

Our Billion 1471

Chapter 1471-“I believe I’ve helped Patrick a lot. Now he’s a popular actor in Sapphire City. Even though that’s not all because of me, Eclipse Worldwide Entertainment has invested a lot in him. I wonder what Patrick told you to make He made it sound as if Patrick was talking a lot of gossip behind his back.

Edwin would ask her mother about Joanne. Then Edwin would know about what they were trying to hide from him, so she had to stay, though reluctantly.

Meanwhile, Joanne, who was staying in the guest room in the backyard, [Edwin is so shameless. He coaxed my mom into letting him stay! I’ve already told Patrick about it. You better find a chance to take Tail to a hotel for a few days...] She had expected Edwin not to be easily dealt with.

Soon, Patrick came to pick up Tail and Joanne to go to the hotel.

When Joanne gave Tail, who was still sleeping, to Patrick, her heart pounded violently.

Take Tail to the hotel. I’m staying.”

Patrick furrowed his brows. “Why? You should know that Edwin came here for you.”

“Exactly, so he’ll pay all his attention to me as long as I stay here.” Joanne made her decision. She said to Patrick,” Please take care of Tail. I’m going to stay Patrick carried Tail in his arms. He looked at Joanne and wanted to say something, but he gave up.

“Don’t worry. I’ll take care of Tail. Be careful. If you run into Edwin, yell for help.

This is the Brown family’s house. He won’t dare do anything to you.”

Joanne waved at him and urged, “Hurry up! Get going! It’s going to be lunch time soon. Don’t let Edwin see you!”

Patrick nodded, and then he turned to leave. He guessed that Edwin would be in the living room at that time, so he planned to leave through the back door. Unfortunately, however, what Joanne said came true and Patrick bumped into Edwin.

Edwin said he wanted to have a tour around the house, so Mrs. Brown asked Edwin seemed to know the Brown family's house very well, and he deliberately came to the gazebo near the back door.

Just as Patrick was heading towards the back door with Tail in his arms, he met Edwin.

But then she was relieved to find there were only Patrick and Tail.

"Patrick, where are you going in such a hurry?" Edwin stopped Patrick. His sharp eyes were fastened on the little girl that Patrick was holding in his arms.

Is this the little girl who called Joanne the other day?'

Chapter 1472-Tail rested her head on Patrick's shoulder and wrapped her chubby arms around Patrick's neck. The two looked very close.

But Edwin found it so annoying!

"Edwin, you're out of bounds in Sapphire City. Now do you also want to cause trouble in Mourpa? Do I need to tell you in advance where I'm going?"

Patrick covered Tail's head with one hand to keep Edwin from seeing Tail's face.

"Get out of the way!" Patrick hissed to Edwin.

Edwin didn't move. "Ask Joanna to come to see me."

Their argument grew louder. Tail felt the heave in Patrick's chest and was awakened. "Ah."

She tried to rub her eyes but found she was wearing a pair of sunglasses.

She looked up and saw Edwin's face. Edwin was a bad guy to her. She immediately screamed, "Mommy, there's a child trafficker here!"

Tail wrapped her arms tighter around Patrick's neck, her arms trembling. She was so scared, as if Edwin was a beast.

Seeing that Tail was awake, Edwin wanted to say hi to her.

After spending so much time with Puffy, he liked children.

But he got angry when Tail called him a child trafficker. His face darkened, and his eyes turned cold.

"You think I'm a child trafficker?" Edwin's voice was deep, and his tone was intimidating.

The housekeeper felt awkward. Tail had never called anyone a child trafficker before.

The housekeeper cleared his throat and tried to make an explanation...

Atherton, you don't mind it, do you?"

"How could you educate a child to be like that?" Edwin retorted sternly.

He was upset when he heard Tail call him a child trafficker in a trembling voice.

Why is the kid wearing sunglasses? To block the sunrays? Patrick is a considerate father.' 'How I educate my daughter is none of your business! She's so cute. What if someone tries to abduct her? Will you give

me a daughter like her? You don't know anything! The first thing you have to teach a child is to tell her to stay but she didn't care.

Patrick held Tail tighter. Although Tail looked more like Joanna, if Edwin saw Tail often, he would notice the girl's resemblance to him and he would become suspicious.

"I'm going to meet a friend. Excuse me."

eat ice cream. I'll meet you guys later."

On the surface, she was asking Patrick to take care of Tail, but in reality, she was implying to Edwin that Tail was her and Patrick's daughter.

Tail buried her head in Patrick's shoulder. She was still in fear of the "child trafficker".

Her eyes were covered by sunglasses. Everything was brown in her eyes.

"Uncle Patrick, is that man a child trafficker? He's so handsome." Tail snapped back to reality. She took off her sunglasses and thought of Edwin's face.

a low voice.

Tail squeezed her tender fists and said in a childish voice," No. Mommy's always right."

'But why did the child trafficker come to our house? He's got a lot of nerve!'

Chapter 1473-Patrick nodded appreciatively and found an excuse. "Your mommy is trying to catch that child trafficker and send him to the police station so that he can't get back at us, so I'm going to take you to the hotel for a few days. You're a sweet girl and you will understand, right?"

"Yes, I understand. I hope Mommy will catch that child trafficker soon!"

On their way to the hotel, Patrick carried Tail in his arms the whole time, so he got all sweaty.

Just after he went to the bathroom to take a shower, Tail's cell phone rang.

She immediately got up and picked up the phone.

On the other end of the line, a childish and domineering voice rang out. "Tail, this is Miles. Do you miss me?"

"Miles, I met a child trafficker today!" Hearing Miles' familiar voice, Tail got excited and she told him what had just happened. Miles was in Sapphire City at the moment.

Miles enjoyed watching Tail's live streaming, but Tail couldn't read all the messages. Besides, Patrick was trying to protect Tail and was taking care of her followers' messages. So Tail never replied to Miles' messages.

Eventually, Miles had to turn to Ollie to hack into the app to find out Tail's personal information.

Tail was a simple girl, and Miles quickly coaxed her into becoming good friends with him.

After hearing the story, Miles believed that Edwin was a child trafficker.

To avoid retaliation from the child trafficker, Tail had to stay in the hotel, so she couldn't do the live streaming.

Miles felt very angry about that!

He gave a smirk. "Tail, do you want to help your mommy punish that child trafficker?"

Tail nodded with excitement. "Sure!" But then she sighed," But Mommy wants me to stay at the hotel. If that child trafficker takes me away, Mommy will be very upset."

"Let me teach you what to do. You don't need to go out to teach him a lesson."

"Really?" Tail's eyes sparkled in admiration.

Miles was happy. He said coolly, "Anyone who dares to bully my girlfriend will pay the price."

Tail blushed and lowered her head shyly.

At the same time, Joanne learned that Edwin had met Tail, and she was terrified.

"Jo, don't be afraid. I told Edwin that Tail was the daughter of Patrick and me. He Joanne.

"He's a shrewd man. Even though he didn't get suspicious today, he may become suspicious tomorrow."

Joanne gasped. "No. I have to do something!"

She decided to meet Edwin and find out why he had come to Mourpa.

After lunch, Edwin stayed in the Brown family's guest room which was next to the garden. When he saw Joanne coming, he had a smug smile on his face.

"Finally, you've come to see me."

Joanne took a deep breath and said coldly, "Edwin, you came here to find me, didn't you? Now I'm here. What do you want? Just tell me and then leave. Don't disturb Mrs. Brown and her family!"

Edwin looked at Joanne with deep eyes, and handed her a dozen photographs he had prepared in advance.

“I found out why you divorced me four years ago.”

Suddenly, Joanne’s hand froze in the air when she heard Edwin mention their divorce four years ago. She glanced at Edwin with an incredulous look, and for a second, she was in a trance. She dropped the photos onto the floor. One of the photos slid to Joanne’s feet.

Chapter 1474-The photo slid to Joanne’s feet.

In the photo, Joanne was being forced by the security guards to sign the divorce papers. When Joanne looked down and saw the photo, her face turned pale.

Edwin noticed the expression on Joanne’s face. He felt depressed but a little happy.

‘Since she cares about it, she still has feelings for me.’ “I didn’t know you were forced to sign the divorce papers. I had a car accident and was sent to the hospital. When I woke up, I learned that you had gone with Patrick. I only got the divorce papers.”

“You had a car accident?” Joanne didn’t believe him. She tried to suppress her anger and asked, “Did I offend you? Why did you come to me and make up these lies?”

“You think I’m lying to you?”

Edwin was frustrated when he learned that Joanne had such a deep misunderstanding about him.

“You believe that I cheated on you and humiliated your family, so you divorced me. It was reasonable.”

Edwin narrowed his eyes and retorted, “Why should I lie to you with my current status? Although I was angry with you and Patrick, I didn’t want to divorce you.

My father wanted me to marry another woman, so he stirred things up.”

Joanne was dumbfounded. Her brain went blank. ‘If Edwin didn’t want to divorce me, who arranged for the killers to murder me?’ She was silent.

“Do you want me to show my hospitalization record to prove it?”

“Your father was right. We’re not from the same world. It’s all in the past. I don’t want to talk about it anymore.”

Edwin caught Joanne’s flustered look. “Now that I’m here, I’m not going back without you.”

Joanne looked up at him. “You don’t mind that I slept with Patrick?”

Edwin showed an angry look at the bottom of his eyes. No man could stand being cheated on by his wife.

He’d been trying to avoid it. He didn’t want to bring it up.

‘Did she have to reopen the old wounds to drive me away?’ Edwin didn’t say anything. He turned and took out an exquisite box.

The box was large. He carried it with both hands and walked over to Joanne.

“I care more about our future. Please accept my apologies.”

Since Edwin didn’t answer her, Joanne guessed that Edwin believed that she had cheated on him with Patrick, although it wasn’t true.

Even if it was not Edwin who tried to kill Joanne, she would never forget it, which would cast a shadow over their relationship forever.

So, Joanne would rather just live her life with Tail.

She didn't look at the box and said coldly, "I've said all I have to say. If you don't leave, I'll leave."

Edwin was enraged. He yanked her wrist from behind." Joanne, since the moment you entered my life nine years ago, you've not been allowed to leave me."

Joanne shook his hand off fiercely.

"If you minded my cheating on you, why did you come to me to embarrass yourself?"

Edwin's eyes were dark, and Joanne had a stubborn look on her face.

"I don't care about it! Joanne, I don't care about the past. You can never leave me again. We'll be together until we die!" Edwin said through gritted teeth.

He forced the box into Joanne's hand and then turned to leave.

Joanne stood there in a daze.

She opened the box and found it was the dress that she and Sharon had fought over at the mall.

The dress looked perfect, without a single wrinkle. The diamonds were sparkling in the sunlight.

Chapter 1475-Joanne was not excited about receiving the expensive gift. Instead, she felt annoyed and troubled.

Her mind was in turmoil.

'Should I trust him? Those killers were not arranged by Edwin four years ago?

'Or does he want to get close to me and have someone kill me after finding me alive?' Edwin was also upset. He left the Brown family's house.

There was a glint of determination in his unreadable eyes.

He was determined never to let Joanne run away from him again.

Suddenly, his cell phone rang.

"Mr. Atherton, I got bad news! You are in trouble!" Lucas said in a shaky voice.

Edwin tugged his tie and asked, "What's going on? Why do you sound so panicked?"

'An influencer posted a picture of you on Facebook. It was a little girl. She said you were a child trafficker and warned everyone to be careful if they saw you!"

Lucas took a deep breath and told Edwin the news.

Edwin couldn't believe it at first. Then he opened the influencer's Facebook page and saw the article had been posted today.

In the article, the little girl claimed she had met a child trafficker and warned everyone to be careful.

At the end of the article, there was a picture of the child trafficker.

It was exactly Edwin!

After reading the article alleging him as a child trafficker, Edwin had a grave face.

'Damn! Isn't this Patrick's daughter? This girl is an influencer. She has indeed inherited Patrick's talent in showbiz.' Tail had over 10 million followers. Her article got numerous comments and reposts. It quickly became a sensation.

Many people photoshopped Edwin's photo.

People wrote "child trafficker" on Edwin's face or twisted his face in pictures.

On the other end of the line, Lucas could feel Edwin's anger, and he said with a shudder, "Mr. Atherton, I tried to find a hacker to delete the article, but we failed.

Don't worry, I will arrange for the technical staff to take care of it."

"It seems I've been too kind to Patrick!" Edwin sneered.

After hanging up the phone, Edwin turned around and headed back for the Brown family's house with anger.

However, on the way, someone recognized him as the child trafficker that Tail had exposed.

Several of Tail's followers surrounded Edwin and claimed they were going to take him to the police.

Edwin lost his patience. He hit several of them to the ground.

"I'm not a child trafficker. That influencer is only a few years old. How could she have written such a long story?

Someone must have been behind her!"

Edwin exploded in anger. He was not a gentleman at all!

He guessed it was Patrick who was getting back at him.

“Even if someone is behind her, why did they call you a child trafficker?” A man who had been knocked to the ground by Edwin yelled.

“Then leave it to the police!” Edwin calmly called the police.

Soon, the police arrived and took Edwin and the others to the police station.

Chapter 1476-Lucas arrived with Mourpa’s top lawyer to handle the paperwork.

After the brawl, Edwin immediately had his lawyer sue Tail for defamation and inciting others to commit crimes.

Since Patrick used his daughter as a tool, Edwin didn’t mind targeting a kid.

“Mr.... Mr. Atherton,” The police officer knew Tail’s family background. He trembled while saying, “I think there must be a misunderstanding in this matter.

It’s not to the point of suing her, right?”

Edwin sat leisurely on the sofa, and the police officer stood in front of him.

Edwin was reading the online comments.

It had not been long since Tail accused him on the Internet, but it had already caused an uproar.

Some people recognized him. After doxing Edwin, they found that he was actually the CEO of the Atherton Group.

In addition, Edwin used to hit entertainment headlines. In ordinary people's eyes, he was a playboy. Once he was related to abducting young girls, no matter what he was accused of doing, people would think it was true.

In a short period of time, it caused an extremely bad impact on him and the Atherton Group.

Looking at the avalanche of curses, Edwin raised his eyebrows gloomily. "So you mean that I deserve to be sworn at online?"

He spoke lightly, but he had a strong aura.

The police officer was frightened by Edwin's words and suddenly tensed up. He hurriedly smiled.

"Of course not. You got me wrong, Mr. Atherton. I naturally want to get justice for you, but Tail is young, and she's from the Brown family. You've come from Sapphire City to Mourpa to talk business, so I just don't want to cause you trouble."

Edwin sneered, his eyes gleaming.

The police officer wanted to say something else, but he was interrupted by Lucas.

Lucas came over respectfully. "Mr. Atherton, the press release and PR staff are ready."

Jovany, the lawyer, said seriously, "Mr. Atherton, the demand letter is also ready.

We can sue Tail and her guardians at anytime."

"Then what are you waiting for? Go ahead and do it."

Edwin spoke evenly, once again causing an uproar.

An open letter titled “The Internet is not a refuge for trolls” was posted online by Edwin and the Atherton Group at the same time, and they stated that they had sued Tail and her guardians.

When Joanne saw her daughter’s tweet, her brain buzzed. Joanne rushed to the hotel to ask Patrick about what had happened and why he had provoked Edwin.

Now it was clear that Edwin was pissed off.

Patrick did not know what was going on.

His temples throbbed.

“I just took a shower and I didn’t know the uproar on the Internet.”

He was innocent.

Joanne could only take her daughter’s little hands and ask seriously, “Tail, tell Mummy. Who the hell told you to post this?”

Tail intuited that the atmosphere in the room was bad and said pitifully, “Mummy, did I get you in trouble?”

“Yes, so remedy it with me before the situation is irreversible.”

“Alright, my new friend taught me to post that.” Tail blinked her big watery eyes and began to tell Joanne the whole story. He said that this could help you punish the human trafficker.”

Joanne was even more shocked after hearing this.

She wondered, 'Who's that new friend?' Joanne's first thought was that when she was away from Mourpa, Tail made a new friend, but after Patrick reminded her, Joanne realized that there was no such a person.

Chapter 1477-Seeing that Joanne and Patrick didn't believe her, Tail hastily took out her cell phone.

"This is his phone number. He said he was the rich guy on my live stream. He sends me many gifts every day. And he wants to be my boyfriend, but I haven't agreed yet."

Joanne was stunned.

'Who the hell dares to pick up my daughter?

'If I find out who he is, I won't let him off.' However, when Joanne looked at the phone number, she almost fainted from the shock.

She thought, 'I have to teach this bold brat a good lesson.' The lawyer's letter was delivered to the hotel by courier.

At the same time, a large number of paparazzi surrounded the hotel.

Tail was already very famous in Mourpa. After she posted online to accuse Edwin of being a human trafficker, she was known by more people. She became the hottest topic.

Joanne stood in front of the floor-to-ceiling window, lifted the curtain with her index finger, and glanced downstairs.

There were heaps of paparazzi.

Patrick called Edwin to discuss how to deal with the matter.

“Mr. Atherton, Tail is only three. She’s naive. I hope you can let her go, and I’ll compensate you for all the damage...

“Public opinion is powerful. She is so young. If you sue her to make things bigger, no matter the result is good or bad, her reputation will be affected, and this matter will cast a shadow over her whole life.”

Patrick’s tone was sincere.

On the other end of the line, Edwin said sarcastically, “Patrick, you are really hypocritical. When you used Tail to smear me, why didn’t you think that you would ruin her reputation?”

“I didn’t do that,” Patrick emphasized.

Edwin replied with disdain, “You’re her guardian. She called me a trafficker when she was with you. Stop pretending.”

Patrick gritted his teeth. “Then what exactly do you want?”

“Four years ago, you ruined my marriage to Joanne. I’ll ruin your daughter’s reputation, and then we’ll be even,” Edwin answered coldly and hung up the phone straight away.

There was no room for negotiation.

His PR team started to lead public opinion, saying that Tail, this 3-year-old live streamer, was forced by her guardians to make money.

This was a kind of warning to Patrick.

Edwin stared at the lovely and well-behaved Tail on the screen, feeling rotten about attacking her, but once he thought that she was Patrick's daughter and was being used by Patrick as a tool against him, Edwin made up his mind.

"What did Edwin say?" Inside the hotel, Joanne gazed at Patrick, waiting for his answer.

Patrick shook his head resignedly at Joanne.

"I can hear that Edwin doesn't want to give up this time.

Luckily, he thinks the guardian is me, but once we get to the court, Tail's relationship with you may be exposed."

"Why are those two brats so troublesome?" Joanne was remorseful.

Had she known this, she would never have said Edwin was a human trafficker.

It was bad for Tail to attract so much attention on the Internet. It caused a bunch of people to be jealous of her, and Tail even provoked Edwin...

Chapter 1478-Although most people still liked Tail, some marketing accounts cooked up stories about her unscrupulously to gain attention and manipulate public opinion.

Patrick was also affected. People cursed him for forcing Tail to make money and post the false accusation, which unexpectedly made him suffer.

The Internet brought about both good and bad outcomes.

As long as Edwin didn't compromise, the public would continue to pay attention to Tail, and some people would constantly slander Tail.

Joanne was furious when she thought of how people would point fingers at Tail when she grew up. “I have to go to Edwin and ask him to drop the case. I can’t let him make things bigger.”

Patrick was not as fearless as Edwin while handling this matter, since it was related to Tail’s reputation.

“But Edwin covets you. If you go to him now, you’ll be at his mercy. Why don’t you just tell him that Miles taught Tail to post that?”

“It’s useless. Edwin has already targeted you and Tail. Even if he knows Miles intervened, he will at most protect Miles’ reputation, and there will still be curses against you and Tail.

Joanne smiled wryly. Edwin just looked easy to deal with, but in fact, he was tricky.

Edwin and Patrick have been at odds for a long time, so Edwin definitely wanted to screw Patrick over.

Patrick took a deep breath and clenched his fists, suppressing his anger. “Then I will arrange a car for you. Be careful to avoid paparazzi.”

Edwin came out of the police station and accepted the interview in a relaxed manner.

However, when he answered the questions, he implied that he was an innocent victim and that Tail had been used by her guardian. He said so to pin all the blame on Patrick.

“Mr. Atherton, Mrs. Atherton called, saying that she wanted to meet with you.”

Just after Edwin got into the car, Lucas reported to him.

Edwin thought, ‘Joanne used to play cat and mouse with me. To meet her, I had to come to Mourpa from Sapphire City.

‘Now she is willing to see me for Patrick’s sake.*

“When?” Edwin asked casually.

Lucas replied, “Mrs. Atherton said the sooner the better. She is now on a street near the police station.”

“Then let me hear what she wants to say for Patrick.”

Not far ahead on the street corner, Joanne had been waiting for a longtime.

When she saw Edwin’s car approaching, Joanne stood at the side of the road and waved her hand.

The car braked in front of Joanne, and the door was pulled open. Edwin sat straight on the leather seat in the back row. His legs were long. The sunset light fell on his blue suit jacket, making him shine faintly. He looked relaxed and charming.

Edwin smiled, like a lion waiting for his prey.

“You already rejected me, didn’t you? Have you changed your mind?”

Joanne gritted her teeth and got into the car. and the atmosphere turned stagnant. After all, the man beside her had designs on her.

“I saw your lawyer’s letter, but Tail didn’t mean to let her fans attack you. That is a mistake. Can you spare Tail and Patrick for my sake?”

“How are they related to you? Why should I drop the case for your sake?”

Joanne hedged tactfully, “If not for Patrick, maybe I would have died long ago.

He and I have been friends and partners for these four years. Is this reason enough?”

Edwin narrowed his eyes at her and asked, “Do you know that I was beaten by a group of strong men today?”

Chapter 1479-Joanne jerked her head up. Seeing her reflection in his deep eyes, she swallowed.

“You’re not going to say those people are Tail’s fans, are you? n “If I hadn’t been lucky, maybe I’d be lying in the hospital right now. Besides, do you know how much business I’ve lost because of Tail’s post?”

Joanne gritted her teeth. Idols paid the price for what their fans did. Tail’s fans had always been disciplined. Joanne didn’t expect that they would maul Edwin today.

No wonder Edwin was so vicious. Not only did he sue Tail and Patrick, but he also made things bigger and bigger...

“Tail is a child after all. She can’t restrain her fans.”

“She did something wrong, so she has to take responsibility. Since Patrick cannot teach his daughter well, I’ll teach Tail a lesson to tell her everyone has to bear the consequences of what they’ve done.”

Joanne thought, ‘She is your daughter and has nothing to do with Patrick!’ Joanne snarled at him out of control, “But you’re unhurt. Do you have to make it a lose-lose situation?”

“What’s the point of laws if people just need to apologize for their faults?” Edwin was furious when he saw Joanne pleading for Patrick. Edwin decided to make Patrick suffer for what he had done.

Joanne wanted to slap him and leave, but she couldn’t.

She could only continue in a low voice, “If I leave with you, will you let Tail and Patrick go?”

Edwin was stunned. He had never thought that Joanne, who he had been trying hard to pursue, would do this for Patrick and his daughter. Edwin became even more annoyed.

Edwin thought, 'She loves Patrick so much that she even abandoned her principles.' "Beg me," Edwin said.

Joanne clenched her fists angrily and said dryly, "Please."

Edwin's heart was pricked by her word, but he soon regained his usual insouciance. He suddenly leaned close to Joanne. His faint scent of tobacco surrounded her.

He reached up and pinched her jaw.

"You're my ex-wife anyway. For your sake, I can promise to drop the case and let it go."

"Really?" Joanne's eyes flashed with surprise.

A second before, she was sad, yet now, she was so excited.

Edwin felt that he had lost to Patrick again.

He hid his frustration and sneered, "Don't be too happy. I have a condition."

"Go ahead." When Joanne came here, she was prepared. As long as she obeyed Edwin and left Mourpa with him, Tail could get out of trouble safely, and Edwin would not suspect Tail's identity in the future.

However, she never expected that Edwin's request would be...

"Remarry me."

His low and charming voice sounded.

Joanne froze, stuttering, "You're kidding me, right?"

"I need a wife. Since I lost Sharon, you'll be my wife." Edwin, like a confident negotiator, slowly threw the bait.

Chapter 1480-Joanne froze when she made sure Edwin wasn't joking.

"After the remarriage, I'll promise you everything."

His sexy voice once again sounded.

Joanne said instinctively and emotionally, "No. Change your condition. I can double the compensation. Just name a number. I'll work for you in the future.

You'll be satisfied."

"Then sleep with me." Edwin's sharp eyes looked at Joanne as he smiled, "Stay with me for six months."

"You are pranking me!" Joanne fiercely pushed Edwin away from her like a cornered beast.

Joanne was so regretful. She should have kept Tail in the Brown family's house.

If so, Joanne would have been around Tail when she answered Miles' phone call. Joanne would have stopped Tail from posting that.

"Patrick encouraged Tail to slander me online. My public image was ruined.

Some people even photoshopped my pictures to insult me. I just asked you to stay with me for six months. I'm the one who suffered losses, right?"

Joanne was so furious that she slapped the partition in the car and yelled at Lucas, "Stop the car!"

Lucas' apologetic voice rang out. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Atherton.

This is a one-way street, and there is no parking here. Please wait a moment. I'll stop the car after getting through the next crossing."

Joanne sat back into her leather seat in a huff.

"We were married for a long time anyway, so you won't lose anything by staying with me for another six months."

Joanne was enraged by his words. Edwin was using their daughter's reputation to threaten her, and he did it with such justification. Joanne suddenly raised her hand and slapped Edwin hard.

Caught off guard, Edwin received a fierce slap in the face.

There was a crisp sound in the car.

Edwin tilted his head and wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth with his fingertip, staring at her with a cold look and a strong aura. He suddenly grabbed her wrist, and his eyes turned red.

"You got angry? Tell me why you refused to stay with me. Is it because you love Jack, or because you can't forget Patrick?"

Joanne winced and gasped in pain as he gripped her wrist.

"I hit you because you deserved it, you bastard!" After a pause, she roared fearlessly, "Forget it if you want me to accept such a humiliating condition. I will never be your mistress."

In the driver's seat, Lucas craned his neck at the conversation between Joanne and Edwin.

Lucas thought, 'How dare Mrs. Atherton provoke Mr. Atherton at this time?' Edwin sneered, "I asked you to be my wife."

"You're dreaming! I gave you the chance to hurt me four years ago. Do you think I'm stupid enough to remarry you?"

Edwin's expression instantly changed from calmness to anger. "Then who do you want to marry?"

"Not you anyway! You even made things difficult for a child. She's only three years old, and she..."

Edwin's handsome eyes narrowed. "Go on."

Joanne suddenly stopped. She almost spilled the beans. She clenched her teeth and saw the scenery flashing by outside the window. They passed the one-way intersection. She planned to remind Lucas to stop the car.

"Joanne, I've indulged you too much." Edwin suddenly yanked Joanne onto his lap the moment she got up to knock on the partition.

His hand moved to the back of her head...

Joanne was forced to lower her head when he kissed her domineeringly.

Joanne pushed him desperately, trying to get rid of him, but Edwin's kiss grew deeper, and it was fierce, like a kind of punishment.

Tears ran out of her eyes uncontrollably and fell on the back of Edwin's hand.

They were so hot that he trembled.