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### **Chapter 91 Dinner in Gu Family House**

"I see, " replied Charles. He did not care about Sam's thoughts for Autumn as he trusted her. "Let's go inside. They are waiting for us, " he said to Autumn.

He then took Autumn by her hand and walked straight into the house, leaving Sam behind with a frown.

Almost immediately after they entered the living room, Yvonne walked up to them with a grin on her face. "Did you have a pleasing conversation with Mr. Lin?" she asked. "Despite having been abroad for many years, he still has feelings for you. If my first boyfriend was enchanted by me this way I would be ecstatic!"

"Are you?" With a sly smile Autumn replied, "Of course you would. After all, you are a precocious girl. You started dating boys since the beginning of middle school. Do you even remember your first boyfriend?"

Without an appropriate come-back Yvonne angrily stammered, "You..." She attempted to create an impression of being innocent and lovely on Charles. But as Autumn aired her dirty laundry in front of Charles, it was only natural that Yvonne was upset with her half sister's words.

'If I continue this conversation, Autumn will only reveal more of despicable past to Charles, ' Yvonne muttered to herself. In an attempt to save her pride, she turned to Charles and said in an injured voice, "Charles... don't believe what Yvonne said. She made up every bit of these fictitious stories."

Charles didn't respond and he pretended like he did not hear her. He walked past her to the table, still holding Autumn's hand firmly. Keeping up the charade, Wendy acted like she hadn't witnessed the spat and greeted them with a warm smile, "Take a seat here."

Charles took the seat on Autumn's left side while others were taking a spot to sit. When Sam entered, he only found the spot beside Autumn empty and calmly sat there.

Autumn felt a pinch of embarrassment and also awkward to sit between Charles and Sam.

Yvonne slowly came and grabbed the spot beside Charles. While pouring a glass of wine for him she said, "Charles, try this. This is my... uncle's favorite wine that he has kept and matured for years."

pouring

not knowing what to do next. She tried to attract his

other after observing this tension. Wendy immediately turned to Charles and with a smile on her face said, "Charles, just take a sip of the wine. It is excellent! You

You have been married to Yvonne for a long time, you are family! You should stay here overnight." Despite their persuasion, Charles declined their polite offer.

Simon rather blatantly, "No, thanks. I cannot

got married he slept in his study

and Simon knew as well that Charles was making excuses to avoid staying the night. 'He is the CEO of Shining Company. With frequent business trip every now and then, he has spent many nights and days living in hotels.

was reluctant to drink, Yvonne grew impatient. After having a discussion with Wendy, she arranged the dinner with only two purposes in mind, one was to get Charles drunk and the other

long as Charles gets drunk, he will be mine, 'Yvonne

little, see everyone is requesting you so nicely, " Yvonne tried her luck again. She hurried to pour Charles a glass

in an attempt to clean up his pants with the cloth. She apologized, "Charles, I'm sorry. I didn't

here to begin with. And after this incident, he was impatient to leave. He grabbed Yvonne by the hand, and said, "I am

the

gave a disapproving glance to Yvonne. In that moment Yvonne realized how unbecoming her wipe the private parts of Charles in front of Sam? Besides, Autumn was

an attempt to humiliate her, he spoke out, "Uncle, aunty, please tell me what is this woman's relationship with you? She has very poor manners. After all, Mr. Lu is Autumn's husband. Her behavior

by his outburst, Yvonne retorted, "Who do you think you are? How can you intervene in

### **Chapter 92 Being At Odds**

Before Wendy could say anything, Autumn and Charles walked out of the washroom together. "Dad, Mom, we are going home now. We won't be eating here. Take your time with the food."

Autumn said in a cold voice. Yvonne immediately objected, "No! We rarely have the opportunity to have dinner together. How can you leave now?"

"Why not?" Autumn said bluntly, "And wait for you to pour hot soup on him?"

Charles knew Autumn was angry and didn't want to make it difficult for her. So he pulled her away and spoke to Simon and Wendy, "Dad, Mom, we are going home now. We will visit again in a couple of days. If you'll excuse us, we shall leave now."

"Charles..." Simon stood up, trying to make them stay but Wendy stopped him and said, "If you want to go home now, I won't stand in your way. My apologies.

Let me prepare a nice meal for you next time." Wendy's smile was sincere this time.

Simon and Yvonne did not say anything. Seeing Autumn and Charles leaving, Sam also stood up and said, "I am leaving as well."

"Sam, wait." Wendy stopped Sam, "You are already here. Please have dinner with us. I have something to tell you."

Autumn's face soured at what she heard.

Wendy saw Autumn and Charles to the door. Pleasant smiles were exchanged. Others looking might believe that Wendy was actually a devoted mother.

the truth

living room to get back to her plan. Simon refused to get involved, so he made an excuse and left the room. The servants were dismissed, leaving only Wendy,

me to stay?

Let's be frank and put our cards on the table. I have a way to break Autumn and Charles

his eyes upon Wendy's face and asked with a smile, "What makes you think that I will

Wendy had told him her intention, she must be confident that Sam would take her side. Sam wanted to know why she

haven't moved on after

so much and I won't do anything to

taunted, "Love is extremely selfish. If you love Autumn, how can you not want to be with her? I love Charles so much and I will

Wendy looked at Sam and urged,

I have to

the way back home, Charles kept a serious face and said nothing. He couldn't get his mind off what he saw earlier

for me?" Autumn

anything you want to tell me?" Charles

didn't know that they invited Sam. My mother asked me to take him around the house, so I did it. On the way back inside, I slipped and Sam helped me to my feet. There

to Autumn. "Who is that lady? She keeps trying to seduce me and your

are thinking too much." Autumn looked away. Of course she knew Yvonne had gone too far. But if she

### **Chapter 93 Seeing Autumn Off at the Airport**

Chris knew that the problem between the couple would be solved as long as Autumn patiently explained everything to Charles.

Autumn nodded and replied, "I know." 'I want to tell Charles, but... I don't know how to start.

Besides, I have already agreed to pull away from Charles. I have made up my mind and I can't give up easily, ' she mused.

Autumn sighed. "Chris, we will solve our own problem. Tomorrow I will fly to Z City at 10:00 am. I will stay there for a couple of days. Please take care of yourself, Charles and grandpa."

Chris was surprised. "Oh, you are going on a trip?" Chris was stunned and thought, 'She chose to run away from their problem instead of solving it. If it lasts too long, their problem would be more difficult to handle.'

"Yes, I am, " said Autumn, nodding slightly, 'It has been a while since I quit my job. I had no time to travel around in the past and Charles bought me this ticket. During this trip, I can think about our relationship, 'she again mused.

"But..."

Autumn said, "Don't worry. I just want to take a trip to relax. I will come back in a couple of days." Chris wanted to persuade her not to go, but she knew that Autumn wouldn't listen to her. 'Perhaps it's good for her to take a trip to relax, ' she thought to herself then said, "Okay, then go to bed early."

As Chris left the room, she saw that Gary was talking with Charles. He asked with a frown, "What's going on between you and Yvonne? What happened?"

Charles frowned slightly and answered, "Grandpa, leave this to us." Charles just wanted Autumn to understand that they had become a family since they got married and that they should share things with each other and face them together. A couple shouldn't have secrets.

"Charles, you are the man in this relationship. Even if your wife did something wrong, you should forgive her." Chris joined in. "You shouldn't remain angry at her."

Charles replied in a disapproving voice, "You're just a child, so don't intervene with our matters."

had bought a ticket for Autumn. He had been so busy with work these

"I don't know what happened between you two. But she is a good girl. Go upstairs and talk

thought about it a lot since his argument with Autumn. 'Her mother had left her to her grandma since she was a

her mother even threatened her with her grandmother so it is natural for her to be on guard like

tell her that he would be on her side whatever happened

She had to

arguement. She was surprised as she hadn't expected Charles to appear in

atmosphere. They stared at each other then

me the ticket. How could

will take

have to get up early just to take me there. I will just take

so Autumn agreed.

back to his study. He took a shower, and lay on the bed beside Autumn. She turned over, and saw the gauze on his head. 'After I return from Z City, his stitches

to go to

Have a good trip." He turned

looked at Charles's wide back. A sad feeling came

I hadn't gotten married to Charles in this manner, I would hold his hand tightly.

rang waking Autumn up. She hurried to press the clock. When she turned around, she found Charles still sound asleep. She got up, got dressed, and then went downstairs. She was having

sleepy eyes, "Why didn't you

Autumn wasn't expecting Charles to be up at this time. She had

the kitchen, "Nancy, get

## **Chapter 94 Cindy**

Charles helped Autumn check her baggage in, got her boarding pass and took her to the security checkpoint. "Go, " he told her. Autumn turned to him and with a gentle wave, said, "You go home now. I'm leaving."

"Bon voyage!" Charles watched her leave and did not turn away until she was out of his sight.

He already began to miss her. He now knew what it was like to miss someone.

On the plane, Autumn took a blindfold out of her coat pocket, and asked the stewardess for a blanket, ready to sleep. She was about to fall asleep when there came a familiar voice. "Can I sit here?"

She quickly took off the blindfold and saw Sam standing by her seat, smiling. Then he sat down at the empty seat next to her before she could answer him.

Autumn was baffled. It wasn't until Sam fastened his seat belt that she understood what was going on. "Why... why are you here?" she asked.

"Surprised?" Sam shot back with a smile. Wendy had told him about Autumn's flight. He didn't know how she got the information, but upon learning it, he booked the same flight almost without hesitation.

"Yes. How did you know that I was going to Z City?" Autumn asked again, frowning.

"Relax, it's just a coincidence. I have an appointment with a client in Z City to sign a contract today. I wasn't expecting to see you here either. It looks like the trip won't be too boring, " Sam answered, still smiling.

"Really?" Autumn didn't believe him.

"Of course. Get some sleep if you're sleepy. I'll wake you up when the plane lands, " Sam said.

and fell asleep. Sitting next to her, Sam was

actually a bit hesitant. But when he found out that

with mountains and seas, and that it was romantic just walking on the beach

to propose to

thought that... Autumn was going to Z

not far from Y City, and the scenery was wonderful. The other

what Sam had said about it.

was about to land, Sam woke Autumn up, offered her a glass of water,

eyes. When they got off the plane, she took her luggage, ready to leave,

pointed to his car.

of this trip before coming. Besides, she thought it would ruin the fun if everything was arranged. So she refused Sam's arranged car. "Don't you have an appointment? Go and do your thing. I can go around by myself. Don't

Group had a branch office in Z City, he easily arranged for

insist and nodded. "Then be careful. I'll be here for a few days.

When Sam left, she took a taxi, planning to leave her

was beautifully decorated,

of the sun and sunlight filtered through them, making the sea sparkle. There were couples walking barefoot on the sand. When

proper clothes, Autumn joined the people at the beach wearing a sun

a bright mood, just like the blue

the beautiful seaside, she could hear her heart beating.

my mom..." She was savoring this rare moment of pleasure when she heard the

# **Chapter 95 Cindy's Parents**

"Yes..." Cindy nodded her head seriously and asked, "Big sister, where is my mom?"

Cindy finally got back to the place where she last saw her mother, but she was unable to find her. Disappointed, she pouted and tears trickled down her cheeks.

"Cindy, you are a good girl. Don't cry. I promise to help you find your mother, okay?" It was gradually getting dark. Autumn had waited for a long time and never moved from that spot with Cindy, but her mother didn't show up. Now Autumn had gotten a little anxious as people at the beach started leaving one after another. However, as time passed it seemed that this little girl had forgotten that she had lost her mom. She looked at Autumn and said with a sad little voice, "Sister, I am so hungry."

Autumn took a glance at her watch. This beach was not far from the hotel where she was staying. Autumn hesitated for a little while then decided to take Cindy back to the hotel with her.

"Well, let's get something to eat then, okay?" Autumn carried her back to the hotel and there, Cindy freely ordered whatever she wanted. Cindy could speak English fluently as she ordered, through which Autumn could tell that she may come from a wealthy family.

Cindy's parents may be frantic now, but she was still enjoying her meal here.

"Cindy, take your time with your food." Though she had elegant table manners, she ate in a hurry perhaps out of hunger. She even choked a little so Autumn quickly handed her a lemonade.

They were dining in the hall of the hotel. Autumn had just registered at the reception desk. She hoped that Cindy's parents could find them there as soon as possible, so they sat where it would be easy to see them.

Looking at this adorable girl in front of her, Autumn wondered if she should call the police if her parents still didn't show up that night, but she hesitated.

"Sister, what are you thinking of? Why don't you eat?" Cindy continued eating and asked Autumn who was deep in thought.

Autumn wiped her mouth and grinned. "I am not hungry. You can have some more."

full now, "said Cindy. She gazed at Autumn with her big, clear eyes. It made her look so lovely. Autumn felt her heart almost melting as she looked at this lovely girl. She even wanted to

full now?" Autumn now felt trapped in a dilemma. If she took Cindy back to her room, her parents who are already worried about her, may not see them. But Autumn also couldn't bear to

I am sleepy now. I want to go to bed." Cindy wanted to sleep now that she was full. And it seemed like she had forgotten that she had lost her parents.

looked like Cindy's mother, that Cindy could feel safe with

I know you are

Cindy pouted, her eyes filled with

will buy you some sweets when we find your mother." Autumn tried to comfort her. When she finally calmed down, Cindy

but to hold her while walking to the reception desk.

miss. A lady did come looking for a girl just now. She is still here." The desk clerk looked around and pointed to a woman in a red skirt standing by the door of the hotel. "Look! She is still over there, " said the clerk.

shoulder, so Autumn held her and walked over to the door. The woman happened to see Cindy in Autumn's arms as she turned around. She exclaimed and rushed to Autumn, taking

so worried about you. You almost drove me crazy." The woman held Cindy tightly and didn't loosen her grip, her eyes

as soon as she uttered the words. But both of them were

like this woman. Perhaps that was why Cindy immediately felt comfortable with

to Autumn. Before Autumn could reply, a man walked over and stood behind the woman. He was dressed in sportswear and looked very casual. But his eyes flickered in the light. Under his gaze, Autumn somehow felt embarrassed even though

the little girl was so tired

when

her for a long time and now

going on?" The man asked the woman as soon as he noticed Autumn standing there.

## **Chapter 96 Allergy**

Autumn picked up the phone and said, "Hello..." As soon as she answered the phone, it was Charles's angry voice that greeted her. "Didn't I ask you to give me a call when you got off the plane? I called many times. Why didn't you answer the phone?"

When he hadn't gotten through to her, he almost lost his mind. Now he only wanted to make sure that Autumn was safe.

Charles's anxious voice shook her determination to alienate him. Autumn replied, "I'm sorry. When I got off the plane, I forgot to call you. Then, when I went out, I forgot to take my phone with me. I'm really sorry."

With Autumn explaining to him gently, Charles couldn't pretend to be mean to her anymore. His voice softened. "What did you do the whole day? It's already dark. Did you return to your hotel just now?"

"Yes, I just came back to the hotel." Autumn turned over on the bed where she was sitting and told Charles, "Today, I saw a little girl who had gotten separated from her parents on the beach. I didn't leave her until her parents showed up. That's why I have just gotten back."

Charles wasn't pleased. "Next time if you get in a similar situation, just walk away. Don't get yourself in trouble."

Autumn couldn't believe that Charles would say these words. After a short pause, she replied, "Fine, I will."

That little girl looked so cute. Autumn couldn't just ignore her.

Nowadays people have become indifferent. Sometimes you think you have done some good deed, only to find out that you have fallen into a trap. That's why an increasing number of people don't dare to help others anymore.

Charles asked tenderly, "Have you had dinner?" Autumn had been so worried about Cindy that she had forgotten to get food for herself. She was just starting to feel hungry. She didn't want Charles to worry about her, so she replied, "Yes, I have. What about you?"

"Yvonne, don't lose contact with us again. If you still hadn't picked up the phone, he would have flown

"Don't talk nonsense..." Charles took the phone back from Chris and said, "Don't listen to her.

was overwhelmed with happiness. She replied, "I will." Then she hung up the

a man in a suit. He said, "Excuse me, madam.

like an order

I went with this person

'Perhaps he could help

dialed Sam's number. Soon she heard Sam's voice, "Little Ye, I'm

After she finished her story, Sam

him which hospital I will be going to. How could he find me?' Autumn thought, getting anxious.

and urged her to leave for the hospital. Autumn put on her coat in a hurry and

the same hotel. After hanging up, he rushed out of his room, got into his car and then followed the car that Autumn had

she got out of the car. Sam who was close behind reached the hospital as well. However, he needed to pull up first. The man led Autumn to Cindy's ward. When they arrived at the ward, Autumn saw Abby and Andy by the door. Cindy was screaming from inside the room, "Sister! I want

leader of a gang for years. He feared

he swallowed all his pride and ran to Autumn. "I'm sorry for what we

Abby came forward slowly and said with an embarrassed look, "I'm really sorry. I almost lost my mind when I lost

#### **Chapter 97 In The Hospital**

"Please!" Abby requested. When Autumn entered the ward, Cindy perched herself on the bed, crying. She looked so small and sick as her eyes were swollen from all the weeping. The doctor in the room did not dare to move closer to her but continued consoling her from a distance.

"Cindy..." In her soft and humble voice, Autumn called out to her. Hearing the familiar voice amidst the commotion, Cindy immediately stopped crying and turned to the door. Upon seeing Autumn's face, shock gripped her as she could not believe who was standing before her. She rubbed her eyes, leaped off the bed in one swift movement, ran forward and wrapped her arms around Autumn's legs.

Cindy whimpered, "Why did you abandon me, sister?"

Autumn didn't know whether to cry or to laugh at this question. She looked into Cindy's eyes while slowly bending down and said, "Cindy, I did not abandon you. You are the apple of your parents' eyes. I may not be able to stay with you forever, Cindy, but I promise you that I'll give you my personal number so that you can call me whenever you wish to see me. Okay?"

"I don't want to part with you..." Cindy cried harder this time.

Abby stood right outside the door in the hallway. Hearing Cindy break down, she wanted to enter the ward to comfort her, but Andy stopped her and said, "Don't worry. I think Miss Ye has the situation under control."

Andy knew his daughter had a mind of her own. He also knew that Cindy trusted Autumn and with that he did not worry at all.

Autumn was patiently consoling Cindy and within minutes Cindy calmed down. Autumn sat on the bed with Cindy in her arms. She then assumed a serious tone and asked, "Can you tell me why you refused to receive the injection?"

"I... am just scared of the needle..." Cindy whispered timidly.

Giving Cindy a disapproving glance, Autumn said, "You knew you would need an injection after eating seafood, then why did you run from home and request me to specifically take you to a restaurant serving seafood? Cindy, what you did is not right. Do you understand?"

Children at Cindy's age can distinguish between actions that are right and wrong. With that perspective, Autumn tried to reason with Cindy. Hearing Autumn's words, Cindy lowered her head and murmured, "I knew I was wrong, but I just couldn't help..."

Cindy felt that she'd been wronged.

seafood so much, then why couldn't she enjoy it like other

have to suffer an allergic reaction?

rashes. If you don't let the doctors administer the injection, you will not recover. What if your pretty face gets many scars from these

sleeve and stretched out her

over, Cindy jumped into Autumn's arms. Autumn held her tightly and patted her back to comfort

discharged shortly." The doctor said to Autumn, "If anything is wrong or you need any assistance, please press the button which

raised her head and glanced at

tone proclaimed, "Cindy

content. Soon after she fell asleep, Autumn got out of the

much!" With utmost sincerity Abby thanked her. Her daughter had never been so close to a stranger before.

Cindy, but Autumn made

am very fond of her." Autumn spotted Sam in

the hospital earlier, but hadn't shown up in front of Autumn as there

Autumn answered and introduced Sam to the couple, "They are the parents of the girl.

Sam, Abby spoke up, "He must be your husband. You two seem like an ideal couple! Are you on she was embarrassed by Abby's words. She tried to explain their

that Autumn was just being shy, but Andy immediately realized something was wrong. He grabbed Abby by her hand and said, "It is getting late. Miss Autumn has stayed here for a long time. She must be tired. We should also check on Cindy now. Miss

today. We..." Before Abby could finish her sentence, Andy

bothering you. I thought they wanted

## **Chapter 98 Babysitting**

Andy laughed and continued, "Perhaps it was in our destiny to meet. You and Abby look very alike. That's probably why Cindy is so fond of you. When Cindy woke up last night and could not find you in the room, she cried out for you. She didn't fall asleep until she exhausted herself."

When Autumn heard this, her affection for Cindy increased. She said tenderly, "I have been fond of Cindy since the first moment I met her. I wish I can have such a cute and loving daughter like her one day."

Andy replied with an assuring smile and blessing nod, "You will." He then continued, "I'm sorry for what happened last night."

"For what are you apologizing?" Autumn thought he was apologizing for taking her for an evil woman with ill intentions. She continued, "Mr. Xu, if you continue to be so civil and formal with me, I will not come here again."

"I was talking about that embarrassing scene when my wife mistook that man for your husband." Autumn was taken aback when she heard Andy's words. 'He knew it, ' she thought with a surprised expression. With a rather awkward smile she said, "Never mind it. It's not a big deal."

"My wife has been spoiled since she was a little girl. As meddlesome as she is, she wishes no harm for any one. Please don't be mad at her." 'It wasn't easy for me to pursue her.

Luckily, we now lead a happy life, 'Andy thought to himself.

"It's okay." Hearing his heartfelt and sincere apology, Autumn felt uneasy. She responded, "It is really not a big deal."

Autumn didn't enter Cindy's ward as Cindy and Abby hadn't woken up yet and she didn't want to disturb them. When she saw Andy having breakfast, she took a seat beside him. Andy said, "I caught your accent. I suppose that you're not a native of Z City, are you?"

With a slight nod, Autumn answered, "No, I am not. I'm from Y City. I chanced upon Cindy as soon as I arrived here yesterday."

"So you are

I noticed that Cindy speaks

her family emigrated abroad. Cindy lives

frown, 'Perhaps this means I will not be able to meet Cindy again.' She then followed up, "Did

brought Cindy back and wanted to see whether she would like it here. If she does, we will gradually shift our business back here." Andy added,

the other reason why they chose to come back. After breakfast, he

a grandma, that's it." She never considered Wendy as her mother. She continued, "She always longed to come to Z City. But now she can't come here as she is very sick. So I came

mean to put you in a spot. Do not think much of these questions and you do not have

passed away when I was a little girl. My grandma didn't tell me how he died and as for my mother... she abandoned my father and me,

her family. Although Autumn only briefly introduced her family members, he could guess that she must have

conversation, they saw Cindy walk outside her ward with her drowsy eyes. She said,

first thing she remembers once she wakes up is to eat, ' Autumn

sight of Autumn, she called out in a cute voice, "Hey, pretty sister..." She walked in Autumn's direction with

gently, and then lovingly asked, "When did I

woke up, I couldn't find you. I cried for a long time. But you were nowhere to be seen."

not to be angry as she had brought with herself the

by her hand and took her to the bathroom. Andy had asked his bodyguard to buy the toothbrush

# **Chapter 99 An Awkward Dinner**

Autumn had earlier planned to go to the temple to burn incense today, but now with the new chain of events leaving Cindy with her, she made a temporary adjustment and decided to go to an amusement park, where she supposed all children liked.

When she told Cindy the plan for the day and watched her eyes light up with sheer happiness and excitement, she knew she had made the right decision.

"Autumn, I want that..." Cindy demanded pointing towards ice cream. Autumn didn't have the heart to say no to such a lovely girl, but after considering Cindy's health she firmly refused despite her moment of hesitation.

"Cindy, I know you want ice cream but, you just got out of the hospital and if you fall sick after eating it, you will have to return to the hospital. Besides, if you're sick, your parents will blame me again, won't they?" she said.

"But..." While cutely tilting her head, Cindy reevaluated her options. Eventually the fear of an injection conquered the temptation of ice cream. She nodded her head helplessly and said, "Okay, I won't eat it."

"Now that's a good girl. I'll reward you with some delicious cotton candy, okay?" Once they entered, Autumn saw a vendor selling cotton candy right at the gate. The soft cotton candy looked just like clouds in the sky.

In that moment, she recalled a unique memory from her childhood. Whenever she was upset and cried, her beloved grandmother would buy her some cotton candy in a bid to cheer her up.

As a child, she loved watching cotton candy being made from scratch. Once the cotton candy machine was stepped on, the white cotton candy would get bigger and bigger, almost like silk from silkworms and butterfly pupae. It was a fluffy cloud of happiness as each bite would have pulled strands of filaments which would slowly melt in the mouth. It was a sweet delight.

Cindy took a glance at the cotton candy, and nodded happily.

This was her first visit to China and her first encounter with cotton candy here. She liked to eat cotton candy in Chinatown back where she lived abroad.

and gobbled down a huge chunk of the cotton candy, leaving her lips coated with sugar. Autumn looked at

They visited all the stories and covered almost all rides available. From the merry-go-round to the pirate ship, from the maze to the ferris wheel, Autumn accompanied Cindy to

She couldn't help buying a couple of them as

fond of her, maybe one reason was that... Cindy

Autumn asked while straightening and fixing Cindy's dress on their way back.

Cindy nodded her head rather formally, and whispered in Autumn's ear, "Autumn,

Children are so sweet and innocent. When you treat them well with

putting her index finger to her mouth signalling for hush. "This is a secret between

Cindy. Over a short span of a day, she found that her affection for Cindy was increasing more and

the car pulled up outside the hotel, Abby was already there waiting with a welcoming smile at the entrance as she had gotten word of their return. Sure enough, mothers and their children are linked by hearts. After just one day of separation, Cindy jumped excitedly into

have a good time?" Abby picked up Cindy in her arms. When she glanced at Autumn briefly and saw all the newly bought children's toys and clothes, she frowned, "Autumn, I'm already embarrassed to ask you to accompany Cindy. You have bought so many things for her,

nothing, really." Autumn smiled at Cindy, "I am congenial to Cindy. I don't know when you will return to China next time and

Then the driver took all the bags of goodies which Autumn was carrying. "In fact, my husband and I came back this time to investigate the market in Z City. This is my parents' hometown. Now they are quite old and want to come back from abroad.

" Autumn said

room and

Cindy and so she gladly accepted

seven in the evening, Cindy knocked on Autumn's door, and said, "Autumn, it's

#### **Chapter 100 The Hotel Fire**

Sam pondered for quite a while before answering Abby, "I have known her for more than 20 years, if you ask me. We used to live in the same neighborhood, but lost touch when I moved abroad with my parents. It was not until recently that we met again."

"Then I presume that she is your childhood sweetheart?" Abby said while nodding her head lightly, "I saw the way you looked at her. And I dare say that you still like her very much, don't you?"

"Abby, you have seen right through me. However..." Sam let out a bitter smile. Autumn had already married someone and there is nothing he could do to change this no matter how much he loved her. "I may have no more place in her heart, " he said.

"Don't be so sure." Abby frowned and said, "As a woman, I understand her better than you do. And I suggest that you, as a man, should take the initiative."

"What do you mean?" Sam frowned and asked in confusion.

"You really need to follow my husband's example. He made a move on me back then, but I kept turning him down. He then skipped the courtship and proposed to me directly. I was deeply moved by his sincerity that night. I finally said 'yes', knowing that he really wanted to marry me, and would take care of me, for the rest of our lives. You see, we are happy to have such a lovely daughter as Cindy now." Abby poured Cindy a glass of juice and continued, "You two are close friends from childhood, and have known each other well enough. All you have to do now is to make the final push. In fact, I'm planning to fix you up with her today. Autumn is such a good girl, let her go again and you will regret it every single day, for the rest of your life.

Sam hung his head low without saying a word. Of course he knew that Abby was telling the truth. But the question was, did he still stand a chance of winning Autumn back?

Just then, Autumn came. When she saw Sam in the room, she frowned.

Although it was no big deal to have a meal with him, his presence made it abundantly obvious that Abby was resolved to make a match of them.

"Autumn, come and take a seat." Before Autumn could say anything, Abby stood up, took her by the shoulder and quickly sat her down. "You and Sam are good friends, and have really helped me a lot yesterday in the hospital. So I have also invited him to have dinner with us. Autumn, I hope you don't mind."

replied. What else could she

nice conversation. She had been busy taking care

have invited you here to have dinner, not to look after my daughter. She can feed herself. Just enjoy your food." Abby

smiled. She then started eating when she

excused himself and left. Abby

instisted to leave, so she asked Autumn, "Autumn, what happened between you two? In my point of view, it is perfectly natural that lovers should have some friction once in a while. Just forgive him before

and said, "Abby, I've been meaning to explain it to you, but you just wouldn't let me. Sam and I are ordinary friends. There

have seen it all. Sam has been looking at you in exactly the same way

sort of a relationship then, it is now a thing of the past, " said Autumn with a forced smile, "Abby, thank you for what you have done for me, but... please don't do it again. You will only put us in an awkward position. Sam

out. Autumn had known it even before she met

thinking about him at this very moment. Feeling overwhelmed by the longing, she couldn't help initiating a video call. She needed to see his face and hear his voice

screen. He could see Autumn lying on the bed, with water dripping drop by drop from her wet hair. "Why didn't you dry your hair before going

I will blow dry it later." Autumn smiled and suddenly remembered the two beautiful young secretaries in the Secretary Department and couldn't resist asking, "How are you getting along with

his mouth unconsciously curled into a smile. He had been missing her, too. Although she was now hundreds of

had also amused her successfully. She

while to catch his breath and asked in a serious tone, "When will you

second day here. Don't forget that you've booked the room for five days. It can't be wasted." Autumn said with a casual air, playing with her hair on the