

## **Our Billion 561**

Chapter 561-Catelyn originally wanted to sneak out of the ward before the doctor came, but Cedrick refused to let her go. She smiled wryly because of that.

Fortunately, The room he was in was a VIP ward that had two rooms in it for the companions. There was also a kitchen and separate bathroom.

At this moment, the sky grew brighter.

Catelyn noticed a few potted plants on the balcony that were exuding vitality.

Well, she did not even bother to look at them last night.

Cedrick's wardmate was a male nurse. Estimating that the doctor would soon be there for a round, Cedrick hid Catelyn in the male nurse's room.

The room was about 20 square meters, and the furnishings were very delicate.

If it were not for the faint smell of disinfectant in the air, Catelyn would have thought she was in a five-star hotel.

As soon as Catelyn hid in the room, Draco Mason and his subordinates came in with the doctor. Eason and Maia were also among them.

Eason searched around the room from the instant he stepped in.

Last night, he had waited on the balcony next door all night but failed to see Catelyn coming out, which made him nervous for the whole night for fear of being discovered.

After exchanging glances with the companion, he finally felt at ease.

Seeing that Cedrick did not show signs of awakening, Draco asked the doctor in worry, "Doctor, didn't you say that Cedrick will wake up in a few days?"

The doctor was aware of Draco Mason's identity.

However, he was also puzzled. "It stands to reason that Master Cedrick's physical fitness is great, and logically, he should've woken up already. Perhaps his head had suffered a greater injury?"

Maia sighed in relief when she heard the doctor, wishing Cedrick would not wake up. After all, she had not gotten the medicine yet.

"Grandpa, Caddy has a kind soul. I believe he'll wake up soon," Maia comforted the elder gently.

Since Draco found out that Maia had betrayed Cedrick, he did not like Maia as much as he used to. However, when he discovered that Cedrick was the one who betrayed Maia first, and she was sensible and knew how to comfort people, Draco seemed to like her again.

"Cedrick has been in Franche for a long time. There's some financing cooperation pending, but he's in a coma now. The executives in Sapphire City are still waiting for him..."

Draco sighed in helplessness.

Maia unquestionably did not care about that but she still comforted Draco.

Beep!

Suddenly, a sound came from the companion room on the opposite side. It sounded like the vibration of a mobile phone. The vibration stopped abruptly as if it was hung up deliberately.

Maia immediately turned her gaze to the companion room. "What's the sound?"

Eason guessed that it was Catelyn's phone that rang, so he said with trepidation, "Miss Clark, what are you talking about?"

"Grandpa, did you hear that?" Maia ignored Eason, knowing that he was not on her side.

Chapter 562-Draco was entirely focused on Cedrick, so he did not hear the beeping of a phone. He glanced at Maia and shook his head.

"That would be my phone, Miss Maia," the male nurse explained as he hurriedly stood up.

Maia smiled at him, then let go of Draco's arm and walked toward the nurse's room.

Seeing that she was striding to the room where Catelyn was hiding, the male nurse was so nervous that his heart skipped a beat. "Miss Clark, my room is quite messy.

It's better for you to not go in."

"Did you smell that?"

Maia's red lips twitched. Although she was pregnant, she still put on lipstick every time she went out to enhance her complexion and aura.

Everyone was puzzled for a moment when they heard Maia.

The male nurse asked bewilderedly, "what do you mean?"

"The scent of gardenias."

She had smelled gardenias the moment she walked in with Draco, she initially thought it was just her hallucination due to her pregnancy until the phone rang...

Eason cursed inwardly, remembering that Catelyn had a faint scent of gardenias on her being.

The scent rattled her out at that very moment!

Maia pushed the nurse away and strode straight toward the nurse's room. She was eager to find out who was hiding inside as her eyes were full of excitement.

All of a sudden, Eason suddenly pointed at Cedrick's right hand on the bedside and shouted in surprise, "Look, Master Cedrick's hand moved!"

The ward fell into silence for a second, and everyone's eyes turned to Cedrick's right hand.

As if to play along with Eason, the fingers of Cedrick's right hand trembled slightly. Even though the movement was very slight, the doctor still caught it and was pleasantly surprised.

"Grandpa Mason, great news! Master Cedrick may wakeup soon!"

Draco was stunned for a moment before he snapped out of it, saying, "Go! Call other doctors to come and give Cedrick a physical examination, with so many injuries on his body, it must be difficult for him to wakeup!"

Maia panicked when she heard that Cedrick was about to wake up.

He must not wake up. Richard had not brought her the medicine yet!

She did not even bother to check the room anymore. After all, the most important thing at the moment was to make sure Cedrick would not wake up.

While other doctors were in a hurry, Maia secretly went to the corner to send a text message to Richard.

[Have you gotten the medicine? Cedrick is about to wake up! We don't have time!] A group of doctors gathered around Cedrick to check his body. However, there were no other signs of waking up after Cedrick had moved his fingers.

The doctor shook his head helplessly.

"What's the matter? Didn't you say that Cedrick was about to wake up?" Draco leaned on his cane, showing his extreme dissatisfaction with his gloomy expression.

The doctor could only explain euphemistically, " Master Cedrick is about to wake up.

His willpower is very strong too, but his current physical condition is still relatively bad.

When his body recovers, he'll wake up."

Maia came out from the corner and echoed, " Grandpa, maybe there are too many people in this room, and the air is too stuffy, why don't we all go out and let Ceddy rest for a while? Maybe he'll wake up after that."

"There is also such a possibility..." The doctor supported Maia in an attempt to appease Draco.

Draco frowned and waved everyone out. He stood in front of Cedrick and stared at him for a while before he, too, walked out.

The ward instantly quieted down.

Catelyn, who leaned against the wall of the nurse's room, held her phone tightly in her hand and sighed. Maia nearly caught her!

Chapter 563-Catelyn quickly turned on her phone's silent mode.

Since the window of the room was made of one-way glass, Catelyn could see Maia running to the corner.

'She looks like she's texting someone. To whom? Why was she so panicked when she heard the news that Cedrick had woken up?' "It's alright now, Miss Clark, you can come out." The nurse opened the door of the room for Catelyn, his forehead glistening with sweat.

Catelyn smiled gratefully at him and quickly walked toward Cedrick.

Cedrick lay flat on the bed, feeling someone walk past him, and slowly opened his eyes.

Catelyn passed by him like a thief, lying at the ward's door to eavesdrop on the situation outside the ward.

Her ears seemed to be tinted red as she was too anxious.

Still, the situation was both hilarious and infuriating to Cedrick.

He slowly sat up from the bed while Catelyn was checking if those people were gone. When she turned around and saw him getting up, her eyes sank.

"Why did you get up? The doctor just said that your wounds are serious—"

"I'm thirsty," Cedrick feebly interjected.

Catelyn could not be sure if it was because of his wounds, or if he did it on purpose. Even though his voice was hoarse, he sounded cute...and he reminded her of Miles.

She could not help but miss Miles. That boy would wear the same feeble expression Cedrick sported whenever things did not go his way.

“Don’t move, and stay there. I’ll get water for you.”

Catelyn could not resist the cuteness, so she ran to the kettle to pour a glass of water.

She noticed that the male nurse was sheepishly staring at them when she turned around, however.

The male nurse probably felt like he was the third wheel in the ward as he scratched his head, so he went back to his room in a hurry.

Catelyn’s cheeks blushed instantly and it became hot. ‘ Why does it feel like we’re having an affair?’ Richard received the text from Maia and quickly rushed to the hospital.

In a black car opposite the hospital, Maia stared at the small white porcelain bottle in her hand as her eyes twinkled maliciously.

She originally bribed a nurse to add it to Cedrick’s infusion bottle.

However, it was already too late. Cedrick was about to wake up!

She could not let Cedrick discover the secret that her child was not an heir of the Mason family!

Maia took out a nurse uniform from the rear seat and put it on.

“Do you want to do it by yourself?” Richard frowned when he saw her changing clothes.

“The nurse I bribed works the night shift.”

Maia put the small porcelain bottle in the storage compartment, quickly changed her clothes, put on a new mask, and tied a bun tightly.

She thought she should be fine as long as she hung her head low and was careful not to bump into the Mason family's bodyguards.

Still, Richard was even more panicked than her. The poison of this drug was very overbearing as it could kill a person in just an hour.

At first, he planned on killing the nurse after the nurse poisoned Cedrick to erase any eyewitness.

To his surprise, Maia wanted to do it on her own!

Maia deliberately messed up her hair, picked up the small porcelain bottle, opened the car door, and headed into the hospital.

"Maia, wait!" Richard's forehead bulged with blue veins as he yelled, "You can't go!"

Chapter 564-Maia did not want Richard to get in her way at a time like this.

"Didn't we already talk about it? After I poison him, you find a way to destroy the surveillance. Remember to not leave any evidence behind. We'll have countless glory and wealth in the future after this."

Richard's dark eyes swept across the white porcelain bottle. "Have you ever thought about what to do if you were caught?"

"I have no choice but to put myself at risk."

Maia bit her lip and pushed Richard's hand away.



Richard's eyes flashed with confusion, and he snatched the porcelain bottle from her hand.

"You wait here. I'll do it! "

"You?" Maia pretended to be shocked. "The bodyguards at Cedrick's ward are very strict. How are you getting in?"

"I have my way. In short, I won't put you in danger." Maia hugged Richard and wrapped her arms tightly around his neck. "Oh, Rich..." she sighed softly. "

Thank you for loving me deeply. I will always remember you."

Richard took a deep breath and hugged Maia even tighter.

Little did Richard know, Maia was sneering.

Like hell she would be so stupid that she would do it herself. All she needed was just a little acting, and Richard was bound to be soft-hearted enough to do it for her!

The VIP ward was on the top floor.

Catelyn held a glass of warm water and sat at Cedrick's bedside, she raised the bed and put a soft pillow under his waist so he could lean on it more comfortably.

His lips were already peeling due to mild dehydration.

However, the light in his eyes was extremely dazzling as if there was no sign of morbid weakness. He looked like a beast that sensed danger and was ready to fight. Coincidentally, Catelyn also had an intuition that something was about to happen, still, she was not surprised.

She was kidnapped while Cedrick was tricked into the trap the mastermind behind the scene had set, and they even wanted to kill them. She knew Cedrick would not just remain silent after what they had been through.

She put the straw in the glass and carefully brought the straw to his lips. "The temperature is just perfect, but don't drink too much at once."

She was afraid that it would be inconvenient for him to go to the bathroom.

Cedrick had just woken up. His hands and feet were still weak, and his neck was a little stiff.

He stared at her as if he wanted to see her into the depths of her soul.

"Why don't you drink?" Flustered by how intense he was staring at her, Catelyn looked away and stared at his chest.

Cedrick lazily pushed away the straw. "I want you to feed me."

"That's what I'm doing." Catelyn put the straw to the corner of his lips in a good-natured manner.

Catelyn felt sourness at her heart's bottom when she saw Cedrick's pale lips.

She was touched that Cedrick, a fool in her eyes, was willing to sacrifice himself for her life.

"I want you to feed me...with your mouth."

Catelyn was flabbergasted upon hearing this!

She subconsciously stole a glance at the male nurse shortly after

Chapter 565-Cedrick seemed to have guessed what Catelyn was thinking, and his lips twisted into a smug smile. "He wouldn't dare to come out without my order."

"It's fine if you don't want to drink, I won't feed you."

Even if the nurse would not come out, he might still be able to hear their conversation, and that was embarrassing enough to Catelyn.

Cedrick raised his eyebrows roguishly when he heard Catelyn's reply. "I won't drink if you don't feed me."

Catelyn stared at his pale face for a while, then turned her gaze to the warm water in the cup.

The water had already become slightly cold.

"Is the corner of my mouth chapped?" Cedrick stroked the skin of the corner of his mouth as he spoke. There was a tingling sensation on the spot.

Catelyn stared at the shameless man in front of her who was painfully dehydrated. It irked her how he could continue depriving himself from water with his antics!

With a frown, she took a big gulp from the glass, held the man's head, and placed her lips on his to pour the warm water into his mouth, since Cedrick was sitting, some of the warm water slipped away from the corners of his mouth.

She cared about his wounds as she only pressed him with gentle force.

Then, Cedrick licked the corner of his mouth with a satisfying look. "It tastes pretty good. Please do it often."

He was commenting on the water, but his wolf-like eyes made Catelyn think he was commenting on her lips instead.

Her heart was about to burst out of her chest, she did not look him in the eye as she took another gulp from the glass to calm herself down.

‘What a rascal!’ Cedrick stared at her for a while, then said seriously, “I was afraid of you not coming to the airport that day. I mean it.”

Catelyn’s heart throbbed violently as she held the glass tightly. “If I didn’t go, what would you have done?”

“I never intended to let you go.”

Cedrick’s words hit Catelyn like a truck.

Her nose tingled as she muttered, “You like me that much?”

she had no idea what part of her was good enough that Cedrick was willing to put a lot of effort into pursuing her.

There were a lot of famous ladies who were into him, but he clung to her.

Catelyn had given up on avoiding him.

Cedrick hesitated for a moment, then stared at her. “Ever since I knew you were the woman who slept next to me four years ago, your figure has haunted me ever since.”

Before this, Catelyn had never thought he would say such a thing.

Moreover, he was always solemn whenever he spoke. Sometimes when he talked, it felt to Catelyn as if he was taking an oath.

Chapter 566-Catelyn felt her heart inexplicably aching, she had no idea how much she meant to Cedrick.

In fact, Catelyn was a soft person. If Cedrick was forceful to her, she might just slam the door and leave. However, the moment he said kind words, she quickly lost her temper.

Catelyn blushed unnaturally and snorted, "You got me locked up in your building, took my son away, and bought off the lawyers of the whole city. Did you know how I was on the verge of going insane when you refused to see me at that moment?"

Hearing that Catelyn took the initiative to bring back the past, Cedrick was relieved.

If she did not say anything, even if she reconciled with him because she was touched by his words, these matters would continue haunting her.

"I didn't take your son away," said Cedrick.

"I don't believe you!" Catelyn was sure Cedrick was lying. "That person clearly said that I'm not worthy to raise the young master of the Mason family. If it wasn't you, who else could it have been?"

Cedrick kept a blank face, with a slight hint of helplessness in his expression.

"Maia told Grandpa the secret of the twins. In a fit of anger, he immediately sent someone to take back the two boys. I only found out about this later after everything happened."

Catelyn was stunned, Her delicate, beautiful jaw was still taut as if she was doubting the credibility of his words.

Cedrick lowered his voice, "Think about it: the people who took the boys were strangers. If I was the one behind this, Eason would be the one doing the deed."

Catelyn glanced at him sideways.

Frankly, she did remember seeing Eason at a loss when she ran to look for him.

However, even if he did not take the boys away, he had used this to force her to a corner, she even ran in the rain just to see Eason negotiate!

"I admit that what I did later was extreme, but I still have to pay the price now, don't I?"

said Cedrick. He clutched his chest as a pained expression was shown on his face, wishing that this matter would be resolved quickly.

Chapter 567-Catelyn's heart softened at this. "Well, I have three conditions."

"As long as you won't hold the past against me, you can name even up to thirty conditions," replied Cedrick gently.

"This is what you promised. I've yet to think of thirty, but let's just start with three for now," said Catelyn.

Cedrick's eyebrows jumped, feeling as if he had just dug a hole for himself.

Catelyn immediately said, "First, you're not allowed to imprison me. Second, no matter what the circumstances are, you're not allowed to deprive me of the right to my children's custody. Third, you mustn't interfere with my work and personal space for friends. All exchanges are based on the premise of equality and freedom."

Cedrick had no issues with the first two conditions. The boys were at Mason Estate, after all, and Catelyn would have to go back with him anyway.

That third condition, however...

Cedrick's eyebrows tightened, and he said in a displeased tone, "Do you intend to make friends with a man or a woman?"

Catelyn was speechless. He was still so controlling!

She rolled her eyes so aggressively that they were about to pop out of their sockets.

“You can make friends with a normal woman, but not with those who have weird sexuality. And don’t even think about making friends with another man. Keep a distance of more than five meters from them!”

Cedrick demanded.

Catelyn kept quiet.

At this moment, sounds of footsteps and murmurs were heard outside the door.

The bodyguards were interrogating the doctor who was about to enter Cedrick’s ward.

A chief doctor in a white coat followed by a male nurse stopped at the door.

The doctor took the initiative to take off the mask and allow the bodyguard to check him.

The bodyguard, of course, knew him as well. He glanced at him to make sure he was not mistaken.

He asked suspiciously, “Doctor Robert, why are you here? Didn’t you tell Master Cedrick to rest alone?”

Chapter 568-“I was worried that we missed an injury within Master Cedrick, so I came to take a look,” said the doctor as he pushed the glasses on the bridge of his nose. He was holding a medical record book of Cedrick with a seriously worried expression on his face.

The bodyguard frowned and looked at the nurse beside Doctor Robert.

"I haven't seen this nurse before. Please take off your mask," ordered the bodyguard dutifully.

Richard Kingsley was wearing a black mask and a white lab coat. He had no other objection and took off the mask.

The bodyguards did not recognize Richard, and they eyed him dubiously.

Doctor Robert was worried that the bodyguard would call more men over, so he hurriedly explained with a smile, "This is a relative of mine. He just came to the hospital for an internship a few days ago." "I see... That's alright. Go on in."

The bodyguard took the initiative to push the ward door open for Doctor Robert, and Richard entered the room behind him.

The huge VIP suite had a very simple layout. The curtains of the transparent floor-to-ceiling glass windows were not closed, allowing sunlight in to warm the room.

At this moment, there was only one escort in the ward standing beside Cedrick's bed, staring closely at his infusion bottle, ready to be replaced if needed.

If Cedrick had any requests or wanted to get out of the bed, that person was also responsible for notifying the medical staff.

Seeing Doctor Robert and Richard coming in, the male escort stood up and hurriedly said, "Master Cedrick isn't awake yet."

"Okay. Please take his temperature for me, and I'll make a medical record for it," said Doctor Robert as he handed the thermometer to the escort.

Of course, the escort did not think too much of this. He cautiously took the thermometer and began to measure Cedrick's temperature.



Doctor Robert immediately looked at Richard with a worried face.

Chapter 569-Doctor Robert had done everything he was told.

However, Richard did not look back at him and secretly took out a needle from his bag while the male escort was not paying attention.

Quietly, he injected a dose of transparent liquid from the needle into the infusion tube.

The contents in the infusion tube quickly mixed together with the colorless, odorless poison.

Richard watched as the liquid flowed toward Cedrick's unconscious body, and the corner of his mouth under the mask quirked upward to form a sinister grin.

'Don't blame me, Cedrick. You've brought this upon yourself. You shouldn't have seduced Mai! ' Doctor Robert had no idea what Richard had injected into Cedrick's medicine.

Not daring to ask, he turned a blind eye instead.

The male escort bent down toward Cedrick while taking his temperature carefully, completely unaware of what Richard and Doctor Robert were doing behind him.

Richard thought the plan was flawless.

Little did he know, Catelyn had planted a mobile phone hidden in the pot of plants across Richard, and his disgusting action was recorded!

After everything, Richard and Doctor Robert left the ward hurriedly.

The moment Cedrick would die of poisoning, both of them would be long gone from the crime scene!

Richard quickly went to meet Maia.

According to the agreed plan, Maia would be bribing the personnel in the monitor room and wipe out the footage of him poisoning Cedrick.

However, there were two persons he was still concerned with, which were Doctor Robert and the two bodyguards.

At this moment, however, Richard could care less. First, he needed to see Maia and discuss what to do next

Chapter 570-Maia was waiting for Richard on the rooftop.

She had already taken off the nurse's uniform and was wearing her black trench coat, which outlined her slender figure.

The wind on the rooftop was so strong that it ruffled her jet-black hair.

"It's done, Mai!" said Richard the moment he arrived at the rooftop and saw Maia.

He stepped forward excitedly, and hugged Maia from behind. His palm caressed her belly, trying to feel the child within.

Maia was both frightened and excited. She quickly turned to look at Richard.

"Really? The drug is in Cedrick's infusion tube? Does that mean that all I have to do now is wait, and I can become Missus Mason?"

However, Cedrick had a ligation operation before, and there would no doubt be some medical records of it.

That did not matter. The drug was very damaging to the human brain. Even if Cedrick woke up, he would be groggy for a while.

When that time came, with Draco's support, she could excuse Cedrick to be in poor health and secretly tell the hospital to perform a recanalization surgery on him...

Needless to say, Maia was a little unhinged.

She had been looking forward to being Missus Mason for too long, and she could not wait any longer!

Richard wrapped his knuckles around Maia's long hair and laughed casually. "I forgot to tell you something, Mai."

"What is it?" replied Maia, a little too enthusiastically.

"I changed that medicine to a potent poison, which will clot the blood severely and seal the throat.

Cedrick will die for sure!" exclaimed Richard. "Let's not think about him anymore.

Marry me, and I'll take care of you and the baby."

At that very second, Maia was petrified, her expression faltering as the color drained from her face.

She stared at Richard, and it felt as though her lips had gone numb.

"w...what did you say?" she gasped.