

## Chapter 54 Eliam's Lie

Rhonda took out her phone and called Eliam, but his phone was switched off.

She immediately went to Wade Technology – the company Eliam claimed to work for.

However, the receptionist told her that no one named Eliam worked in their company.

Rhonda was perplexed.

She couldn't fathom why Eliam lied to her.

However, Rhonda didn't have time to think about it. She called Ingrid and asked for Diana's address.

Ingrid said she was nearby and could take her there.

The two took a taxi to the villa. Diana and Eliam had just woken up. When Rhonda and Ingrid arrived, the two were having breakfast.

"Eliam, come out! I need to ask you something!" Rhonda shouted.

Diana stood up and walked out of the dining room.

"Miss Horton, why are you screaming early in the morning?" Diana was wearing a silk pajama; her slim figure was partly hidden and partly visible under the thin material.

"I'm sorry to disturb you. I'll leave after I have a few words with Eliam."

"Why are you here?" Eliam looked disgruntled.

Rhonda couldn't control her anger when she saw Eliam's swollen mouth and the bruise on the left half of his face.

"Did you hurt my brother?"

"You only care about your brother. Didn't you ask him who started the fight?" Eliam touched the corner of his mouth and winced in pain.

He had fought with someone for the first time since he was a child. Considering Eliam's strength, Leonard couldn't lay a finger on him.

However, he didn't resist or fight back, while Leonard punched him mercilessly. Therefore, Eliam ended up getting injured.

He didn't want to show up in public like this, so he stayed at Diana's place last night.

"Even if he started the fight, you shouldn't have hurt him badly! Do you know he almost died?" Rhonda roared.

"Eliam, I can't live with you any longer. We better go through the divorce procedures today. My brother's medical fees will offset the money I owe you. Everything is settled now. We don't owe each other anything."

Eliam ran a hand through his hair and scoffed at her.

"What? Does your brother's medical fee cost five hundred thousand dollars? Rhonda, you're an expert in settling accounts."

"Eliam!" Seeing Eliam didn't feel sorry or regret his wrong deeds, Rhonda exploded with rage. "One of my brother's legs is broken. He will have to spend the rest of his life,



sitting in a wheelchair. Do you think it isn't worth five hundred thousand dollars? If you think it's unfair, we'll call the police and let them handle it."

With that, Rhonda stormed out of the villa. Ingrid was taken aback. She didn't expect the situation to get out of hand.

She didn't want Eliam to suffer any punishment. Therefore, she hurriedly held Rhonda's hand. "Rhonda, let's sit down and talk about it. Please don't call the police."

"She can call the police if she wants. I'll wait for them right here!" Eliam was equally furious.

"Eliam, I think she has come to blackmail you. She is an insatiable, greedy woman. All she cares about is money."

Rhonda didn't want to target Diana, but anger surged through her veins when she heard the latter's comment.

"You're right. I'm not as rich as you are, but unlike you, I know my limits. Eliam is married but hangs out and lives with his former lover. I will never be as shameless as you are. It's disgusting!"

"Rhonda!" Eliam was so angry that he raised his hand to strike.

Rhonda gritted her teeth. She was seething with rage.

"Are you going to hit me? Go ahead! Beat me to death if you can. Otherwise, I won't let you go!"

Eliam's hand trembled. Ultimately, he dropped it and didn't hit her.

"Rhonda, don't push my buttons!"

"I'm pushing your buttons? Eliam, you've shown me how shameless a person can be!" With that, Rhonda stormed

out of the villa, and Ingrid followed her.

"Eliam, Rhonda is too rude. She doesn't deserve you. Why don't you just let her go and divorce her?"

"Why are you so keen about me divorcing her?" Eliam turned around and looked at Diana coldly.

The intensity of his gaze frightened her.

"No, I'm not waiting for you to divorce her. Didn't you say you and Rhonda are not even friends? Since you don't love each other, it would be better if you got separated soon."

"It's my problem. I'll handle it. We don't have to meet unless it's something important in the future. After all, I'm married now. I don't want others to misunderstand me," Eliam said sternly.

"Eliam, have you fallen in love with Rhonda?" Diana didn't get an answer because Eliam had already walked out of the villa.

"Eliam, come back!" Diana followed him into the yard, only to see his car speeding away.

She angrily stomped her foot.

Rhonda called the police as soon as she arrived at the hospital.

Meantime, Leonard had regained consciousness.

The police came to the hospital and recorded his statement.

As far as Leonard remembered, he had fought with Eliam last night, and three people had beaten him up on his way back home.



Unfortunately, the street lamp was broken. Leonard couldn't see the faces of the men and therefore, couldn't offer any possible clues or leads.

After the police left, Eliam came to see Leonard.

He was shocked to see Leonard was severely injured.

Meantime, Rhonda was sobbing uncontrollably in the corridor.

Eliam wanted to console her. As soon as he reached out his hand, Rhonda slapped it away.

"You can leave now. I don't want to see your face."

Even though Eliam hadn't caused Leonard's current situation, he was the reason for all the problems. Rhonda even wondered if Eliam had instigated those men to assault Leonard.

Rhonda didn't trust him one bit.

"Look, it has nothing to do with me. I swear." Eliam didn't expect such a thing to happen.

"It doesn't matter whether you did it or not. I don't want to talk to a liar!"

"What do you mean? What did I lie to you about?" Eliam frowned in confusion.

"What did you lie to me?" Rhonda turned and glared at Eliam. "You said you were working for Wade Technology. I went there looking for you this morning, but the receptionist said there was no such employee. That's when I realized I know nothing about you."

Eliam felt guilty.

"I'm sorry. I lied to you. A few days ago, the company laid off the staff, and I was one of the people who got fired. But I didn't dare to tell you about it because I feared you would worry about me. So..."

For a moment, he thought of confessing the truth to Rhonda but decided against it. He was afraid it would only cause more misunderstandings between them. Therefore, EIAM felt it was better to lie.

"You lost your job?" Rhonda took out EIAM's wage card and asked, "What about the extra thirty thousand dollars in it?"

"I borrowed it from my friend."

"Which friend?"

"Diana."

"You borrowed money from Diana?"

EIAM nodded guiltily.

Rhonda gritted her teeth and immediately gave the card to EIAM. "Give the money back to her. I don't want her money."

"Okay, I'll return it to her right away." EIAM nodded earnestly. "Can you please stop being mad at me?"

"I don't have the time or energy to be mad at you. You can leave now." Although Rhonda knew EIAM wasn't the reason for Leonard's injury, she was still disappointed with him. She felt talking to him was a waste of time.

EIAM returned to the company and called David. He gave him 24 hours to find out who had assaulted Leonard last night.