

N Destiny 2001

Chapter 2001

On their way back, Jenna made a good showing of herself and took great care of Donna. "Are you still staying with Eeth, Mrs. Quarles?"

"No. I'll stay at the hotel with you. | don't want to disturb them." Donna had made peace with the situation. As long as the woman Ethan liked was a decent person with good character, it didn't matter what her family background was. Furthermore, she felt more respect for the family when she heard Josephine's grandfather was a well-known political figure..

She was sure Josephine's family would've done a good job raising her to become an open- minded and farsighted person. "Sure! Let's stay at the hotel together. | haven't. had enough of my fun yet, so | want to stay a few more days!"

"Alright. Let's stay a little longer." Donna wasn't in a rush to leave either. She hoped that when the time was right, Ethan would arrange for her to meet with Josephine's family so that the two sides could get to know each other better.

Jenna was secretly pleased that Donna wouldn't be staying with Ethan. It would make things easier for her to seduce him. Jenna. believed that as long as Ethan was home alone. without Josephine, she would get a chance to carry out her plan.

When Josephine returned to the company, she carried on with her trial broadcast. Ethan accompanied her to work as well. Even though he was well-off enough to provide for his future wife and family, he wanted Josephine to pursue her dreams and he was willing to help her with it.

Inside the studio, Josephine sat at the desk with poise and sophistication. The broadcast director went over and said, "Good luck, Joey. You're going live soon. You'll be greeting the nation." She nodded. "Got it. I'll get ready."

Once she was on camera, she became a natural. Her pleasant smile and gaze complemented her clear, crisp voice. There was a unique kind of steadiness to her tone, and she had used it to perfection.

Tori kept standing outside the studio to eavesdrop. She hoped to see Josephine embarrassing herself, but she didn't expect Josephine to be a natural at the job. Who would believe that this was her first broadcast?

It proved that Josephine was indeed someone worthy of the job. Will Josephine set her sights on my position as the primetime news anchor someday? Tori thought to herself. If she wants it, all she has to do is say the word.

That was the reason why Tori didn't want Josephine's trial broadcast to be a success. / have to make her crack under the pressure of a national audience and leave the studio.

"Miss Alford? If you want to listen to the broadcast, why don't you head into the studio?" One of the crew members just so happened to walk by. Tori quickly cleared her throat and said, "I'm just here to get something." Then, she turned to leave.

When she went around the corner, she spotted Katrina. She heard that Katrina once had delusions of getting into a relationship with Ethan. She had even caused quite a bit of trouble for Josephine.

Tori's eyes gleamed with a calculating look. A woman like Katrina is the best kind of person to make use of. "Katrina, come with me to my office," Tori called. out warmly.

Katrina had always tried to get into Tori's good graces, so she quickly smiled and said, "Sure, Miss Alford. Did you need something?" "Let's talk when we're in my office," Tori said secretively.

Once the two women took their seats in Tori's office, Tori asked, "Josephine is now an anchorwoman. How do you feel about it?" "W-What else can I feel... I'm envious, of course!" Katrina replied unhappily. "If I'm being honest, Josephine was merely lucky to get the job. Otherwise, she wouldn't be good enough to be an anchorwoman."

That was music to Katrina's ears. "You're absolutely right!" she quickly agreed. "I had a feeling she relied on her connection with Mr. Quarles to get into that seat. It's not like she's anything great. She doesn't have any real talent." "Do you want to get her out of that seat?" Tori asked.

“How can I? She has already taken over Miss Ain’s position.” “You’ll have to think of something, of course! If you can get her out of that seat, maybe you’ll be the one who replaces her!” Tori prompted. Katrina’s eyes lit up at once. “Really? Can I really take her place? But... how am I supposed to drag her down?”

Tori chuckled and suggested, “That’s easy. Just rely on the power of the audience. Do you think the audience will allow her to remain an anchorwoman if they find out she only got the position because she climbed into a man’s bed?”

Chapter 2002

“Oh, I get it! Remember Zuri Lindahl from NBO News? Didn’t the audience boycott her because of the scandals about her? This is a great idea, Miss Alford!” Katrina was thrilled. She didn’t expect to find a way to drag Josephine into the mud.

“That’s true, but the problem is how can we make up a scandal for her?” Tori acted as if she couldn’t think of something. She wanted Katrina to come up with the idea herself. That way, she couldn’t be implicated in the plot. Tori wanted Katrina and Josephine to fight among themselves.

Just as Katrina was cracking her head for an idea, Tori added, “If Josephine is removed from the position, I’ll write a letter of recommendation for you in support of you replacing Miss Ain.”

Katrina was ecstatic. With Tori’s recommendation and her brother-in-law’s connections, she was most bound to fulfill her dream of becoming an anchorwoman! “You will?” Katrina asked to confirm.

“Of course, and with my recommendation, the position will be yours. The only problem is that Josephine’s hold on that seat doesn’t seem shakable right now. I can’t help you, even if I want to!” Tori sighed. “I would much rather work with you, and in the future, if there’s anything you don’t understand, I would be more than happy to guide you.”

Katrina felt as if she was only one step away from her goal! “Don’t worry, Miss Alford! Let me handle this. I’ll think of something.” “You’ll need to hurry. I heard Josephine will officially take over the position in three days.”

“I'll do my best. I'll ask my sister for help.” Katrina wanted to use everything within her means to pull Josephine down from the position. Tori nodded and patted Katrina on the shoulder. “I trust you. I'm sure you'll succeed.”

Once Katrina left the office, Tori smirked derisively. How can someone like her be an announcer? She's only fit to be a pawn! Tori wouldn't have bothered to associate herself with the likes of Katrina if she hadn't. been worried about her future. Josephine was too much of a threat for her.

Alas, Tori had tried to seduce Ethan, but it didn't work. She had no idea why Ethan wasn't interested in her. Therefore, she had no choice but to resort to other schemes.

Tori's words had planted a seed of greed that festered inside Katrina. She felt as if Josephine was the only thing standing in her way right now. As long as | get rid of Josephine, her position will be mine!

Katrina recalled a previous incident where a news announcer had been removed from the position. It was all because of a scandal that broke out. How can | implicate Josephine in a scandal too? If | do a good job, | might even get to drive a wedge between her and Ethan. Maybe Ethan will dump her too!

She was in no mood to get on with her work now. Instead, she called Ivanka and invited her out for a chat at a cafe. Ivanka was also a domineering woman. When she found out that Katrina didn't get what she wanted because of Josephine, she felt upset on her sister's behalf. To her, Katrina's standing in the company was also a reflection of her image, and as the boss' wife, she felt humiliated.

“Help me think of something, Ivanka! Miss Alford said she'd recommend me for the position, and with you helping me out, too, I'll surely get to become an anchorwoman like | always dreamed of. You know that's always been my desire,” Katrina pleaded with a pout.

“Don't worry! I'll help you. | never liked that Josephine woman, anyway,” Ivanka declared. “Let's think of a plan together, Ivanka!” Katrina suggested. She was certain Ivanka could come up with something.

True enough, Ivanka was the kind of woman with too much time on her hands, to the point that her life was filled with nothing but gossip and schemes. After thinking about it for a while, she recalled the news she saw a couple of days ago and sneered, “There's nothing to it.”

It'll be a piece of cake to destroy her reputation. You can create anything with a computer these days. Why don't we just edit some of those kinds of photos and change out the face? All we need to do is make sure the issue blows up so that Josephine can't escape from it."

Katrina was thrilled. "You're so smart, Ivanka! That's such a good idea. As long as we edit Josephine's face onto those kinds of R-rated content creators, say she was once involved in the adult entertainment industry, and make sure the news blows up, she'll never be able to clear her name!"

Chapter 2003

"It's not important whether or not she manages to clear her name. Once this blows up, whenever the audience sees her face, it'll be the only thing they can remember about her. I'm sure they'll be put off by her presence and curse her out," Ivanka said. She was confident their plan would be a success. Katrina hugged her sister in glee. "You're amazing, Ivanka."

"Alright. That's the plan! You just need to make sure you find someone who can keep their mouth shut," Ivanka declared. However, never in Ivanka's wildest dreams would she have thought that this plan would end up sending Katrina to jail.

Back at the studio, Josephine was doing another test run of reporting the news when she saw the man standing at the door with his arms crossed. She couldn't stop herself from smiling ever so slightly and ended up misreading two words as well. Her flow was interrupted.

At first, the broadcast director didn't know what was happening, but when he turned around and spotted Ethan standing at the back, he realized that she was affected by Ethan's presence. "Alright, Joey. That's enough for today. Hurry up and go off your date with Mr. Quarles!"

The female employees eyed Josephine with looks of envy. Ethan was too handsome. Everything from his height and figure to his face was flawless in every way! "Why did you come over?" Josephine walked over to Ethan and asked.

"I guess I can't be in the studio with you anymore, or I'll end up affecting you," Ethan remarked with a chuckle as he caressed her head affectionately.

Josephine recalled the way she faltered her lines earlier because of him and nodded. "That's right. You can't be in the studio with me." Ethan laughed and put his arm around her waist. "Alright. I'll hang outside the door and eavesdrop next time."

He led Josephine away. The two were open with their affection even when they were in the office, much to the envy of the other employees. Who wouldn't be jealous of the fact that Josephine, a mere reporter, had managed to become the boss' girlfriend?

"Let me call my mom and see if she wants to have dinner together tonight," Ethan said. "Sure, go ahead. I want to spend more time with her, too." Josephine nodded.

When Ethan called up Donna, she said she wouldn't have dinner with them. She also informed him that she had moved her things out of his place. Ethan was overjoyed at how perceptive his mother was!

"My mom isn't free for dinner tonight, and... she moved back into the hotel." He gave Josephine a meaningful look. Josephine's cheeks flushed. Does that mean we can stay together again? It also meant that something wonderful and somewhat embarrassing was bound to happen tonight.

She never tried to deny being physically attracted to Ethan. He was sculpted in all the right places. No woman would find him unattractive.

"Let's go! We'll have a good meal before heading home." Ethan took her hand and led her to his car. Along the way, he got a call from his subordinate, who had confirmed the purchase of the concert tickets he wanted.

"We can relax and have a good time tomorrow," Ethan told Josephine. Josephine was looking forward to it, too. She looked forward to attending the concert with him.

They had a joyous and relaxing time together during dinner. The restaurant even prepared a special gift and dessert for all the couples dining there today. Although Josephine was a little tired, she felt entirely contented.

When they returned to Ethan's villa, Josephine wanted to go over her script for a while, but Ethan soon pinned her down in bed. They had only been apart for a single night, but that was enough to turn Ethan into a starving wolf. She couldn't help but wonder if he had been intimate with other women before her.

However, before she could dwell on that, his tongue pressed against hers, and she could no longer think of anything. The sensations sent bolts of electricity right down to her toes. She felt as if she were a precious gem he was cupping gently in his hands. She felt well and truly loved.

"Mmm... Ethan..." Josephine gasped. "Call out my name again," Ethan commanded in a muffled voice. She clung to him as she repeated, "Ethan..."

Chapter 2004

Satisfied, Ethan pulled her closer and murmured, "I love you, Joey." Consumed by his confession of love, Josephine allowed him to have complete control over her.

The next morning, Josephine went to work. To her, work wasn't about earning money. Instead, it was about fulfilling her dreams. Thus, she loved heading in to work every day.

She didn't spot the pair of eyes in a black sedan nearby that was fixed on her. Once her car was out of sight, the man in the car gave Jenna a call. "Josephine Jacobson has left for work, Miss Langley. Mr. Quarles is alone in the house." "Alright. I'll be coming over soon. Keep an eye on things for me," Jenna replied.

"Yes, Miss Langley!" Back at the hotel, Jenna pulled out a sexy dress. She was about to move forward with her plan. Just as she was halfway there to Ethan's house, the bodyguard called her again. "Mr. Quarles has gone out, Miss Langley. Are you still coming?"

"What? What's he doing?" "I don't know. I'm tailing him right now." "Keep your eye on him and keep me updated." Jenna wasn't going to give up.

Soon, her bodyguard called her once more. He followed Ethan and found that the latter had gone to the hotel where Jenna was staying. Evidently, he came to the hotel to meet Donna. Jenna was peeved. If she had known that Ethan would come to the hotel, she would've waited for him there.

Her bodyguard had to wait near the exit of the hotel's basement parking lot. He didn't want to get too close out of fear that Ethan would find out he was helping Jenna with this. If that happened, there was no way the bodyguard could get away with it unscathed.

Soon, Ethan's car exited the parking lot, and the bodyguard quickly reported this development to Jenna. "Miss Langley, Mr. Quarles has driven. out of the hotel. He's heading to the house." "Is he alone?"

"I couldn't see if anyone was sitting in the back." However, Jenna was certain that Ethan had to be alone. Last night, Donna said she would be heading out to meet with her old friends the next day. By now, Jenna had arrived at Ethan's villa. The last time she was here, she secretly stole a peek at the password Donna keyed in to get into the house and seared it to memory. Now, she sauntered into the place as if she were the lady of the house.

No matter what I do, it's all because I love Ethan, she thought to herself. I'm willing to do anything for him. I'll even give myself up to him. She used the same password to unlock the door leading to the living room, and when she walked in, the couple-design items scattered all over the living room made her jealousy rear its ugly head. He's even willing to do these sorts of silly romantic things for Josephine's sake.

Jenna was still in touch with the bodyguard, and to her absolute joy, Ethan's car was heading back to the house. Doesn't that mean he's coming home alone?

She decided to offer herself up to him. She knew what men were like. She was going to stand naked in front of Ethan later; she was convinced he would get a reaction from the sight. How could a man possibly reject a woman who's throwing herself at him?

Jenna went to the master bedroom and took a shower. She moved around as if she owned the place and used Josephine's toiletries to get herself all squeaky clean, humming a tune the whole time. Once she was done with the shower, she put on her almost completely see-through nightgown and lay down on the bed.

Just then, the bodyguard reported to her, "Miss Langley, Mr. Quarles' car has driven into the house." "Got it. Stay away, and don't let anyone else discover you. I'll handle the rest myself."

Jenna looked out the window expectantly and spotted the car. She closed her eyes and made a wish. Please let this be a success. Then, she took off her nightgown and sat down on the couch. She wanted Ethan to see her the moment he opened the door.

Meanwhile, out in the courtyard, someone came down from the back seat and said to the bodyguard, "Wait here. I'll be right back after | get something from the house."

"Yes, Mrs. Quarles," the bodyguard replied.

Chapter 2005

No one expected the person stepping out from the backseat to be Donna instead of Ethan. The last time Donna stayed there, she left behind some jewelry. Therefore, she had to retrieve the jewelry and give them to her best friends. Meanwhile, Ethan was waiting for Josephine to pick him up from the hotel for a date.

After opening the door, Donna headed to the guest room on the second floor, where she had stayed before. She opened the wardrobe and took out three boxes of expensive jewelry. Then, she arrived at the living room on the second floor and heard some noise from the floor above.

She couldn't help but be shocked. Is Josephine still in the villa? Ethan said he was going to meet up with her. Is she back home to retrieve something?

Then, she went to the third floor and realized the noise came from the master bedroom. Although she was surprised, she didn't read too much into it. As she looked at the door left ajar, she went over and opened it to make sure Josephine was home.

When Jenna heard footsteps approaching inside the bedroom, she was excited. She reckoned that Ethan would be astounded when he saw her, and he would tell her to put on her clothes. She just had to hug Ethan immediately and make sure he wouldn't turn her down.

When the footsteps were close enough, Jenna rose from the couch and stood there with an innocent expression. Much to her surprise, the person entering the room was Donna instead of Ethan.

Donna thought Josephine was inside the room, so she didn't expect to see a naked Jenna there. "Mrs. Quarles!" Jenna's excitement turned into shame in an instant. She hurriedly picked up a bathrobe and covered her figure.

Donna instantly realized the woman's hidden agenda. Although Jenna had promised not to ruin Ethan and Josephine's relationship, she still did such a despicable thing in secret. If Ethan or Josephine had been the one who returned instead of Donna, their relationship would've been damaged.

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Quarles. |..." Regardless of how thick-skinned Jenna was, she was ashamed and hoped Donna would forgive her this time. Donna's face fell. "Say no more. | don't want to hear your explanation, nor do | want to see you again."

"| love Ethan! | can't live without him!" Jenna yelled hysterically. "Even though you love him, that doesn't mean you have the right to ruin his relationship with Josephine. You can't be so selfish. You promised that you would stay out of their relationship, but you did such a thing behind my back." Donna was infuriated.

From a woman's perspective, she found Jenna's actions outrageous. If she had any good impression of the woman before this, it was all gone now. She only felt disgusted at that moment.

When the bodyguard heard the noise, he came to the third floor. Donna said to him, "Get Miss Langley out of my son's villa, and don't let her come in again." "Yes, Mrs. Quarles. The bodyguard then shifted his attention to Jenna. "Please come with me, Miss Langley."

"Mrs. Quarles, please give me a chance! I'll do better than Josephine and prove to be a wonderful daughter-in-law to you!" Jenna pleaded.

Donna stared icily at her. "I'm disappointed in your actions. You have no right to compare yourself to Josephine. A shameless and scheming woman like you must not approach my son and my family members again."

Jenna's eyes turned bloodshot. She didn't expect to destroy her reputation in front of Donna. Her dream of marrying Ethan had been crushed. "You'd better leave now. Otherwise, I'll inform your mother about it and let her discipline you."

“Please don't do that, Mrs. Quarles! I'll leave at once!” Jenna was afraid. Moreover, she no longer had the nerve to appear in front of the Quarles Family again after the incident.

Chapter 2006

An embarrassed Jenna soon left the villa. Donna took a look at the mess on the bed and realized Jenna must've slept on it. She reckoned that everything on the bed and the couch had to be replaced. Given Jenna's promiscuity, she might carry some diseases. Therefore, Donna even had the urge to sell the villa.

After giving it some thought, Donna called her son and told him what Jenna had done. Ethan was furious upon hearing that, for the woman's actions had crossed the line. “Just sell the villa, Mom. I don't want it anymore,” he said. Donna respected his decision. “Alright. We'll buy a new one.”

After the call ended, Ethan saw Josephine arriving at the hotel entrance in her car. During lunch, he avoided mentioning Jenna, but he talked about moving to a new place.

“Huh? Why are we moving to a new place all of a sudden?” Josephine liked the villa they lived in. “Nothing. The house is too old, and I don't like the design. Before we buy a new one, we'll stay in a hotel.”

Josephine was puzzled. Even though she had no idea why Ethan was determined to sell the villa and even wanted to stay in a hotel first, she didn't want to ask further. He must have his reasons for doing so.

“If you're fine with the small house my parents bought for me, why don't we stay there for now? You've always lived in big houses, so you might not get used to it, though,” Josephine suggested. Ethan's eyes brightened when he heard that. “I'm fine with that. Let's stay in your house, then.”

Josephine nodded. “Alright. I'll tell the housekeeper to clean it up tomorrow. We'll move in after that.” “Tell the housekeeper to go over now. We'll move in tonight.” Josephine batted her eyes, wondering why he was in a rush. “Why don't you like the villa anymore?”

Ethan could only come up with a random excuse. “I found a dead mouse under the bed, and the entire room stank. I'd rather stay in a hotel than go back.”

Hearing that, Josephine broke into laughter.. Well, | guess a wealthy man like him can do whatever he wants. Just because he found a dead mouse under the bed, he decided to buy a new villa. Now | know he's a clean freak!

"Alright. No problem. I'll ask the housekeeper to go over now. The sheets are all new. I'll ask my mom to bring them out under the sun, and we'll be able to sleep on the bed tonight," Josephine said. Ethan let out a sigh of relief, feeling glad that Josephine didn't probe him further.

Inside the hotel room, Jenna's face was still scarlet. She didn't think she could ever forget about the humiliating experience. Since it had already happened, it was pointless for her to be regretful. Her foolishness had destroyed her reputation in front of Donna, who must be loathing her now.

"Ah!" A hysterical Jenna screamed and splashed cold water onto her face. She was too ashamed to see anyone now. She reckoned Donna must've told Ethan about it, so she was too embarrassed to see the man again.

At that moment, she swore she would never appear in front of the Quarles Family again. Just then, someone knocked on the door. She opened it and heard Jacques saying, "I've received a call from Mr. Quarles. He said that: you have to leave the country before 6.00PM."

Jenna closed her eyes while feeling abashed. Ethan has found out about it. "Alright. I'll pack up and leave." With that, she closed the door. She had to save her last bit of dignity. Before 6.00PM, she left the country without hesitation.

Meanwhile, someone was trying very hard to frame Josephine. She was none other than Katrina. She had found a top-tier IT technician through her connections. It was said that his skills were impeccable. As long as the price was good enough, he could perfectly alter a person's face in photos using AI technology.

Chapter 2007

Ivanka even gave her sister a lot of money so that the latter could do such a thing regardless of the price. Katrina got some time off work to meet the hacker.

“70,000 is just the deposit. If I’m satisfied with the result, I’ll give you another 120,000. Katrina offered a huge price. “Deal. Pass me her photos. The more, the better.” Katrina then passed him the photos and videos that Josephine had taken in the company. “When will I see the photos?”

“The photos will be ready before tomorrow afternoon,” the hacker replied. Katrina nodded. “Alright. You must send them to me by tomorrow afternoon.”

After the negotiation ended, Katrina sat down in a cafe on her own. She envisioned herself sitting in the studio and presenting the news to the audience in the country. Not only would she become a famous news anchor, but she would also make her family proud. A bright future awaited her.

In the evening, Josephine brought Ethan to a new residential area. The house her parents bought for her was about 1,300 square feet with two rooms. They only expected her to live on her own, after all.

After they opened the door and turned on the lights, a cozy house came into Ethan’s sight. He fell in love with the decorations at first sight.

The bodyguard sent him some clothes and daily necessities. Josephine prepared a plate of fruits. After they showered, they sat on the couch and watched television together. Living in such a small house, they could see each other all the time. It was unlike how empty the villa felt.

While in the man’s embrace, Josephine fed him the fruits. Gradually, his gaze turned fervent as he looked at her. At the same time, his hands wandered around her body.

Josephine wanted to stop him, but he grabbed her wrists and pinned her on the couch, entrapping the woman in his shadow. Under the lights, Ethan was engrossed in the woman’s alluring eyes. To him, the woman clad in a formal suit was sexy..

He started unbuttoning her shirt impatiently. “Don’t tear my shirt! It’s a newly bought custom- made shirt. It’s expensive!” Josephine tried to save her clothes. The man demanded hoarsely, “Take it off yourself, then.”

“No!” Josephine turned him down obstinately. Therefore, he suppressed his desire and took off her shirt patiently. The man’s chiseled face and thick eyebrows, coupled with his seriousness, were deathly attractive to Josephine as her body grew hotter.

The man had a kind of charm that would make a woman lose her sanity. The next morning, Josephine complained in the bathroom, “I told you not the neck, Ethan! It’s my first day presenting the news!” Ethan lifted the quilt and got out of bed before entering the bathroom. He wrapped his arms around her waist and said, “Let me see.”

Josephine showed him her fair neck. Much to her surprise, the man pulled a prank by sucking on the kiss mark. “You!” She turned around and pinched his waist with a smile. The man laughed after successfully pranking her.

It was her first day presenting the news on a live stream. To make sure she wouldn’t feel pressured, Ethan told her he wasn’t going to the company.

Before she left the house, he even gave her some encouragement. After she was gone, he told his bodyguard to come over and send him to the company.

Certainly, he wouldn't want to miss his girlfriend's first time presenting the news. When Josephine arrived at the company, she headed to the dressing room and bashfully asked the makeup artist to cover up the kiss mark on her neck.

After the makeup was done, she went to the studio. On her way, she appeared calm and confident while carrying the script. All of them were awestruck by her beauty, thinking she was like a diamond.

Josephine was understandably nervous, for she was about to present the news to the audience in the country. She sat down in the studio and took a deep breath while facing eight cameras. The director instructed the live stream to start, after which Josephine put on a smile and presented the news.

Chapter 2008

Josephine was able to speak clearly, and her voice was easily distinguishable. No one could tell it was her first day presenting the news. Ethan was just standing outside the studio. When a staff member turned around and saw the boss, she covered her mouth in shock. Ethan placed a finger on his lips and motioned for her not to make any noise or reveal his presence.

Therefore, the woman had the honor to stand beside Ethan as her heart pounded into a gallop. Although she knew he was there for Josephine, she couldn't stay calm while standing beside a charming man. Josephine's performance was amazing during the 45-minute live stream. All of them at the scene felt she had done a wonderful job..

During a break, Josephine let out a sigh of relief. She took a tissue from her assistant and wiped the sweat on her forehead. No doubt she was nervous.

Despite that, she had managed to conquer her anxiety. It wasn't until the live stream ended that she became at ease. Just then, the staff members made way for someone. When the director was saying something, his assistant took his sleeve and pulled him away. Ethan was seen stepping toward Josephine with roses in his hands.

Josephine didn't expect the man to come, and he even brought some roses with him. She covered her mouth in surprise before she rose from the chair and took the flowers. The man ruffled her hair and kissed her forehead. "You did a great job."

All of them didn't expect Ethan to show his love for the woman in the studio. They could tell that he truly loved her. Tori happened to pass by and saw the sight. She was so jealous that her face stiffened. She was also green with envy following Josephine's successful live stream, for the woman didn't make any mistakes even though it was her first time.

Now, Ethan even displayed his love for the woman in front of so many people. Tori could already imagine Josephine snatching her position with ease. Since she was Ethan's girlfriend, it wouldn't be hard for her to present the news in the prime hour.

Fortunately, Tori had incited Katrina to frame the woman. Just wait, Josephine! The more glorious you are now, the harder you will fall! When Josephine and Ethan left the studio, Tori quickly ran away. They went to the man's office, where he had prepared pastry and coffee for her since she had worked hard.

"You've even prepared so many foods for me. | felt | looked fat on camera!" Josephine complained while picking up a cake and eating it. When Ethan saw how adorable she looked, he curled his lips. "You're not fat at all."

Only then did Josephine finish the cake joyfully. The aroma of coffee permeated the air. It was wonderful to have the man by her side in the morning. She felt content and happy. That was the best life a woman could ever ask for.

In the past, she felt that love was unnecessary as it would only affect her work. Now, it seemed that the right man could share the best things in life with her.

“Come on.” Josephine held out a small piece of cake for the man. When she caught a whiff of his aromatic coffee, she picked it up and tasted it, then put down the cup with a frown. “It’s so bitter.” She hated bitter coffee.

He looked at her with a smile. “Drink your own coffee. I’ve added sugar and cream for you.” Josephine took a sip of her coffee and realized it was the taste she loved while Ethan looked lovingly at her. Just then, his phone rang. He took a look and said to the woman, “I’ll pick this up.”

Then, he left the place with his phone. Josephine batted her eyes, wondering why he didn’t connect the call in front of her. All the same, she didn’t read too much into it. She recalled that she had to return to the office and write a report later. As such, she picked up the coffee and left the place. After she rounded a corner, she heard Ethan’s voice coming from the balcony.

Chapter 2009

“Just deal with the problem as best you can. I can’t go away. What? Is that how you solve a problem?” Ethan sounded furious. Then, he started speaking in a different language. He still sounded displeased as though his subordinate had made a huge mistake at work.

Josephine was worried as she listened to him. Did anything happen to his company? He seems exasperated. Since she was well-versed in the language, she understood that Ethan had been asking for a solution from the other party, but he couldn’t get a satisfactory answer. When the call ended, he even spoke in foul language.

Josephine had to leave at once, for she didn’t want Ethan to know she eavesdropped on him. She realized he must’ve spent too much time keeping her company and ignored his work, which was why such a mistake happened. Therefore, she decided to let him go back and deal with his work. Although they would be separated for a while, she was fine with it.

When she returned to her office, she started working on her laptop. However, when she recalled how furious the man looked, she let out a sigh. Does he think I won't let him leave? Is that why he's been neglecting his work and staying by my side?

While she spaced out, a towering figure stepped into the place. When she turned around and saw the man, she rose from her chair and asked, "Are you alright?"

Ethan curled his lips. "I'm fine. Am I disturbing you?" "No. Do you have work to attend to, Ethan? You can go ahead and deal with it," Josephine said. Ethan was an intelligent man. He realized she must've passed by the corridor and overheard him lecturing his subordinate. "Don't worry. It's no big deal."

"No. Even though I love staying with you, I don't want to affect your work. We can be separated for a while," Josephine said sincerely. Ethan indeed had a problem to solve, but he said calmly, "I don't have the heart to leave you."

Josephine placated him by saying, "It's fine. We can always hop on a video call. If you miss me, I can take some time off work and visit you."

"I'd like to invite your family members to have a meal with my mom in the evening so that they can meet up," Ethan said gently. He wanted both parties to meet each other and arrange for the marriage, "Alright, I'll contact my parents. I have to call my dad earlier so that he'll have enough time to come back." Josephine was pleased that both parties were finally going to meet.

Then, Josephine called her mother. When Heidi learned about the dinner, she was elated. She had always been worried that the Quarles Family would look down on her daughter. It wasn't that she was diffident, but the Quarles Family's wealth was beyond her imagination.

"I'll call your dad. We're not going to invite your grandpa, though," Heidi said. Josephine understood her mother's concerns. Peter loved alcohol, so she was worried he would drink excessively during dinner. Given his old age, they had to ensure he would only drink moderately.

"Sure. Let's meet up with Mrs. Quarles in the evening," Josephine replied. Meanwhile, Ethan informed his mother about the dinner. Donna had always wanted to meet the Jacobsons. With Jenna serving as a bad example, Donna was satisfied with

Josephine. The most important qualities of a woman were kindness and sincerity, after all. Her appearance and background weren't so important.

Josephine was joyful as well, for her first live stream was successful. Her company had arranged a celebratory dinner party for her, but she turned them down since she had a more important meal to attend.

Ethan had already booked a place in a restaurant. He and Josephine waited for their parents' arrival. Donna arrived at 6.00PM, followed by the well-dressed Mills and Heidi. When Josephine saw her mother wearing her most expensive pearl necklace, she knew the latter treated the meet-up seriously.

Donna and Heidi greeted each other. Although they came from vastly different family backgrounds, a sincere and frank smile was the best way to start a conversation.

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"Hi, you guys have raised Joey well. She's beautiful and capable." "You have no idea how envious I am of you for having a son like Ethan. He's handsome and intelligent."

The two mothers praised each other's children. When they looked at the young couple, they were truly pleased to see them getting together.

Meanwhile, Josephine and Ethan held hands under the table. They were happy to see each other's parents getting along well. After all, their lives would be filled with joy since they had their parents' blessings.

Their parents got closer during the dinner. After seeing them off at around 8.30PM, Josephine and Ethan finally had some time alone. Ethan was in a hurry as he had to leave by 3.00PM the next day. He promised that he would come back to her in half a month.

On the other hand, Josephine didn't need him to come back in a rush. However, when she learned that he was heading to the Arctic, she was worried and hoped he would come back safely.

After a night of intimacy, Ethan suffered from insomnia, No woman had ever made him. unwilling to leave her before. He was even worried that Josephine would stop loving him when he returned half a month later.

Josephine awakened before dawn. When she realized the man beside her was wide awake, she was shocked. She hugged him and asked, "Why didn't you sleep?"

"It's fine. I can get some shut-eye on the flight." Ethan wrapped his arms around her and ran his fingers through her soft hair. "Let's go to the beach and watch the sunrise," he suggested.

Since Josephine was well-rested, she nodded. "Sure." Young people like them could go wherever they wanted to when they felt like it. Josephine put on some light makeup and changed into a dress before leaving with Ethan.

The road was empty at this hour, so they didn't have to worry about getting stuck in traffic. Ethan and Josephine were thrilled as the car moved at an incredible speed. They were in a hurry as they could already see the sun spreading its glow across the clouds. Needless to say, the sun was about to rise.

Ethan found the best place to watch the sunrise on the internet and drove to the destination. They soon left a coconut grove and arrived at the beach where the sunrise would be the most beautiful.

Josephine opened the door and walked along the beach while holding hands with the man. As they watched the sun rising above the clouds and shining its rays everywhere, they couldn't help but feel awestruck.

"It's magnificent!" she exclaimed. It had been a long time since she last watched such a beautiful sight at ease. It was made even more meaningful since she could do it with the man she loved.

Ethan's gaze fell upon her face. No doubt she was alluring as the morning rays shone on her. The morning breeze blew through her long hair, making her look adorable yet charming. His heart fluttered at the sight.

He placed his arm around her shoulder and kissed her hair. When Josephine looked up and saw the attractive man beside her, she was aroused. She boldly draped her arms around his neck and tiptoed.

The man lowered his figure and supported her weight, so she didn't have to exert herself. Then, he easily lifted her off her feet and let her legs wrap around his waist. The kiss was intimate and intense.

Their breathing became unstable as Ethan shuffled toward the car while carrying the woman. Realizing what the man was up to, Josephine was shocked. She thumped his chest and demanded, "Put me down, Ethan."

However, the man had been aroused, so he wouldn't let her go. Moreover, they were in the right place and at the right time. He wanted to try out a different kind of excitement with her.

Since they were about to part ways, Josephine decided to let the man do whatever he wanted. The intimate session was intense as they were reluctant to bid each other farewell.

A long time later, it was fully bright outside as the breeze whisked through them gently. Ethan sent her home. After she took a shower and put on her clothes, he sent her to the company. "I have to go home and pack up. Let's have lunch together later," he suggested.