

# The Ruined Bride of Velvet Nights by Brick Moving Ant

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- Ethan, disgusted, released her and stepped back: "Get out. I don't want to see you right now?"
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- Emily wasn't ruined.
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- He first saw me years ago at a business gala.
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- I was eighteen, standing beside my father, radiating youthful innocence yet holding my own among the business elite.
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- At twenty-five, Ethan had been instantly captivated.
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- The next time he saw me, his princess had been dragged through the mud.
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- Originally, he had only been tasked with acquiring Wilson Group by his father, a move that would solidify his position as the new head of Ford Enterprises.
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- He thought that by buying Wilson Group, he could eventually hand it back to me, giving him a reason to stay close.
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- But somewhere along the way, things went horribly wrong.
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- He had gone abroad for a brief trip, and when he returned, my father's company had collapsed, and he had jumped to his death.
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- I had been assaulted, left with severe depression, and the perpetrators were still at large.
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- Emily wasn't ruined.
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- It was because of him that I bore this shame, this unbearable weight.
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- Ethan sat alone in the living room until late into the night.
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- He remembered coming home one evening to find me sitting in the dark, just like this.
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- A strange ache filled his chest.
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- Emily, what will it take for you to come back?
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- Is it because of Olivia?
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- That had been a mistake, a drunken night.
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- She had latched onto him, and he hadn't pushed her away.
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- But Ethan believed that a man of his status was entitled to a few flings.
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- As long as his heart and his marriage belonged to me, wasn't that enough?
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- Being the wife of Ethan Ford, the wealthiest man in New York, wasn't that honor enough?
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- His thoughts were a tangled mess, and he poured himself a drink to numb the pain.
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- But before he could sort through his emotions, a greater crisis struck.
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- Ethan's assistant alerted him to the news.
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- Headlines about Ford Enterprises were everywhere.
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- The scandals ranged from product quality issues to executive misconduct and even financial fraud.
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- If it had just been competitors spreading rumors, it would have been manageable, but the evidence was solid—documents, transaction records, and even video proof.
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- Any one of these scandals could have crippled Ford Enterprises. All three together were a death
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- blow.
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- Ethan, drunk and distracted, hadn't been paying attention to the news and hadn't acted quickly to control the damage.
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- By the time he sobered up, Ford's stock was already plummeting.
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- His plans to find me were put on hold as he scrambled to handle the company's crisis.
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- But before he could address the PR disaster, the company's cash flow began to dry up.
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- The negative press had spooked Ford's major creditors, who started tightening their loans.
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- Companies began buying up Ford's short-term debt.
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- Ethan, already in a foul mood, was overwhelmed by the relentless blows.
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- At a time when he needed his team the most, key members of his technical staff and several senior executives suddenly resigned.
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- He raged, then tried to placate them, but they left anyway.
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- With the executive scandals spreading, the remaining leadership at Ford Enterprises split into factions, turning on each other in the chaos.
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- Ethan was at his wit's end.
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- If this continued, Ford Enterprises would face a catastrophic collapse:
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- If the companies that bought the short-term debt demanded early repayment, Ford's financial strain
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- would worsen.
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- And if competitors seized the opportunity to attack, Ford's market share would be decimated...
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- As if on cue, the following days unfolded exactly as he feared.
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- Hudson Corporation, Ford's arch-rival, returned from overseas.
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- It poached Ford's employees, launched competing products, and slashed prices, draining the company's resources.
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- Ethan stared out the window, a sense of déjà vu washing over him.
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- He remembered how Ford had used similar tactics to take down Wilson Group.
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- If that was the case, it was clear someone was orchestrating this.
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- And the worst was yet to come—if Ford's trade secrets fell into the wrong hands, the company would be mired in endless legal battles.
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- The storm was brewing, and everyone at Ford was on edge.
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- Ford had always been a dominant force in New York.
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- Who could be behind this?
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- A name flashed in Ethan's mind: Emily.
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- Of course, who else could it be?
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- The daughter of a former business tycoon, with access to Ford's inner workings, and a motiv
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- revenge...
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- Ethan sighed, but instead of thinking about how to fight back, he found himself longing:
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- "Emily, where are you? Can you just let me explain?"
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