

## **Our Billion 1021**

Chapter 1021-Catelyn was not afraid of Harry, as she sneered. "Edwin had been a daring person all the while. You wanted to know whose idea it was to lie about being pregnant? Just give your son a call. It's that simple."

"You-" Harry was so furious that he smacked the table hard and stood up from the sofa.

At this moment, Cedrick came out from the kitchen and glared at Harry sharply. "Uncle, my wife is pregnant now. Please do not agitate her. You can talk to me," he said.

With Cedrick's appearance, the atmosphere in the living room changed in an instant.

There was no doubt that his presence had brought an intimidating aura.

Harry moved his lips and said mockingly, "The audacity of this girl, even meddling in the affairs of my family?"

Whatever it is, I will not allow her to be my daughter-in-law!' Cedrick listened slowly to Harry's domineering statement. After a while, he replied, "Whatever, as long as Edwin is willing to listen to you."

Harry choked, his old face flushed red.

Catelyn secretly laughed. Indeed, Edwin does whatever he wants all the time.

He had always been at odds with his father and would deliberately not follow what Harry wanted him to do.

Harry was silent. After a long time, he suddenly smiled triumphantly. "It doesn't matter if Edwin doesn't want to listen to me. Anyway, I have already given the divorce papers to Joanne."

Meanwhile, at a filming site in Kansas City.

“Get ready, Joanne. You’re up next!” reminded the stage manager outside Joanne’s dressing room.

Joanne let out a groan and quickly changed her outfit. Her eye sockets were droopy, revealing her eye bags. Not even makeup could conceal them.

Ever since Joanne left the Atherton manor, she had not been resting well, constantly dreaming of strange things in her sleep.

She came out of the dressing room, and suddenly there was a commotion on the opposite street. A man was seen surrounded by a group of stage managers and staff.

“My God, it’s Patrick Atherton! He looks even more handsome in real life than on TV!” cried one of the female staff.

Another fangirl followed suit. “The Atherton Family really have good genes.

Edwin is so handsome, and even his distant relatives are so good-looking...

Joanne raised her head and glanced at the crowd.

Patrick was surrounded by people like butterflies around a pretty flower. Everyone around was screaming and looking at him in awe.

He debuted for many years, eventually becoming popular in a period TV drama, accumulating a large following of fans instantly. Many people thought Patrick would be only cast in period dramas, but he quickly moved on to modern TV series, which made him even more famous!

From there, Patrick transitioned into movies and released music albums. Now, he is a top-notch celebrity!

However, most importantly, he was a member of the Athertons. Although Patrick was a distant relative, he was still entitled to the wealth of the family. Even if he were not successful in his acting career, he would still be able to inherit a large amount of fortune.

Joanne was crazy about Patrick back when she first entered the entertainment industry, dreaming that she would one day be as popular as him.

Even after marrying Edwin, Joanne was still fangirling Patrick in secret, occasionally calling him her husband.

However, now that she was away from the Athertons, she did not dare to have any interactions with Patrick.

Chapter 1022-People were rushing toward Patrick, except Joanne, who was running in the opposite direction from everyone else. In the midst of it, she accidentally bumped into another female celebrity...

'Hey! You just stepped on Miss Diana's foot! Watch where you're going!' scolded Teresa Diana's assistant, as she grabbed Joanne's hand angrily.

Joanne quickly stepped back hastily and clasped her hands together. "I'm sorry, I didn't mean it," she apologized to Teresa.

"You better be sorry!" the assistant replied sarcastically.

Teresa was a well-known celebrity in the entertainment circle. She was the female star that Joanne had a dispute with at the entrance of the TV station previously.

Joanne was a third-rate celebrity at best, and it's no wonder that Teresa's assistant dared to raise her voice at her.

Joanne was about to apologize again, but Teresa caught a glimpse of Patrick walking over. She patted her on the shoulder with a smile and asked, "Are you the one playing the third female lead?"

“Yes, I’m Joanne Winters.” Joanne was flattered. ‘Wasn’t Teresa supposed to be a bad-tempered person?’ Teresa said with encouragement, “I have heard of you. Do your best. I believe you’ll do a good job in this drama.”

“Thank you, Miss Diana!” Joanne nodded excitedly. The rumors were wrong after all. Teresa was actually a nice person!

At this moment, Patrick came over to them. Upon hearing the conversation between the two girls, he politely smiled at them.

He looked cold in his usual resting face. However, his entire being changed into a charming person when he smiled.

Teresa’s heart was beating wildly. She had seen countless male celebrities, but no one had made her more starstruck than Patrick.

Teresa returned a smile to him. “Patrick, long time no see.”

“Yeah.” Patrick nodded calmly, his eyes falling on Joanne.

Joanne felt that Patrick was looking at her and quickly lowered her head. ‘Miss Diana, Mister Atherton, you both carry on without me. I have to excuse myself now. My filming is about to start.’

After finishing speaking, she ran away without looking at Patrick.

Patrick was speechless. He had been in the entertainment industry for many years, and this was the first time he’d seen a woman actively avoiding him.

He touched his face subconsciously. Perhaps his good looks had declined?

Joanne was in a daze during the entire film shoot, and there were a few scenes that she had to redo several times.

Later, the assistant director called her aside and scolded her, "Joanne!

What's wrong with you? You did really well in your audition, which was why we gave you this role. But look at your performance today! Come on, get a hold of yourself!"

It was common for actors to be told off by the film director on set, and Joanne had experienced this herself.

However, that was when she had just started her career as an actress. She eventually excelled in her job and was able to progress ahead of her seniors.

Joanne sniffed. She bowed apologetically to the assistant director. "I'll do my best in the next scene. I'm so sorry to trouble you..."

The assistant director was stunned, speechless by her remarks. He choked a little, not knowing what to say.

After all, he would not be giving a role to Joanne if he did not like her acting skills. Even though she was not a veteran actress, she was still pretty capable!

Chapter 1023-I really don't want to scold you. I know you are a good actress. Never mind. Get some rest. You've been pretty absent-minded the past two days," said the assistant director.

"Yes. I will get a hold of myself!" said Joanne reassuringly.

She held her script and studied it silently in a corner.

As a popular actress in Monique Entertainment, she was not very well known in Worldwide Entertainment Co.

Before this, Edwin had provided her with a caravan, assistants, and many other benefits. Now that she got kicked out from the Athertons, she did not have the guts to ask for all these perks. After all, they all came with a high cost.

Therefore, at this moment, Joanne could only do everything on her own.

Initially, she wanted to observe her part of the role, which was why she was not putting much effort into her act. Now that she got a good scolding from the assistant director, she realized she had to buck up. She was an actress, and acting was her job.

No matter what happens, she will not give up!

Besides, Joanne had married Edwin with the goal of being popular within five years.

Once she was serious, nothing could escape her eyes. She hid in the shade of a tree as she studied her script. Before she knew it, a few hours had passed.

Patrick was the main star of the film. The production would usually focus on filming his scenes first.

He could leave after he was done with his shoot. However, he chose to stay a little longer today so he could observe Joanne.

Patrick just could not believe that she could resist his charm.

In the end, all the women on set were looking at him, guessing that he had stayed back for Teresa. Joanne was the only one who did not bat an eye at Patrick, which frustrated him a lot!

This was a trample on his ego!

‘Patrick, it’s cold outside. Shall we wait at the lounge?’ asked Patrick’s personal assistant.

Patrick waved his hand. "Get me a chair and put it under that tree." "What? But why? That place is for all the B-list actors. Plus, the lounge is heated..." The assistant was surprised.

"I was once a B-list actor as well. So why can't I sit there?" said Patrick coldly.

His assistant did not dare to argue further and went to pull a chair and put it under the tree as ordered.

However, even such commotion had not seemed to break Joanne's concentration as she studied her script.

Patrick shouted, "Joanne!"

"Ah?" Joanne raised her head and realized there was someone beside her.

It was none other than the famous Patrick Atherton.

Joanne was so surprised she almost fell off her chair, but Patrick managed to catch her. "Be careful," he said.

"Thank you." Joanne stood up abruptly, quickly keeping a distance from Patrick. "Do you want to use this space? I'm sorry, I didn't know that you were here. I'll go read my script somewhere else."

Patrick was speechless at her remark. Did she actually think that he was here to take her place?

Seeing that Joanne was really about to leave, he stopped her. "Don't go, I came here for you."

Joanne blinked suspiciously.

Her role in the set did not seem to be connected to Patrick's.

‘Well, we have a scene together tomorrow. I usually have high demands for this part, so I came here to tell you in advance,’ said Patrick confidently in pretense.

The demands of a great actor like him were indeed very high.

Chapter 1024-Joanne gulped. Feeling pressured, she gave a thumbs up weakly and said, “Don’t worry, I’ll do my best in my act, and I won’t hold you back.”

“Well, let’s start then,” said Patrick as he nodded lightly and asked his assistant to bring his script.

Patrick’s script was so clean! There were no notes or scribbling on it, like a brand-new sheet of paper.

Joanne looked at his script and looked down at her own, instantly feeling ashamed.

What a brilliant actor! Patrick could just act by just reading the script alone!

It turned out Joanne still had a long way to go to stardom...

In the scene with Patrick, Joanne was given the role of the daughter of a medicinal sorcerer. She was rescued by the male lead, played by Patrick. From there, she fell in love at first sight. However, it turned out that the male lead already had a sweetheart.

Therefore, Joanne’s character eventually goes into a downward spiral and ends up doing many unconscionable acts.

Fortunately, she finally came to her senses in the end and sacrificed herself in order to be with the male lead.

Initially, the director did not want to use Joanne. However, she was perfect in the audition and played her role flawlessly, which landed her in the role of the character.



At the moment, Joanne was fully focused on her lines with Patrick...

He thought she was playing hard to get and wanted to expose her.

However, Joanne was concentrating so much on the rehearsal that she did not even pay attention to Patrick, as if his charm as the male lead had no effect on her whatsoever.

Patrick looked at Joanne intently as he held his chin with one hand.

As Joanne finished her part, there was no response after that. She raised her head and said, "Mister... Mister Patrick, it's your turn to speak the lines."

"Am I not popular anymore?" asked Patrick all of a sudden, looking very worried.

Joanne shook her head like a rattle. "There is no male celebrity in the whole country which is more popular than you!"

"Then why don't you look at me?"

"Because I have a poor memory. If I keep looking at you, I won't be able to remember my lines," explained Joanne solemnly. She sighed. "Anyway, superstars like you wouldn't understand the sufferings and sadness of ordinary people like me..."

Patrick was amused. "So, are you saying that I have a strong influence on you?"

Since you said that you would lose concentration when you look at me?"

Joanne was about to nod, but she suddenly remembered that this man was a relative of Edwin and quickly shook her head frantically.

She pointed to the lines in her script, which were circled with various colored pens in her hand. "I have too many lines..." she said with a sad face.

Patrick glanced at her script, and there were indeed quite a lot of lines in it.

In the original script, the daughter of the medicinal sorcerer was a chatterbox who had just turned sixteen. In the scenes where she appeared, she had more lines than both male and female protagonists combined.

"Shall I tell the screenwriter to cut down some lines for you?" Patrick suggested with a half-smile.

Joanne refused, "No. Although this character has a lot of lines, she has a lot of character. Her image would collapse instantly if the lines were removed. But thank you for your suggestion, Mister Patrick."

"You sound so formal. Just call me Patrick," he said.

Joanne scratched her head embarrassedly and smiled. She heard rumors that many paparazzi criticized Patrick for having a bad temper. Perhaps they were deliberately making things up to paint a bad name for him after all. What a bunch of scum!

Patrick was such a nice person!

"Joanne!" Suddenly, the stage manager came over and called her, "There is a man outside looking for you.

He says it's important!"

Chapter 1025-Joanne waved at Patrick and left.

She was feeling a little doubtful. She did not tell any friends about this film shoot. Who would come to her?

She saw the middle-aged lawyer in a suit and leather shoes and instantly understood what was happening.

“Hi, Miss Winters. I’m the lawyer from the Atherton Family. Here is the divorce agreement between you and Edwin. You can sign it here.”

The lawyer handed her a black signing pen as he spread out the document and pointed to the blank space at the end of the page.

Joanne gritted her teeth as she took the pen.

They found her so quickly, coming all the way here in Kansas City...

It seemed that the Athertons really hated her, desperately wanting to remove her from the family.

Joanne asked, “Who sent you to give me this document? Was it Grandma? Or Edwin?”

“Is there any difference?” the lawyer asked impatiently.

It took him a lot of time and effort to find out that Joanne had come to Kansas City. He just wanted her to sign the document so he could quickly return back home.

She took a deep breath and said solemnly, “Of course, there is a difference.

I made a marriage agreement with Edwin. There were many terms that were not in my favor. If he did not give these divorce papers, then it must be incomplete.

What if I get tricked?”

“Rest assured, the Athertons have a very strong foundation and influence. They have no reason to trick you. Hurry up and sign it!” said the lawyer, rolling his eyes.

Joanne held the pen tightly. Her gaze slowly moved toward the blank space of the document.

Did she really want to divorce Edwin?

“Sorry, I can’t...”

Screech!

At this moment, a sharp tire-screeching sound was heard. A luxurious Bagatti Veiron appeared in front of them, stopping right at the intersection behind the lawyer!

Edwin kicked the car door open and got out of the vehicle. He wore a casual red outfit with black trousers, which complemented his slender figure very nicely.

Despite that, his murderous look could not be overseen!

Joanne had a bad feeling about this, and her fingers were trembling. She quickly took the pen and was about to sign her name on the paper.

She only managed to do a short stroke of a signature when Edwin rushed over and grabbed the document from her hand. “Is that the divorce agreement?” he asked.

Seeing the scribble at the bottom side of the paper, he breathed a sigh of relief, followed by a sudden burst of anger. “You dare sign that without my permission?!” Joanne’s eardrums buzzed as he roared. She felt as if her neck shrank a little at his loud voice.

Before she could speak, Edwin turned to the lawyer and said to him angrily, “Mister Bulmer! Who gave you the right to decide on my divorce?!”

1 ' Eric Bulmer was stunned, his face wrinkled in embarrassment. "Mister Atherton, it was not me who decided on the divorce agreement. It was your father... He insisted that I come to Miss Winters and ask her to sign it."

Edwin scoffed and said, "Oh, really? Tell him this. Even if he chooses to leave his wife, I am not divorcing mine!"

Chapter 1026-With that, Edwin tore the divorce papers into pieces and threw them into the air!

Countless shreds of paper sprinkled in the air and danced around them like a heavy snowstorm.

Eric wiped the cold sweat off his forehead in horror. Since Harry's wife's death a long time ago, Old Madam Atherton had been disgusted with his constant flirting with many women and did not allow Harry to remarry.

In other words, the position of the wife in his household registration book had become vacant.

How was Harry supposed to leave a wife that he did not even have at the moment? He does not even have a wife. How can he leave?

"Mister Atherton..." stammered Eric.

"What are you still standing here for? Waiting for me to take you back to Sapphire City?" asked Edwin coldly as he glanced at the lawyer.

Eric glared at Joanne resentfully and then at Edwin. He had no choice but to leave.

"Well, now the lawyer is gone, and the divorce agreement is gone. I'm going to head back to filming first! I'm quite busy with work," said Joanne as she watched Eric leave, trying to slip away.

'I did not give you permission to go!' yelled Edwin, stopping Joanne in her tracks.

He chased after her and pulled her back forcefully. Gritting his teeth, he asked, "Why didn't you tell me that the fake pregnancy was exposed?!"

Joanne lowered her head, absent-mindedly staring straight at Edwin's shiny leather shoes. There was no dust on it at all, looking so shiny as it reflected the surrounding light.

"Did you tell Grandma that it was my idea to lie about being pregnant?" Edwin continued to ask.

Joanne still did not answer him.

"Answer me!" Edwin had been driving for seven hours all the way to Kansas City. He was so exhausted that he was on the verge of exploding in anger.

He stretched out his hand to grab Joanne's jaw. "Are you dumb? Speak!"

Noticing Joanne's wet and red eyes, Edwin was suddenly taken aback.

Without any hesitation, Joanne slapped him on the face angrily.

"Did you think I didn't explain it to Grandma? I told a white lie, but it had to be convincing enough to Grandma and your father! I had a bad family background, and so they thought I used the pregnancy as an ultimatum toward you. What can I do?!" cried Joanne.

"And you ran away for several days, not even intending to give me a call?" asked Edwin. He had been waiting for her for the past two days.

The fake pregnancy was their idea after all, with Edwin being the mastermind. Now that the truth was revealed, he naturally did not want Joanne to bear it alone. However, after waiting so long, there was still no news from her.

On the contrary, Joanne went to Kansas City for a film shoot, as if she was not bothered that she was kicked out by the Athertons.

“You’re already in the hospital. What else can I do? Besides, I was the one who lied to grandma, so I should bear all this,” said Joanne.

In fact, Joanne felt that Edwin had been eager to divorce her.

His first-love-girlfriend was back. Why should Joanne be in the middle of this?

She was very surprised that Edwin had stopped Eric earlier.

“Even so, you can’t let them misunderstand!” scolded Edwin. He was furious, squeezing Joanne’s chin tightly.

“Don’t forget, I’m still here! You can push everything to me! I can take it!”

Chapter 1027-Joanne looked at Edwin anxiously. “Then what about Noah?” she asked.

“What are you talking about?” replied Edwin. Why did she suddenly mention her?

Joanne pursed her lips. “Don’t take me for a fool, I know you two are having an affair.”

Edwin was silent.

“She was your first love, wasn’t it? You called her by name that night. Since you liked her so much, don’t hurt her. Don’t let her be an unsightly mistress, ’ said Joanne as she forcefully squeezed out a smile.

At this moment, Joanne’s heart was racing, and she struggled to breathe.

Perhaps she was sick.

She had not been sleeping well and not performing at her best in the filming.

In an instant, Edwin's face turned cold. His eyes were even more murderous looking now. "Since when did I have an affair with Noah? Did you see it with your own eyes?"

"Indeed," said Joanne, blinking her eyes with a troubled expression.

Edwin laughed back angrily. "Looks like you need to go get your eyes checked.

You must be blind!"

He could not believe that Joanne actually thought he was cheating on her!

Edwin admitted that he called her name that very night. After all, he and Noah had a relationship previously, and he could not just stand by and watch when something bad happened to her.

Joanne's eyes widened in shock, and then she pursed her mouth. "I think my eyes are fine."

Her heart was beating really fast. Did Edwin deny his relationship with Noah?

However, she witnessed Noah's chest being pressed against Edwin's face in the hospital that day. If she had not entered the room, the two of them would probably be on to it already.

Joanne sobbed as she stared at Edwin. He raised his hand and did a facepalm.

'Til just say this once. Don't think about divorce. Our agreement clearly stated that you have to give me two children within five years. Your reward will be a big one. I can guarantee that. However, if you breach the contract, you will have to pay ten billion!" said Edwin.

Joanne was stunned. Her eyes jumped the moment she heard 'ten billion'.



“Ten billion Vietnamese Dong?” she blurted out.

“Ten billion dollars!” Edwin replied angrily, swearing that he would go insane if he stayed with this crazy woman any longer.

The whole point of the extremely heavy fine was so that the contract would never be breached in the first place!

Joanne grinned angrily back at Edwin. “You greedy man! I won’t pay you a single dime...” “As long as you can give me a baby, you don’t even have to pay. In fact, I can even pay you five billion for one child and fifteen billion for a pair!”

Without thinking much, Joanne turned around and fled in despair.

Did she hear him correctly?

Did Edwin deny his relationship with Noah and say that he would continue to fulfill the contract with her?

Chapter 1028-The corners of Joanne’s mouth curled up involuntarily as she straightened her back and strode back to the film set.

Patrick did not know who Joanne was going to meet, but he could clearly feel that she became very happy after meeting this person.

She even took the initiative to say hello to the stage manager. She was smiling all around with her crescent-like eyes as if there were no more worries in the world.

Patrick was fascinated as he watched Joanne. He had been in the entertainment circle for so many years, and he had not seen such a simple-minded female artist for a long time.

He did a random search on the Internet just now, and it turns out that Joanne had quite a bad reputation among the netizens. It was something Patrick did not expect.

In the evening, Patrick had made it clear to the director that he and Joanne were ready for their scene and that they should start shooting immediately, so they did not have to prepare it twice.

The director glanced at Joanne worriedly and said in a low voice, "Patrick, I'm just afraid that Joanne will affect your current state. What if she doesn't perform well?"

Patrick did not take the director's word seriously. "I had a good rehearsal with her this afternoon. She did a really good job. I believe you've picked the perfect actress for her role."

The director was stunned.

What? Was Patrick not the one who dislikes communicating with actresses?

Even when staying in a hotel, it was a requirement by him that there should be no actresses near his room!

Why was he so comfortable with Joanne?

The assistant director overheard Patrick's conversation and quickly called Joanne over.

She noticed the director looking at her in surprise as she walked over." Joanne!

Patrick was praising you for your good acting skills and talent. Anyway, your scene with Patrick is coming up. Make sure you give it your all!" said the director.

Joanne was feeling very touched. She nodded and answered, "Don't worry, I will do my best!"

'Well, don't be too nervous. Patrick has a good sense of drama, and he will take you into it.' The director glanced at both Patrick and Joanne with a little ambiguous gaze.

Joanne did not understand the subtext at all and nodded accordingly." Patrick is my role model. I will follow his lead!"

The director wiped off his sweat and proceeded to prepare for the next scene.

In order to speed up the process, the actors and actresses were divided into two groups, which were Group A and Group B.

It just so happened that Teresa was in Group B, while Patrick and Joanne were in Group A. Teresa did not have many night scenes, and her filming was over very soon. As soon as she was done, she went and watched Patrick and Joanne's scenes.

Patrick was the hero in this act. He puts his arms around Joanne's waist as he enters for the heroic rescue.

Joanne played a sassy young girl. Her eyes flashed shyly as she looked at Patrick with admiration.

'Hey, I thought Joanne was a snobbish person, but I didn't expect her acting to be this good..."

"I heard that the assistant director guaranteed her in this role."

"Most importantly, she had good chemistry with Patrick! Let me tell you, I saw him pulling up a chair beside Joanne, and they had spent the entire afternoon chatting..."

Teresa cast a cold glance at all the cameo actors and actresses as she overheard their conversation.

Everyone immediately stopped talking as they noticed Teresa's glare.

She turned her head and looked back at Joanne and Patrick in disbelief. Did Patrick actually have so much to say with Joanne?

Since when did Patrick get so interested in this woman?

Chapter 1029-Perhaps Patrick was just sympathizing with Joanne as a newcomer. Why else would he set his eyes on a woman like her?

Teresa thought so disgustingly. However, her eyes were about to burst into flames as she witnessed Patrick pampering and tidying Joanne's messed-up hair several times during the filming!

Not just Teresa, but other female stars on the set, including the director, were all stunned.

What happened to Patrick? No, it must be Joanne who seduced him, and now he was too embarrassed to refuse her!

Filming a period drama was very troublesome due to the complicated styling and clothes. Joanne tried to drink as little water as possible during the shoot. After the filming was done, she rushed to the bathroom at lightning speed.

Bypassing the long aisle, Joanne found the bathroom, and Teresa just happened to come out of it.

The two met unexpectedly. Joanne panicked a little as she put on a casual smile and rushed to the side.

Teresa's face sank in dissatisfaction.

It was only the first day of filming. Not only did Joanne step on her shoes, and now she did not even bother greeting her?

"Joanne," Teresa called out. She noticed Joanne was visibly in a better mood compared to the moment she met her earlier in the morning.

What a bimbo!

Teresa sneered. "Stay away from Patrick. He's out of your league."

Joanne just wanted to go to the bathroom, but Teresa was in the way. She nodded, "Yeah, I know. Patrick is such a talented actor. Anyway, please excuse me, I need to..."

Teresa thought Joanne was being provocative and her face quickly changed.

"There are so many women like you who tried to get close to Patrick. Why don't you take a good look at yourself in the mirror, you think you can charm him with this baby face of yours?"

Joanne frowned. "Teresa, what are you saying?"

Did she offend her somehow?

Besides, was Teresa not a kind lady before? Why was she so different now?

"It's not your fault that you are ugly. So stop trying to seduce Patrick!" Teresa snorted.

Joanne was instantly triggered. She was pretty, and she knew it. Even Edwin praised her for her good looks!

"Oh, I see. You're just jealous of me being close to Patrick. You're really pretty, but it's a pity that he only likes my style, my bad. Perhaps he's just blind I guess," said Joanne.

Joanne imitated the way Edwin scolded her as she spoke to Teresa. The angrier she was, the calmer she became.

Teresa was so furious she just stood there speechless.

Her face was livid. She took a deep breath and was about to retort, but suddenly, she saw something behind Joanne and smiled strangely.

"I heard someone mentioning my name?"

At this moment, a voice came from behind.

Joanne froze.

It was a familiar voice of a man...

Patrick?!

She quickly felt a guilty conscience within her. Now, more than ever, she just wanted to disappear into the bathroom

Chapter 1030-Of course, Teresa did not let Joanne go. "Patrick, did you hear what Miss Winters said just now? She was bragging about being close to you. She's not worth it," she said with an aggrieved expression.

Patrick walked over slowly. Apparently he had only heard Joanne's last few words.

'Perhaps he was blind.' Was this her impression of him?

Sensing Patrick's probing eyes, Joanne's face turned red.

'Is there anything wrong, Joanne?' Patrick's tone was very calm and gentle.

Teresa was dumbfounded. Why was he still so kind to her?!

Joanne was so embarrassed that she wanted to dig a hole and bury herself in it.

She looked down at her delicate white shoes and suddenly took off toward the bathroom, yelling, "I need to pee!" "Heh... Joanne is really something. But she is a public figure anyway, and she should be wary of her words. Don't be so vulgar like those uneducated folks!"

said Teresa hypocritically, observing Patrick's expression.

Patrick glanced at her unamusingly. "Same goes for you as well."

Teresa was shocked by Patrick's remarks. These six words of his would haunt her forever.

Edwin was staying in a certain hotel in Kansas City.

He had just found Joanne and did not plan to return to Sapphire City so soon.

There were many ancient ruins and heritage sites around, and numerous films and television projects were based in this location.

Therefore, Edwin wanted to take the opportunity to scout around for major production crews.

Just after dinner in the evening, Edwin glanced at the time. Joanne's team should be filming at this moment.

She did not allow him to appear in the set, fearing that people would know about their relationship and cause a commotion.

Edwin did not want to stir up any trouble as well. Plus, there were still many unresolved issues with Old Madam Atherton.

The night sky took over the horizon. As Edwin was about to pick up Joanne, his cell phone rang.

He glanced at the incoming call and cut it off.

Just after getting in the car, the driver asked Edwin about the film set's whereabouts, and the cell phone rang again.

Edwin looked at his phone impatiently. It was Noah again.

'Mister Atherton, why won't you pick up the phone?' the driver asked suspiciously.

There are certain things that Edwin wanted to make clear. He pressed the answer button and said, "What is it?"

His voice sounded cold, like a completely different person.

Noah was taken aback. Since when was Edwin so ruthless?

She pretended not to notice his coldness and said coquettishly, "Eddy, I was told that you are in Kansas City, and I happened to be here to accompany my mother for a medical checkup. Would you like to have a meal together?"

Ever since Noah joined the company, Edwin did not bother with the petty work, nor did he know her itinerary.

'I'm not free right now. Let's do it tomorrow. Anyway, I also have something I need to talk to you about,' said Edwin.

'The doctor said that my mother can't be cured, and her condition has deteriorated very seriously. It may only be a few months left for her. I'm feeling so sad now, and I just want to die. Can you come and see me?'



sobbed Noah