everyone, can I have your attention please? Dinner is Manager Ye's

enduring efforts finally got a reward. When Autumn

authentic Chongqing hotpot restaurant, tens of people were sitting around a table. Isla said, smiling at Autumn next to her, "Autumn, I

away. Stop talking nonsense."

she without thinking twice ordered a box of beer. Since Autumn was not interested in drinking, she sat in a corner drinking some hot and soothing tea. Today's event was a big success, which made all

of drinks, Yoyo was already quite drunk. She gathered her courage as she took a seat beside Autumn and said, "Manager Ye, I have to apologize

do, she always does the work perfectly. Moreover, she is also easy to get along with. Although I have very little personal contact with her, I know everyone in the company is fond of her. Isla

finally realized I was too naive and immature. I shouldn't believe the rumors and assume the worst in you without seeing

### **Chapter 389 Rachel Is Pregnant**

"I'm so sorry for how I acted and how I believed everyone without any questions, Manager Ye. I hope you find it in your heart to forgive me," Yoyo begged.

Autumn smiled and said in a humble tone, "Okay, whatever has happened is all in the past now. Actually I also am responsible for what I suffered. So let us learn from it and move past it."

Then she said in a painful tone, "I really hate to get into trouble and the negative energy so I didn't spare any effort to explain myself when all of you misunderstood me. It was my fault. I should have cleared the air and laid the truth in front of you."

"From now on, let's open our hearts to each other and avoid any misunderstanding between one another," she optimistically added.

"Wow, you are very kind, easygoing and humble, just the same as what Isla told me!" Yoyo sighed and regretted having caused so much unnecessary drama for Autumn.

"Let's forget all the unhappiness in the past and restart a new chapter together, one of joy and faith!" Autumn cast a grateful glance at Isla who was drinking with others. Autumn really appreciated Isla for all her help, support and silence.

Without Isla, Autumn wouldn't have been able to accomplish what she did today.

With that Autumn felt lucky and blessed to have found such a faithful and loving friend.

As dinner was almost over, Isla who was drunk passed out in Aron's arms. Both of them and Autumn were the last to leave the venue. Aron asked Autumn, "Do you need me to escort you home?"

on his way to pick me up. You can carry on now because

was smashed so he had to rush her home.

now. Some left by taxi, while others were picked up by their friends or family

asked him when he would arrive. Charles told her to wait for another couple of

was starting to get cloudy and Autumn too felt a little gloomy somehow despite how her day

up to her, holding an umbrella and said gently, "Have you been waiting for a long time? I'm sorry. I was in a party

so he must have driven very fast in order to pick her up as soon as possible. Autumn was moved and but she

go home with you." Charles smiled and said, "It was just a boring party to her side of the car and fastened her seat belt, then he said, "Andy told me the event you held today Even though some accidents did make it hard, it zeal, looking forward to his praise almost added, "Now I feel said, "You can stay home tomorrow and pack up our luggage little weak so Charles did not feel safe for her to go

Wednesday. It was raining the whole day on Monday and the bad weather boggled Chris' mood down. She looked at the rain trickling down the window and asked Autumn, "When will this nodded her head to answer. Then Chris' phone rang before Autumn began speaking. Chris frowned as she saw the name on the screen. Evidently, she didn't want to

### **Chapter 390 You Really Refuse To Do Me Such A Little Favor**

"After all, she is a young woman. It is quite easy and normal for her to get pregnant." Autumn tried to console Chris after she heard this shocking piece of information. Meanwhile, she wondered why Rachel had not informed Edward about her pregnancy in the first place, but instead called Chris to rub it in her face. This all seemed rather strange to her.

"What else did she tell you on this abrupt call?" Autumn asked curiously.

"She... asked me to come to a cafe in an hour to meet her. She said she had something rather important to discuss with me, " Chris answered honestly, seeking some guidance. "Autumn, what do you think her intentions are for this sudden invitation? Should I go to meet her or not? Please advise me as I am just shocked beyond words..."

"Of course you have to go and meet her. I mean why would you not?" said Autumn in a high-pitched, excited voice. She was too eager to find out what happened. "In fact, if you want, I will come along with you!"

She really wanted to know what Rachel was up to next, so she encouraged Chris to meet her and listen to what she had to say now.

"Are you sure I should meet her? I mean after knowing what kind of a woman she is..." asked Chris again seeking assurance, as she was a little bogged down.

"Yes, I suppose so, " replied Autumn, as she looked into Chris's eyes.

As Chris went upstairs to change her clothes and get ready, Gary came up to Autumn and asked, "What were you two talking about right now? Did I hear it right, Rachel's pregnant?"

"Oh, yeah, at least that's what Rachel told Chris on the call, " answered Autumn. She then noticed Gary's face turning pale upon getting the confirmation on what he thought he heard. "What's the matter, grandpa?" she inquired with concern almost immediately.

"But that's impossible..." Gary frowned and muttered vaguely. "How could she possibly get pregnant?"

"Hmph?" Autumn could not understand what was making Gary so nervous and stressed. "What, grandpa, what makes you say that? I mean why do you think she cannot conceive?"

being calm and peaceful. "I was just wondering why she got pregnant so early into their marriage. I mean after all you know, Edward is old, and they got married not long ago, "

goes on between

a different dress, all ready to

going to travel with Charles for a few days, and I have to buy

to avoid getting Gary worried, Autumn did not tell him what they were going to do.

"Bye, please drive safely."

had mentioned. And upon reaching the destination, they spotted her. There was a pot of rose tea steeping on her table, and she sat by the window quietly.

of them, Rachel immediately plastered on a beaming smile, while in stark contrast, Autumn and

pushed the menu to them and asked them to order. "Since I'm pregnant, I have to maintain a strict diet now, and

it was impolite of her to do so, and they knew this was her subtle way of reminding them of her

addressed her in a disgusted tone. "I'm in no mood to sit here and have tea with you in a civil manner. Just get right to the point and tell me what you want from

tummy and smiled at Autumn. "Charles and you have been married for quite a long time now. So the real question

"Charles and I are in no hurry to have children. After all, we're both young and we want to enjoy a few years of being together before we start a

was mocking Rachel for

as she remained calm. "Well, one should do what they should at a certain age. I am the right age to be a mother. And now that I'm married, I see no reason not to naturally conceive a child so that I can have someone to stand by me when I grow

"Charles told me he wanted a baby earlier.

"You have to let nature take its course when it comes to such an amazing chapter such as pregnancy. But you, huh, just in a bid to

you're stuck with it as well whether you like

sarcastic tone. "I was wondering how long you would keep it a secret and play along this farce. I