

Our Billion 571

Chapter 571-“In less than an hour, there will be one more corpse in the hospital morgue...” muttered Richard.

Smack!

Maia was so angry that her whole body was trembling. She swung her palm against Richard’s face harshly and quickly turned her head, about to run downstairs.

One hour...

She could still notify the doctors to save him!

Cedrick must not die!

How would she become Missus Mason if he died?!

Richard’s eardrums buzzed after the powerful slap, and his cheek instantly reddened.

Before he could do anything, he saw Maia about to head downstairs.

Richard’s eyes darkened viciously as he put his hands around Maia’s waist and hugged her tightly, trying to stop her from running away. He lowered his voice and said, “If you go down now, you’d be suspected for Cedrick’s death! Do you want to go to jail?”

Maia stopped struggling and gritted her teeth. “You did it on purpose!”

“Yes!” admitted Richard. “I can’t stand how you’re all head over heels for Cedrick. Didn’t you tell me that you wanted revenge against Cedrick? I did that for you!”

What next, Maia?

Her mind was in a mess, and suddenly, she smiled softly and asked Richard, “Rich, do you really love me?”

“From the first time I saw you, I had fallen in love with you deeply,” confessed Richard profoundly.

He had been avoiding other women all these years so that Maia could see him in his purest form.

Alas, Richard was a step too late, and Cedrick seduced Maia!

Maia’s trembling body was reeking with monstrous anger and viciousness.

Without hesitating, she raised her head from Richard’s chest. She placed her hands on his chest and shoved him away ruthlessly.

“Then die for me!” she screamed.

Chapter 572-Richard, still immersed in the joy of being able to be together with Maia, was completely caught off-guard by how Maia shoved him away.

Furthermore, they were both standing very close to the edge. As a result, Richard fell off the rooftop as his eyes widened in pure shock.

Just in the nick of time, he grabbed the wall ledge!

Holding on for dear life, he hung in the air while struggling desperately, trying to get a better grip. However, the wall was dangerously smooth, and he could not get a good grasp on it. His fingers that clung to the ledge became bruised instantly.

Richard lowered his head and glanced at the ground far below. The dense crowd of cars and people made his blood flow backward.

His face turned pale. This would be the end for him if he fell!

Richard raised his head and looked at Maia incredulously.

“Why! Why are you doing this!?” he shouted. “Just because I didn’t obey your orders and switched the memory-wiping medicine into poison? You cared about Cedrick’s life, but what about mine?! You know I love you!”

Gone was the gentle front Maia would often sport with Richard, replaced by a monstrous expression of ruthlessness.

Seeing that he had not fallen yet, she walked over slowly.

She squatted in front of him and peeled off his fingers off the edge of the roof, one by one!

“You still have the audacity to say these words to me?” sneered Maia. “Cedrick is going to die, but Grandpa Mason will surely search for the culprit behind his death. I can’t let him suspect me. If you fall from here, I can just say that you killed yourself because I’ve rejected your love, and nobody will ever suspect me!”

She continued, “After all, you’re the one who changed the medicine, and you’re the one who sneaked into the ward and poisoned Cedrick.”

The fingers of Richard’s left hand were forcibly pulled apart from their grip by Maia, leaving Richard hanging on the edge with just his right hand. His entire body was numb as he lost his balance and swung violently.

“You’re wrong, Mai! I love you so much! Even if they manage to find me as the suspect, I’ll take the blame!” he pleaded anxiously. “Please pull me up, won’t you? I don’t want to die! I still want to take care of you and our children!”

Maia sneered.

She would not believe such nonsense!

She proceeded to push his remaining fingers from the edge.

One finger... Two fingers...

Chapter 573-“I’ll remember you forever,” said Maia.

Richard looked at her in horror.

Just when Maia was about to completely peel Richard’s fingers off the ledge...

Clap! Clap! Clap!

Out of the blue, slow claps were heard coming from behind her.

Maia turned her head subconsciously...and saw Eason pushing out a wheelchair with Cedrick seated in it.

Was he not supposed to be in the emergency room?

How was he still alive?!

“Thank you for your wonderful performance, Miss Maia. What a cold-blooded show this was,” said Catelyn as she looked at Maia with contempt in her eyes.

That woman was sick in the head. She did not even hesitate to kill the man who loved her with all his heart!

“You... You...” stammered Maia. Her face turned pale as she saw them.

She instinctively glanced at Richard, who was still hanging by the wall on the rooftop.

At first, she thought Richard had lied to her. Looking back at it, however, that did not seem to be the case at all.

It was Cedrick who deceived her. He must have planned it long ago!

Catelyn was probably in his ward all this while, and he might have already woken up hours before this.

It was all a trick, and they fell for it!

Maia immediately burst into tears as she gazed at Cedrick.

“This is all Richard’s idea, Ceddy! I don’t know anything!” whimpered Maia. “He just told me that he poisoned you, and I was so angry that I wanted to push him off the roof to avenge you!”

Chapter 574-At this moment, Richard’s right arm felt numb entirely, and it was only with his strong willpower that he was still holding on to the ledge.

Hearing Maia’s words, a dark haze suddenly formed in his eyes as though a huge blow was dealt to him.

Richard could not believe that the woman he loved so deeply could turn his back on him at this very moment! Despite everything he had done for her, she was pushing all the blame on him!

Because Cedrick was in a wheelchair, his line of sight was far lower than Maia’s, and he had to raise his head to see her.

Despite this, his presence still brought an intimidating aura around him like a king who reigned over the world.

Cedrick glanced at Maia with his icy cold eyes. With a devilish smile, he asked Catelyn, "I heard someone saying that the poisoning was Maia's idea. Did I hear it wrong?"

Catelyn gave Cedrick an angry look.

She had told him that he should be resting, that his leg was still injured, yet he was adamant on coming up here!

"You heard it right; I've heard it too," said Catelyn. "She even said that Grandpa Mason would search for the culprit, and to prevent him from finding out the truth, she'd kill Mister Kingsley to silence him and get rid of all the evidence."

Maia's eyes widened in horror, knowing that it was useless to argue.

Guiltily, she wanted to kick Richard off the roof.

So long as he died, Cedrick would have no evidence, and there was nothing he could do about her.

Catelyn immediately gave Eason a look.

There were too many issues unresolved, and Richard must not die.

Maia was about to stretch her feet out and stomp on Richard's fingers, but Eason rushed up to her at lightning speed and yanked her away forcibly.

Maia clutched her abdomen tightly as she fell to the ground. Cold sweat beaded across her forehead

Chapter 575-"It hurts... It hurts!" howled Maia.

Despite this, however, no one at the scene believed her nonsense.

Eason pulled Richard up from the edge.

Being saved from a near-death experience, he stared straight at Maia with a blank face as if she was the most heartless woman he had ever seen.

“M...my belly is throbbing...” Maia slumped on the ground and stretched out a hand to Cedrick. “Save me...

Save me and my child!”

Catelyn thought she was pretending at first, but she then saw blood oozing down her legs and onto the floor.

Catelyn frowned. However, before she could say anything, Cedrick took her hand and pulled her into his arms, causing Catelyn to stumble onto his lap.

Worried about tearing his wound, Cedrick stretched out his arms from behind and embraced her domineeringly.

The wound did show signs of tearing because of his actions, but Cedrick stubbornly leaned close to Catelyn’s ear and bit her earlobe.

He whispered, “Did you forget that Maia sent someone to kidnap you? Let her suffer. Only when she is in pain will she learn her lesson.”

Of course, Catelyn could not forget Maia’s evil deeds... but seeing her in such a vulnerable state, she could not help thinking back then when she was eight months pregnant with twins, and there was an incident where she fell down the stairs.

In the aftermath, she ended up lying in a pool of her blood.

The pain was so excruciating, it could crush a person's will to live!

All of a sudden...

"What are you all doing?" rang a strong male voice from behind them.

Uncle Ford was helping Grandpa mason as he trotted over. He could not even breathe evenly, and his old face was flushed red due to the exertion.

Chapter 576-Grandpa Mason's face turned green when he saw Maia shrieking hysterically on the ground. He hastily instructed Uncle Ford, "Quick! Send Mai to a gynecologist!"

Then, he shot Cedrick a hostile glare.

"Your heartless freak! Mai is pregnant with your child, so how could you do this to her? Did Catelyn make you do this?!"

He had no idea that Cedrick had woken up.

If it was not because of the guard who informed him that Eason pushed Cedrick up to the balcony, he would still be oblivious about this!

Grandpa Mason was certain that it was Catelyn who did this.

Cedrick saw Grandpa Mason panting as though he would pass out due to lack of oxygen. He did not explain further but merely passed to Grandpa Mason the footage that Catelyn secretly recorded.

Grandpa Mason tapped on the video and took a hasty glance at it.

“This...”

“Someone tried to take my life, and I merely set a trap to catch them. The real culprit is your so-called ‘granddaughter-in-law’. Oh, right, I forgot to inform you that the child in her womb is a Kingsley. I’ve never laid a finger on her before.”

With bad news after bad news hitting him in succession, Grandpa Mason’s vision was dotted in black as he slowly fell backward. Fortunately, Uncle Ford caught onto him in time.

“Master? Master?! Please, steel yourself!”

Grandpa Mason looked at Maia who was on the floor and exasperatedly bewailed, “How dare you commit such things with an outsider? What a shame that I’ve always thought you were my granddaughter-in-law!”

“N—No, it’s not like that!”

Facing Grandpa Mason’s wrathful gaze, Maia knew that her only support had vanished.

She quickly explained, “The child is Cedrick’s, but he wanted to be together with Catelyn...so he framed me in the process. The person who poisoned Ced is Richard Kingsley!

“He wanted to hurt Cedrick badly...because of his awful infatuation with me!”

stammered Maia, her body frail at the moment.

Richard looked stiffer upon hearing Maia’s words.

Chapter 577-After a short while, Cedrick’s lips cracked into a smile as a chuckle escaped him.

“My child? Miss Maia Clark, I’m afraid your memory has regressed terribly. I remember telling you that I’ve had a vasectomy before.”

Cedrick did not want to entertain this disgusting woman, yet she insisted on lying!

At this moment, Catelyn, still on Cedrick’s lap and arms, looked at the man’s well-defined jawline as she felt his chest rising and falling as he breathed.

He had a vasectomy? That made sense why he was so sure that Maia’s unborn was not his.

Why did he not tell her there and then?

Eason tapped on his phone, retrieved a photo, then passed it to Draco Mason.

“Master, this is the archive of Master Cedrick’s vasectomy surgery from four years ago. IF Draco held the phone firmly in his palm and looked straight into the screen for a long while. His face went dark before he angrily swung the phone to the floor in front of Maia.

He could not believe that he had trusted this vicious woman!

The phone’s shattered pieces bounced up from the floor and brushed past Maia’s forehead, leaving a long streak of blood in its wake.

“How dare you assume this illegitimate child to be a Mason?!”

Maia was aghast by this as the color drained from her face. She stumbled and crawled toward Grandpa Mason as tears streamed down her face pathetically.

“No, I’m not lying! T . This child is Cedrick’s! Grandpa, please believe me...

“This is all part of Catelyn’s plan! She framed me!”

At this moment, Richard could no longer tolerate the insanity and cackled.

He closed his eyes, concealing his disappointment, and looked at Grandpa Mason.

“You’ve been fooled, old man!” he screamed hysterically. “Maia’s child is mine. She made me poison Cedrick, and kidnapping Catelyn was also her idea. This was all her from day one, and all I’ve been was a puppet at her disposal-a pawn!”

Chapter 578-She had been instructing him left and right, while he had been fulfilling every of her commands.

He was starting to question if Maia had ever loved him.

He then laughed. She did not even care about him. Why would she love him?

Grandpa Mason’s blood pressure went up a little too much, almost triggering his hypertension, and he was panting profusely.

He pointed his finger at Maia and Richard as his eyeballs rolled upward.

“You... You shameless couple”

Maia did not expect Richard to confess, and so she panicked.

“Richard, what bull crap are you talking about?”

“Bull crap? I had even recorded a video of you and I. Do you need me to show everyone now?” Richard snickered.

“You...” Maia looked terribly displeased. She had not expected to record that and cried, “Didn’t you promise that no matter what happened, you would not involve the baby and me?” “I have given you everything and would even give you my heart if I can, but you wanted my life. What other secrets can I keep for you?”

“Secrets? What can you keep? You wanted to kill Ced! Otherwise, show US some evidence to prove that I am the mastermind! If you can’t, then this is defamation!”

Maia decided that since Richard executed everything, she was not directly involved, so she must be innocent!

Catelyn watched as the two of them turned against one another and could not help but add, “Richard, is it really worth it to turn into who you are now because of this woman?” Richard’s gaze went cold.

“Shut up! If it was not because of Cedrick and you, how would Maia and I turn into this? You guys are the culprit!”

Cedrick muttered sarcastically, “That was why you wanted to murder me?”

“There are plenty of people out there wishing you dead! I am not afraid to tell you that I only kidnapped Catelyn to force you to hand over all your assets. The assassins after that had nothing to do with me. I can only conclude that you have too many enemies!”

Richard was no longer thinking straight and was already shouting hysterically.

Cedrick’s gaze was cold.

“Even if I have plenty of enemies out there, it is nothing for you to worry about.

Please only be worried about your own consequences.”

It would be difficult for him to get away with kidnapping, poisoning, and the videos as evidence.

“Call 911. You only deserve to reflect upon your life behind bars,” Catelyn said lightly to Eason, dictating the fate of the two of them.

Everything fell silent. Grandpa Mason did not even want to look at the two of them anymore and left angrily.

He even instructed Eason before he left, “Keep them on close watch. Don’t you ever let them escape. I will arrange for some men to go to Franche and send them back to the country! We cannot let them continue to walk free!”

Soon, the police knocked on their door, summoning Maia and Richard to the police station.

Maia was a little out of control. She was shouting hysterically that she was innocent!

Everyone watched her as though she was crazy. Richard was still expressionless and looked at Maia intensely.

It did not matter to him anymore whether he would end up with a jail sentence or other punishment.

Maia held onto her belly that was aching and demanded to go to the doctor. The police officer saw that she looked like she was having a miscarriage and had no choice but to send her to the hospital. Richard followed too.

Maia threw a tantrum while on their way there and slammed everything that she could reach in Richard’s face.

“Are you happy now? I am busted. The child in my belly is an illegitimate child! The old man no longer trusts me! Richard, why didn’t you just die earlier...”

Richard was usually obedient to her, but he could not take it anymore today and landed a slap across her face.

Chapter 579-“Had I not treated you well all these? You only wanted me dead!”

He had mustered all his strength and channeled it onto his palm, Maia’s face almost dislocated from receiving the slap.

Everything fell silent. Maia could feel her blood boiling in her vessels. She looked at Richard in disbelief. “You slapped me? How dare you slap me? I could kill your child right now! I... I...”

Before she could finish her sentence, she felt her head heavy. She did not manage to catch her last breath and passed out immediately.

The police officers saw this and immediately came forward to control the situation.

Richard pushed the police away and then held Maia in his arms affectionately, not allowing anyone to get near to them. He muttered, “Why did you never love me? I had always loved you...”

The police officers exchanged looks. They were not moved by the scene at all but only felt it spooky.

That night, Cedrick received a message.

Richard was caught and sent to prison. Maia was sent to the prison hospital.

She was lucky to survive after so many events, and her baby was also saved.

The Kingsley family sent someone to deal with the police, hoping to bail Richard out.

However, Grandpa Mason stood in the way and forcefully blocked their path.

The two could not get away with anything and could only wait for a few days until they were sent back to the country.

Once they were in the country, they could do nothing but admit their crimes even if they had superpowers.

After all, the evidence was indisputable.

Catelyn was relieved.

Compared to Richard, she hated Maia more.

She believed that it was, as Richard claimed, it was Maia behind everything.

She also remembered that she had attempted to frame Miles before and bullied Ollie and could not help but feel an extreme hatred towards her.

She thought that as soon as Maia was sentenced, she would purchase some fireworks to celebrate!

Grandpa Mason was too exasperated and somewhat blamed Cedrick for some of this. Therefore ever since the two of them were caught, he had not once visited Cedrick at all.

Cedrick, on the other hand, was enjoying his peace.

He could already imagine what Grandpa Mason would say to him.

It would probably be along the lines of he was too good for Catelyn and that Catelyn was probably a gold digger to be after their family wealth. He had heard this a thousand times before this.

Catelyn had not been so relieved in a long while too. She had a good sleep in the room next door.

She was woken up by Joanne's call.

She was not sure where Joanne had gotten the information, but she knew that Catelyn had been kidnapped, and her eyes were red from crying. "Booh00, you freaked me out. I thought you were never ever coming back..."

"Don't cry. I am fine." Catelyn comforted her.

Joanne did not believe her and requested her to hold her phone further to examine whether she was injured. Catelyn did not show Joanne her recent photos. Even though she was not as badly injured as Cedrick, she still had quite a fair bit of wounds. She only laughed and tried to divert the conversation to something else.

Joanne heard that she would be going back to the country soon, and her eyes lit up.

"Did you break the ice with Cedrick? Are you no longer scared to be caught by him?"

Catelyn did not mean to hide all these from her, but everything happened too fast, and she did not have a chance to tell her about it.

Catelyn was very close with Joanne. They would talk just about everything with each other.

She told Joanne everything from the beginning to the end.

Joanne sobbed as she listened. She tugged at the white tissue paper and wiped her tears. "This is too touching! Cedrick risked his own life just to save yours..."

Chapter 580-"I did not expect that either." She was not as shocked before, even with the previous incident of the billboard crash.

After all, if he were fast enough, they would still have a high chance of being injured.

This time around, he clearly knew that there was something wrong with the car but still insisted on driving it...

She understood clearly that hurting and being touched were two separate matters.

Just like contributions and mistakes, they could not be simply set off against each other. Nevertheless, she knew that when he 'resurrected', there was a tiny person in her screaming for her to believe him once again.

Therefore, she lost, she lost it to his crazy pursuit.

In the ward next door, Eason and Cedrick were discussing who was behind the kidnap.

When he and Charles received the message and rushed to the sharp turn, Cedrick had already fallen from the cliff, and Catelyn was unconscious in the bushes.

The other few assassins decided to finish Catelyn first.

At the crucial moment, Eason's hire shot two of the assassins and saved Catelyn.

Out of the two remaining ones was a kidnapper that Richard hired. He got stabbed in his belly, but his life was not in danger and only he knew about Richard.

The other one knew a little more information but was also quite scattered.

His deal was settled with Bitcoin by the hirer. He promised to take Cedrick's life as soon as he received the money. He had no clue who hired him.

"Master Cedrick, the statements by Richard and the killer jived with each other.

There is indeed someone behind it.”

Eason hung his head low. He felt guilty about not being able to protect Cedrick.

“They want my life, but they have to see if they are capable of taking it.” Cedrick was leaning against the patient’s bed. His eyes were cold.

Eason nodded, then asked, “How should we settle the killer and the kidnapper?”

Cedrick’s eyes were covered in bloodlust.

“Since they are now useless, finish them.”

He said it so indifferently as if he was discussing the weather with Eason.

Eason understood that he meant to kill them and only responded with a gentle nod.

That evening, Catelyn went to Cedrick’s room to have dinner with him.

Charles ordered a healthy meal for both of them.

Cedrick should have been lying in bed. However, he did not want to stay put and only wanted to be out and about, even if he was in a wheelchair.

When Catelyn arrived, he controlled his wheelchair to move to the balcony and stared quietly into the distance. He was wearing a small smile on his face. She was unsure what he was thinking about. The sun was shining on his body, and life was peaceful and quiet.

Catelyn had a naughty idea and strode quietly across. Then, she covered his eyes with her palms.

“Guess who I am?”

She deliberately lowered her register, so that she sounded a little masculine.

Cedrick lifted his hand and placed it on hers. “Your gardenia scent has given you away.”

“You are no fun.” Catelyn did not remove her palms but kept his eyes covered.

“Can’t you just play along and pretend that you did not know me?”