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Chapter **1601**

A big hand with an emerald **ring** gently rested on her slender shoulders, bringing a touch of comforting strength.

“The pre-wedding party is all set.” Erica smiled at him,

“Then why don’t I feel your happiness? Larkin sat across from her.

Larkin was tall, often worked out, and had a muscular build

He looked even better than he did in his photos, but he had a very cold demeanor

He came across as someone who was completely at peace with the world

There was a string of beads on his wrist

“Well, I’ll just say it Erica took a deep breath, “Jacob is on his way to Zurich”

Larkin nodded, is he coming to steal you away?”

“He can’t take me.” Erica said firmly, then hesitated slightly, “Larkin, Jacob and his people are ruthless, I’m a bit worried” “Don’t worry” Larkin shook his head, “He can’t do anything”

“Are you sure?” Erica was still a bit worried.

Larkin was very sure: “I’m sure”

Erica glanced at him and finally felt relieved.

Then she laughed at herself: “I’m overreacting, he may not even do anything.”

She always knew that in Jacob's heart, she might be something he couldn't let go of, but she wasn't that important

His family, pride, honor, and many other things were more important than her.

From her initial encounter with Jacob to now, she had been dreaming for sixteen years, but she had finally woken up.

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"No matter what he wants to do, it won't change the fact that we are legally married" Larkin said calmly, then glanced at her wedding dress album, "Haven't you chosen your wedding dress yet?"

"It's all your fault, all the wedding dresses you picked out, each one suits me, how am I supposed to choose?" Erica was quickly distracted, "My friend suggested I discuss with you, our

wedding lasts four days, so that I can change a different wedding dress each **day!**"

Larkin laughed, his shoulders shaking lightly, then actually nodded: "If you're not afraid of the hard work, then four days it is!"

"No way!" Erica immediately shook her head, "A wedding is a big deal, how can you treat it casually!"

People who disrespect weddings, what good can come of their marriage?

This was something her mother had said before she passed away

"Let's worry about this another day, now, let's go eat" Larkin stood up and reached out his hand to Erica.

Erica reached out and their hands **clasped** tightly.

In fact, Erica had met Larkin ten years ago

Larkin's family was in the herbal medicine business and had some business dealings with the Lawrence family

Back then, her father wasn't as dismissive of her as he is now

Back then, Larkin's sister was already running the family business, and her son was about the same age as Erica.

Long ago, Erica's father wanted to match her with Larkin's nephew.

One sweltering summer day ten years ago.

She was sent to the Carter family's estate under a pretext made up by her father

There she met Larkin.

To her surprise, the Larkin she met **was** dressed as a monk!

The next day when she saw Larkin again, it was at the pool.

She was drowning in the pool, Larkin saved her, she was about to lose her life, but Larkin performed CPR and artificial respiration to save her

When she regained consciousness, Larkin had already left.

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Erica bumped into Larkin again, a full decade and a bit after their last encounter.

Just the day before, Jacob's meddling mum had sought her out, making a brash proposal to buy her off, to make her leave Jacob alone. She was all like, "Over my dead body will I let my son be with an unsuitable girl like you. Marrying you? Not on my watch"

She threatened to kill herself right in front of Jacob if he insisted on marrying Erica

Not exactly Mother of the Year material, that one

If Erica had been the type to bend over backwards to please others, how would her old man have ditched her in the first place?

So she butted heads with Jacob's mum big time

When Jacob showed up, his mum started playing sick. And then, as predictable as a bad sitcom, no matter who was right or wrong, Jacob would always pin the blame on Erica

She was heartbroken packed her things and headed to H Country

The very next day, she **was** on a cruise ship and ran into Larkin again.

She was lost in thought, and bumped into someone on the deck

“Erica?” The person recognized her, looking stunned, and started hollering, Larkin, Larkin, get over here!”

Erica was totally confused.

Honestly, she had even crossed swords with Wayne, so the list of people she’d pissed off was probably very long

She figured this was just another casualty of her past catching up to her

She tried to run away, I’m not Erica, you’ve got the wrong person!”

But the guy didn’t let her. He grabbed her arm, “You totally are! No matter how much you’ve changed, I’d recognize you right away! Larkin Get over here” Erica was feeling pretty low, what with her recent heartbreak and now running into an old enemy

Could her luck get any worse?

While she was wallowing in self-pity, a tall figure appeared

Erica stared blankly at him, finding him vaguely familiar but couldn’t put her finger on where she knew him from

“Orval Carter,” he said, his voice soft yet commanding

The man clutching Erica’s arm promptly let go, then pointed at Erica, “**Erica.**

Larkin looked at

Erica, his handsome eyes calm and composed, “Ms. Lawrence, Jong time no see, how have you been?”

“Orval?” Erica turned to look at the man in the impeccable suit with a traditional haircut next to her, the gears in her memory finally clicking into place. “Orval? Were we almost engaged before?”

“You finally remember me, what an honor!” Orval mumbled, his tone a bit ironic,

“No, I mean, it was me who didn’t want to get engaged, but these things are supposed to be mutual, right? You’re not about to make a scene here, are you?” Erica asked in a hushed voice.

“Don’t be ridiculous! I was originally in talks to marry you, but then my family decided my uncle should marry you instead!!” Orval quickly corrected her.

“Your uncle, isn’t he a monk?” Erica blurted out, then a memory suddenly hit her. A face full of divine aura flashed in her mind, and she looked at Larkin sitting opposite her in shock.

The stern face in front of her slowly overlapped with the divine face in her memory

“Oh my God

Erica covered her mouth, her eyes filled with fear and confusion.

“You’ve left the monastery?” Erica finally managed to spit out the question after a long while

“Mm–hmm,” Larkin nodded

Erica awkwardly laughed.

It’s normal for a monk to leave the monastery

It’s definitely not because of that artificial respiration! That **was a** lifesaving measure!

Saving a life is commendable!

God wouldn’t blame him, he couldn’t have left the monastery over this, there are too many temptations in the world, it can’t just be because of an artificial

respiration!

“Right, well, I think I left something in my room, so I better go. See you around–
Bye now-

Chapter 1603

Erica gave a wave and then took off.

She’d booked a cruise that was due to go around the sea for about a month.

She’d managed to dodge for a couple of days, before inevitably bumping into Larkin Carter again.

At first, they just had small talks, but it turned out that Larkin was a real hoot. He wasn't much of a talker, but every word that came out of his mouth hit Erica right in the feels.

About half a month later, they were very close as friends. Unable to keep it to herself any longer, Erica finally voiced the question that had been gnawing at her since their reunion, "Larkin, when did you chuck in the towel on being a monk? And why?"

Larkin cast her a glance.

"It's been quite a while, probably ten years. Because I was swept off my feet by a woman." He said it with his usual coolness, as if him giving up monkhood for a woman had nothing to do with Erica.

"You, swept off your feet by a woman? She must be something else, huh?" Erica blurted out without thinking.

Larkin looked at her, in my eyes, she was indeed something else. Enough to make me give up everything, to even fight with my own family. But unfortunately, she was already taken, and in the end, I didn't win her over.

His tone was unmistakably barbed.

Erica was stunned.

"Larkin, I'm a bit slow on the uptake, so I'll just ask you straight up. You're not talking about me, right?" Erica pulled a face and gave an awkward laugh. Larkin nodded unflappably. "Yes, it's you."

"You got swept off your feet... by me? All because of the time you saved me?" Erica continued.

'Yes'

Erica was totally shocked.

So much for the innocent monk.

"This is all my fault. Erica slapped her forehead, if I hadn't been drowning back then, you wouldn't have given up being a monk?"

Larkin's gaze drifted away.

The sky was full of clouds, incredibly beautiful, with the sun almost completely set.

Erica thought that would be the end of this topic, since it was something from ten years ago.

Given Larkin's looks, demeanor, and family background, it was likely he'd already found someone.

At this thought, Erica felt a twinge of annoyance.

She should've asked Larkin earlier if he was married or **had** a partner, if he had,

There was really no need for all these chats over the past few **days**.

"Erica, it's been ten years. Have you fulfilled your dream?" Just as Erica thought they were done with this topic, Larkin suddenly dropped another question

Erica stiffened, "Do I look like I've fulfilled my dream?"

"Are you going to keep at it? Larkin continued

Erica hung her head.

She'd done her toenails long before coming aboard and they became uncomfortable in her shoes. She had to cut them haphazardly and they looked a

mess.

If it were in front of Jacob, she would've discreetly pulled her toes **back** so he wouldn't see

But she had no such thoughts now.

So what if they looked bad?

"I'm really tired." Erica admitted.

She'd already been through the wringer once with Jacob, struggling at the brink of life and death,

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Erica made up her mind.

She decided to swallow her pride and stubbornness, ending her decade-long entanglement with Jacob, hoping to achieve what she wanted. But things didn't turn out as expected.

She'd been gone for half a month and Jacob totally had ways to contact her.

She never deliberately stopped him from finding her

But he didn't take any action.....

Just like countless times before, he confidently waited for her to return as if nothing had happened.

“So, should we reconsider our marriage?”

Larkin’s words were like a depth charge, silent but powerful

“What?” Erica looked at Larkin in surprise

“You’re very smart and clear-headed, you know better than anyone that Mr. Jacob is not right for you,” Larkin stated bluntly

“So, if he’s not right for me, you think you are?” Erica was furious when she heard this, suddenly standing up. “And even if I give up on Jacob, why should I consider marrying you? Can’t I live without a man?”

With that, she grabbed a book from the table and stormed out.

The next day, she hid in her room all day

But Larkin had the servants bring her favorite foods for every meal.

This went on for two days

Then Orval Carter showed up.

“Miss Erica, your reputation is not good, you **know**?” Orval started off bluntly when he saw Erica. “But do you know what kind of person Larkin is? He started being a monk at the age of three and is now a very prestigious one! All these years, he never glanced at any woman arranged for him by his family, knowing you were taken, he never bothered you! You were with Jacob for ten years, and Larkin waited for you for ten years! Even I already got married and had kids...”

Orval’s voice got quieter and quieter

Erica didn’t say anything

He was all set for a big argument with Erica.

But she just stayed silent.

This made Orval somewhat scared.

“What are you doing?” Orval asked

“All those rumors about me were spread by someone who didn’t want me to be recognized by the Lawrence family. I never had anything to do with those men,” Erica said.

She felt wronged, “No one believes me, and anyone can use these rumors to slander me!”

Even Jacob believed the rumors.

“Larkin is a lofty person, I’m not good enough for him. Don’t worry, I’ll leave at the next port, we won’t meet again, are you satisfied?” Erica looked at the shocked Orval, then slammed the door shut.

Truth be told, this half month was one of the rare easy and comfortable times in Erica’s life.

Sometimes she really didn’t understand, obviously those men were interested in her, why was she the one who ended up being wrong in the end?

That day, Erica hung a “Do Not Disturb” sign on her door and refused Larkin’s help.

When dawn came, the cruise ship would be docking at the next port

Erica packed her bags, planning to end her trip early and put an end to her past with Jacob

Late at night.

The deck was empty

Looking at the starry sky and the bright moon, Erica, holding half a bottle of wine, left her room and walked to the deck alone.

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Just as she sat down, someone came over

Without even lifting her eyes, she caught a familiar scent

It was Larkin

“What are you doing here?” Erica didn’t look at him, lacking her previous warmth, she spoke coldly.

Larkin frowned, squatting down in front of her: “Orval said you’re leaving at the next port?”

“Mhm.” Erica responded, still detached and without any excess words

“Where are you going after you leave?” Larkin continued to ask

“Mr. Larkin, I don’t think this is any of your business.” Erica never looked at Larkin. “I want to be alone. Can you go somewhere else?”

“Are you going to look for Jacob? Larkin’s handsome eyebrows furrowed, and the hand resting on the armrest of the recliner tightened slightly. “So you think I can’t make it without a man, huh?” Erica finally looked at Larkin.

Larkin’s eyes were crystal clear

He was taken aback, then furrowed his eyebrows: “have you been mad these past few days because of this? You think I care about those rumors?”

“You don’t care?” Erica’s voice was laced with sarcasm. “If you don’t care, why did Orva I come to scold me? What’s this about you waiting for me for ten years? Did I know? Did I even know you existed? And he was saying my reputation is bad? Well, if your reputation is good, if you’re noble, wouldn’t it be better if I stayed away from you?”

Larkin’s face was pale, obviously angry: “Erica, can you please talk to me properly?”

“No” Erica didn’t think twice, she fired back instantly

Larkin took a few deep breaths, then looked at her seriously “Erica, proving who loves you and who will never leave you is not done by constantly pushing them away! I don’t need you to push me away, or leave and come back over and over

Erica was stunned as he hit a nerve.

She looked at Larkin, her eyes slowly reddening

Seeing this, Larkin furrowed his eyebrows again. He lifted his hand, placing it on Erica’s cheek: “I’m not noble at all.”

Erica was taken aback.

“I just saved you from the pool, and held your body, touched your lips... even in front of God, even in the face of scriptures, all my mind is filled with is a strong desire to possess you.”

Hearing such words from Larkin’s mouth, Erica was very shocked

“what are you talking about?”

Larkin immediately chuckled helplessly: “It’s not nonsense, every word is from my heart”

Erica pursed her lips: “My reputation is really bad, you..

"I don't care." Larkin shook his head. "Erica, why don't we put these aside and have a genuine relationship? **Maybe** you'll find that a healthy relationship can make your life much more comfortable"

Erica glanced at Larkin, then withdrew her gaze.

"But I don't want to date" Erica said decisively

So what's the most effective way to scare off a man who just wants to play around?

That is, of course..

"I want to get married." Erica blurted out.

Larkin was stunned: "Married?"

Seeing his reaction, Erica felt a pang of bitterness in her heart, as expected.

"Don't you want to get to know me better? What if I seem okay on the surface, but I'm actually a bad guy?" Larkin asked.

Erica was sure that Larkin just wanted to fool around with her

So she firmly said: "I've dated Jacob and it's too tiring, now I just want to get married!"

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"Well let's just roll with your idea then"

Erica was on the fence, unsure how Larkin would respond, but he made his answer clear.

"Larkin, I'm dead serious!" said Erica, knitting her brows

Larkin looked at her, "You won't find anyone who takes this more seriously than I do."

"I won't sneak off to get married!" Erica continued, "I want a perfect proposal, grand wedding..."

"Got it all covered" Larkin replied without hesitation, "Do **you** want to get married in Zurich?"

Erica was surprised that Larkin knew this,

She looked at Larkin in a daze, then nodded.

"I'll start making arrangements tomorrow" Larkin said, then seemed to remember something, "And for your family, I'll respect your wishes. If you want them to come, I'll invite the

m. If not, we'll just let them know. I'll sort out the wedding gift, plan the wedding the way you want, and all of my personal assets will be transferred under your name prior to the wedding..."

"Larkin, stop

Erica raised her hand.

"How did you come up with the whole plan already?"

Larkin stopped talking

He looked at her, his gaze steady, then he said sincerely and earnestly, "Because I've fantasized about it many times, prepared many times, double-checked many times, so you can rest assured, nothing will be left out."

Erica's heart suddenly ached

This didn't feel real, because no one had ever been so considerate towards her

"I don't deserve this." Erica choked up, expressing her inner thoughts.

"You do." Larkin hesitated for a moment, as if making up his mind, then covered her hand with his, and held it tightly, "You're the one I'd give up everything for. You're worth it."

And just like that, Erica unexpectedly ended up with the man she was almost going to marry ten years **ago**.

She didn't rush to register for marriage, instead, continued on the second half of the trip.

After the trip ended, she confidently registered her marriage with Larkin.

Larkin was truly special

Although they'd only been together for a month, Erica felt herself healing a little each **day**

The childhood trauma, the pain of losing her parents, the betrayal by relatives, and the unfulfilled love with Jacob for sixteen years.

Larkin was like spring rain, nourishing her parched life.

When Erica returned to land, she took another look at Jacob's social media, which could've been a way for him to reach out.

There was nothing, he never reached her. That was Jacob's choice.

In a flash, Erica let go.

She had to take a step forward, embrace her new life, with her new partner

Coming back to reality. Erica looked at Larkin again, her face full of smiles.

"I want BBQ"

Larkin nodded, "Then let's go for BBQ"

As they stepped out of the door, they bumped into Orval

"Hey, are you two off to eat something delicious without me?"

"Why should we bring you when we're going out?" Erica replied straightforwardly not hiding anything

"All day long. I'm running around for your wedding, printing invitations on one side, hunting venues on the other. **You** think I'm not tired?"

"Alright, **you** can come, but you're paying!" Erica agreed readily

Although Orval came from a wealthy family, he was very frugal.

Hearing this, he bolted faster than a rabbit, "I have something to do, I won't go. You guys enjoy your time! Bye bye!"

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Erica was laughing so hard she **was** almost in tears. This trick never fails, huh?"

Larkin chuckled softly next to her.

Erica's favorite barbecue place was a bit of a trek from where they lived. It took Larkin a solid two hour drive to get there

So, they took a leisurely stroll around the area, waiting until dinner time to indulge in a hearty meal at the restaurant.

"I heard there's a great hot spring nearby. Why don't we stay over and soak in the springs instead of going home tonight?" Erica suggested when she **was** almost full.

She was up to something **again**.

"Sure, whatever you say Larkin nodded.

Erica immediately took out her phone and booked the best hot spring villa nearby.

After dinner, they went straight to the hot spring villa

Despite being married for a couple of months, Larkin had always been respectful towards Erica, maintaining a proper distance.

They arrived at the hotel.

Upon checking in, there **was** just one room left.

Larkin's beautiful eyes immediately turned deep and enigmatic.

The villa came with a hot spring. Erica went straight to take a bath after entering the room

The sound of water was splashing in the bathroom.

Erica watched as droplets of water slid down the wall.

An image of Jacob flashed in her mind. But it was quickly replaced by the memory of Larkin, tearful and adoring, from that night on the deck.

Erica couldn't help but laugh.

he was mulling over some things in her mind.

After ten years, it was time to confront Larkin

Erica put on a bathrobe and left the bathroom.

Larkin was sitting by the hot spring, staring at the swirling steam above the water surface

"Larkin!" Erica called out loudly.

Larkin turned around.

"Come here!"

She beckoned Larkin over

Larkin immediately got up and walked towards her

"Larkin." Erica waited for him to get closer, then leaned in and whispered.

Larkin's back muscles instantly tensed up.

I want to know what you were thinking about me back then

Erica's voice was soft, like it could melt ice

Larkin's eyes became even deeper, "Is it because Jacob is coming, so,

"Definitely not, dummy, don't mention those unlucky people at this time? Erica pirched him on the waist and then their noses touched, "I want to return the CPR you gave me, what do you think?"

Larkin's breathing was already a mess

He looked at Erica, his eyes intoxicated and infatuated, completely losing his usual calm demeanor.

Erica lifted her head and kissed Larkin.

She felt Larkin shudder slightly

Then his strong arms tightly wrapped around her waist.

After a long flight, Jacob finally arrived in Zurich.

A car had been arranged in advance at the airport to take him directly to Erica's residence in Zurich.

But when he knocked on the door, the response he got **was**: "Mr. and Mrs. Carter have gone on vacation."

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"What the heck, Mrs. Carter? Who the hell is Mr. Carter?" Jacob was instantly pissed off when he heard that.

If it wasn't for the people around him holding him back, Jacob would have thrown a punch right then and there.

The house maids quickly shut the door and called the security team over. They tried to reach Mr. Carter and Mrs. Carter, but their phones were switched

off.

The house maids peered out the window, thinking that if this crazy dude tried to barge in again, they'd call the cops straight away

Jacob stared at the dark sky and checked the time, thinking that Erica must know he was coming and was intentionally hiding from him,

"Find Erica" Jacob said after a moment of silence, punching the steering wheel hard, turning to his friend.

Things here were different from back home.

After a long search, Jacob finally found out that Larkin had made a transaction at a hot spring hotel with his credit card.

He hurried over there

Jacob had been under extreme stress **and** hadn't slept for a long time. **Just** a few miles from his destination, he didn't notice a car ahead while turning. By the time he saw it, he had already swerved off the road and crashed into a tree.

The airbag popped out instantly

Rosalynn was checking the dress Ivy was going to wear for the big concert with Wayne when she got

"A car accident?" Rosalynn immediately stood up, her brow furrowed.

the news.

"Yes, Jacob is still unconscious in the hospital. His head was seriously injured in the previous accident. We don't know if he'll be okay! Can you contact Enca, Ms. Tesdal? Please ask her to go to the hospital!"

"Send me the address of the hospital Rosalynn said in a serious tone. I'll inform Erica. Whether she goes or not is up to her"

After hanging up the phone, Wayne came over and asked, "What happened?"

"Jacob had a car accident **as** soon as he got to Zurich. He's lying in the hospital now" Rosalynn was really feeling the heat. "Mrs. Strand has always been fed up with Erica. Now she **has** another reason to blame her"

Rosalynn tried calling Erica while talking, but no one answered.

All she could do was leave a message saying. Enca, Jacob had a car accident in Zurich. He's in the hospital now. I've sent you the address."

Erica didn't see the message until the next morning.

Larkin had been keeping her up, and Erica was exhausted.

If she wasn't thinking about preparing for the wedding, she wouldn't want to get up at all

When Erica turned on her phone, which had been off for a couple of days, messages flooded in

Erica was used to this kind of situation. She would disappear for a few days every year.

But this time, in addition to her business partners, there were a lot of random people sending messages

“Erica, we’ve known each other since we were teenagers, we grew up together. **You** can’t be so irresponsible. You’ve made Jacob wait for over a decade. He could have married a big shot in the shipping industry, but he didn’t for your sake. Now you’re quietly preparing to get married. Are you trying to make Jacob suffer for the rest of his life?”

“Please go to the hospital to see Jacob!”

“Miss Erica, out of basic decency, you should answer Jacob’s call, go to the hospital to see him and clearly explain your relationship with him!”

“Erica, you’re so heartless”

Larkin watched as the color drained from Erica’s face. He frowned and reached for her phone

“Don’t ”

Erica instinctively didn’t want Larkin to see these nasty messages.

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After thinking it over, Erica withdrew her hand.

Larkin’s face was cold as he quickly skimmed through a few messages.

“Do you need to go to the hospital?” Larkin asked.

Enca frowned, “Why would I need to go to the hospital?”

She subconsciously showed her guard to Larkin

However, her defense vanished in Larkin’s gentle gaze, I really don’t understand why Jacob’s friends always think I’m dragging him down. Do I really owe Jacob an apology?”

“Do you want to fight back? Larkin asked.

Erica looked at Larkin, startled for a moment, then laughed, “Would you fight back?”

With that, Enca picked up her phone, “Why should I waste my time on them? After the wedding, I can just delete them”

“Why not delete them now?”

“They’re always blaming me for getting married, right? So, let them see my beautiful wedding, then I’ll delete them”

A smile finally appeared on Larkin’s face. He hugged Erica, kissing her neck.

“Don’t bite me” Erica warned softly.

Larkin was quite defiant, lightly biting her neck,

Erica laughed silently

They started the new day with laughter

The next morning, Erica and Larkin checked out of the hotel, then walked hand in hand to the parking lot.

Larkin had just found the car and **was** about to open the door for Erica

“Erica”

Suddenly someone called her name.

It was Jacob’s voice. Erica recognized it immediately

She turned around to see Jacob with a bandage on his forehead. He looked very weak, his face covered in stubble, losing his usual charm.

Erica looked at him, then at Larkin.

She suddenly realized that her feelings for Jacob had changed. He had become a stranger to her.

Jacob’s car accident wasn’t serious. He had just hit his head and was overly tired, so he rested in the hospital for half a day.

When he woke up, he thought Erica would be by his side, but in the ward, there were only his friends who had rushed over.

He was very panicked at the time.

But he told himself, perhaps Erica didn’t know about his accident yet, maybe she was on her **way**.

Because she loved him so much, she wouldn’t just sit by and watch him get hurt.

He waited for a long time.

His parents came, relatives came, even Wayne made a video call to ask about his condition.

The whole world was worried about him, except for Erica.

“Did you know I had a car accident?” Jacob’s eyes were red. He tried to control his emotions, but when he saw Erica holding hands with another man, his mind seemed to stop processing

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“I know” Erica replied.

Jacob had been making excuses for Erica **all** along.

He thought Erica must not know about his car accident, which was why she didn’t come to see him.

He also considered that Erica might be with another man. It wouldn’t be the first time anyway....

But when he heard Erica say “I know”, all the reasons Jacob had found instantly crumbled

“I forgot to introduce” Erica smiled, then looked at Larkin, “Larkin, this is Jacob.”

Her smile faded slightly, looking at Jacob: “Jacob, this is Larkin, my husband.”

Jacob’s face turned pale instantly, his breathing became heavy, clearly very angry

“Erica, I’m giving you one chance, come here? Jacob said word by word, “We’ll go back to our country and get married, I won’t hold the past against you”

“I’m sorry, Mr. Strand” Larkin calmly said, “Erica and I have **already** completed our marriage registration, we are legally married, you’ve missed your chance to marry her, and there won’t be another one.”

Unable to hold back, Jacob cursed and marched towards Erica and Larkin,

“Jacob, what are you trying to do?” Erica immediately stepped in front of Larkin.

“You’re protecting him?” Jacob pointed at Larkin, “Erica, do you even know what you’re doing?”

“I know what

I’m doing now more than ever! Erica looked at Jacob, “When I left that day, I made it very clear to you, there’s no turning back.”

Jacob looked at Erica's determined expression.

He started to panic inside: "Erica, I know. I know my past behavior made you suffer a lot, I will change in the future, can you give me another chance?"

Larkin looked down at Erica

He also wanted to know what Erica's attitude towards Jacob was now.

Erica looked into Jacob's eyes.

"I've found my own future" Erica told Jacob, "I believe you will find yours too, we're just not compatible"

Even though in the past decade or so, Jacob had her around his fingers, this time she decided not to look back

"I'm not compatible, but he, who you only knew for a short while, is?" Jacob pointed at Larkin,

"Yes" Erica answered without hesitation.

Jacob felt like his heart had stopped beating at that moment.

"You should go home, don't let Mrs. Strand worry" Erica finished, patting Larkin's hand, "Let's go home."

The words "go home" hit Jacob like a punch in the heart.

In his mind, countless images of Erica at different ages looking at him and saying 'go home' flashed

Had she started a family with someone else now?

What about him?

No, that's not possible!

Erica could only belong to him!

"Erica, come back with me, let's sit down and talk it out! If there's any misunderstanding, we can clear it up all at once!" Jacob grabbed Erica's hand, intending to take her away without hesitation.

Before Erica could react, a pair of big hands grabbed Jacob's wrist, then Erica heard the sound of bones cracking

The hand Jacob used to grab her wrist lost its strength instantly

She looked at Larkin in shock.

Larkin, expressionless, yanked Jacob's hand, another jolt, and **Jacob's** arm, which had just been dislocated and lost its strength, was put back in place by

Larkin