

Snatched 1021

Chapter 1021 Fell Into the Lake

"Hayden, what's wrong with you?" Maura noticed Hayden was absent-minded, especially since he had accidentally stepped on her foot several times just now.

"It's nothing. I'm just a little tired,"

Hayden replied. However, he continued to look around for Freya.

But Freya was nowhere to be seen...

Could it be that she was now lying under Efren?

Some images flashed in Hayden's mind, making him feel like something had stung his heart.

"Let's rest in the drinks area if you're tired," Maura said.

She tried her best to suppress her displeasure and maintain her image of a kind and understanding fiancée.

"Okay."

Just as they were heading towards the drinks area, Georgia rushed over and grabbed Hayden's collar.

"Where did you take Efren?"

"Mrs. Serrano, what's going on?"

Even though Hayden knew that Freya must have taken Efren away, he could only pretend to be clueless.

"Yeah, Mrs. Serrano. Why do you come to Hayden when your husband is missing? It will become a laughingstock if others know," Maura chimed in.

This only made Georgia angrier.

Seeing a waiter passing by with drinks, she immediately grabbed a glass and splashed it onto Hayden's face.

Hayden was now drenched in alcohol. His hair, face, and white suit were covered in large stains. He looked both embarrassed and furious.

Georgia continued, "Don't think I don't know you plan to do business with Efren by using underhanded tactics. If you think you can succeed with such means, be prepared for retaliation from the Hansen family."

Georgia looked innocent, but she was more observant than anyone else.

Georgia had noticed that the other day when Efren went for a meeting, he returned with a faint scent of

women's perfume.

The scent wasn't strong, as if he had merely been touched.

So Georgia didn't think much of it.

However, her suspicions grew when she detected the same fragrance on Freya, especially considering

Efren's strong opposition to her getting close to Freya. Putting the pieces together, she roughly

connected the dots.

And tonight, Freya dressed so provocatively.

Georgia started to piece together Hayden's plan, so she made that seemingly unreasonable demand to

Hayden to ask him cut off all ties with the Gollust family earlier at the lake.

But she never expected that though she nipped in the bud, Efren still disappeared with Freya...

Now, the urge to tear Hayden apart almost consumed Georgia.

Hayden was stunned after hearing what Georgia said. He had never imagined someone as seemingly

innocent and naive as Georgia would uncover his plans.

But then he realized that even though Georgia looked innocent, she had grown up in the Hansen

family.

So she must have been exposed to the tricks commonly used in these elite circles.

Despite knowing he couldn't hide the truth from Georgia, Hayden couldn't show it.

If the affair between Freya and Efren were to be exposed, he could still shift the blame onto Efren for not controlling his promiscuous nature.

This way, he and the Gollust family could both escape unscathed.

"Mrs. Serrano, you're being unreasonable. It's far-fetched to blame me for anything just because I'm cooperating with Mr. Serrano."

Maura tried to defend Hayden, but Georgia slapped her away before she could speak.

"Get lost! You're not worth anything even being with someone untrustworthy. Don't blame me for being impolite if you try to stir up trouble again."

Maura never expected Georgia to be so indiscriminate in her attacks. After receiving such a solid slap, she was furious.

She didn't anticipate that right after slapping her, Georgia grabbed Hayden by the hair and slapped him too.

Hayden had never been hit by a woman like this before and felt deeply humiliated. Just as he was about to strike back, screams suddenly echoed from the corner of the party hall near the lake.

"Mr. Serrano fell into the lake!"

Chapter 1022 Artificial Respiration?

As soon as hearing the scream, almost everyone rushed to the lake.

Georgia finally let go of Hayden and hurriedly ran towards the lake.

Hayden also forgot the tangle with Georgia and followed suit.

Besides worrying about Efren's safety as a business partner, Hayden was even more concerned about

Freya.

Freya should be with Efren right now. If Efren had fallen into the lake, Freya might have also fallen.

Moreover, Freya couldn't swim. If she fell into the lake, she might...

Hayden panicked, feeling fear like never before in his life.

He ran as fast as he could, even faster than Georgia.

When Hayden reached the lake, he looked around but couldn't spot Freya. Without hesitation, he took

off his suit jacket and jumped into the water.

Georgia lagged just two steps behind Hayden. She also quickly kicked off her high heels and plunged into the lake.

The manager in charge of the masquerade party was overwhelmed seeing these two people jump into the lake one after the other. Considering that Efren was also in the water, he felt tremendous pressure.

If anything happened to these three prominent figures tonight, it could only spell disaster for him and his family.

Meanwhile, Maura noticed Hayden's concern for Freya when he jumped into the lake.

"Damn it! Did he really have to go so far as to rescue Freya in front of all these people? People will discover their affair," Freya thought.

Maura loathed both Hayden and Freya deeply. She gritted her teeth and could almost taste the blood...

The other guests gathered around the lake. Some already called for emergency assistance.

Suddenly, there was movement on the lake.

A man was swimming over and pulling another person with him.

As the figure got closer, people realized it was Efren.

"Mr. Serrano!"

"Does anyone here know how to swim? Hurry and help Mr. Serrano."

Responding to the manager's urging, some people promptly jumped into the lake and took over the woman from Efren's hands.

Only when these people and Efren made it back to the shore did everyone realize that the person Efren had pulled from the water was Freya.

Hayden, who had gone to rescue them, returned at this moment.

When he saw Freya was still unconscious, he immediately joined the rescue efforts, performing artificial respiration for her.

Seeing this scene, Maura clenched her hands and pinched her palms to bleed.

The manager quickly found a towel and handed it to Efren, saying, "Mr. Serrano, thank goodness you're okay. Otherwise, I wouldn't know how to explain this to Mrs. Serrano."

He had witnessed the ferocity of Georgia beating Hayden earlier, so he knew better than to mess with her.

If anything happened to Efren, the few remaining hairs on his head would surely be ripped out.

When the manager finished his words, Efren looked around and asked, "Where's Georgia?"

"Mrs. Serrano jumped into the lake to find you as soon as she heard you fell in," the manager said, suddenly realizing something was wrong.

Georgia hadn't resurfaced yet. Could it be...

Efren didn't care about anything else and immediately jumped into the lake again for the second time.

Realizing the severity of the situation, the manager hurriedly arranged for everyone in the hotel who could swim to help.

Fortunately, Efren returned with Georgia not long after jumping back into the water.

However, Georgia had inhaled water. When she was brought back, she leaned against Efren's embrace weakly.

"Efren, I'm glad you are alright."

Georgia was still trembling but kept gently caressing Efren's cheek. She refused to close her eyes or take a break, afraid that Efren might disappear again if she looked away.

Chapter 1023 Marry You!

"Silly girl, I'm fine. Close your eyes, and I'll take you back now."

Efren quickly took the towel handed by the manager and wrapped Georgia with it.

The feeling of regaining was wonderful.

Efren had been so scared of losing Georgia just now!

"I won't close my eyes. I'm afraid I'll never see you again," Georgia said, tears streaming down her face.

When Georgia heard that Efren had fallen into the lake, she felt like her world was collapsing.

She had always believed that Efren couldn't swim.

So when she couldn't find him in the water earlier, she had mentally prepared herself to die with him if the worst happened.

But thankfully...

They were both still alive.

This was just wonderful.

As Georgia pondered the situation, she suddenly remembered something.

"Efren, you couldn't swim before. So who pulled me ashore just now?"

Her question caused Efren, who was busy tending to her, to stiffen momentarily.

"When you almost drowned years ago, I saved you and performed artificial respiration for you."

Georgia stared at Efren. His handsome profile with deep and enchanting features was still dripping with water. The more Georgia thought about it, the more strange she felt.

"How could Efren's swimming skills have improved so much in just a few years? Did he spend all this time not working but focusing on swimming?" she thought.

"You better tell me the truth!"

Georgia's suspicion grew, feeling like she might have been deceived.

However, Efren quickly lifted her, holding her horizontally in his arms. "Let's go home first. And I'll explain everything to you," he said.

"Let me go! I want an explanation right now!" Georgia protested.

Despite Georgia's protests, Efren was worried about her catching a cold from staying out in the cold, so he carried her toward their villa.

Meanwhile, the atmosphere on Hayden and Freya's side was much more somber.

Hayden repeatedly performed chest compressions and artificial respiration for Freya.

However, Freya still lay motionless on the ground.

"Freya! Please wake up!"

Hayden regretted it!

If he knew something like this to happen to her, he would not let Freya be with Efen today.

He never thought Freya would die and couldn't bear the thought of a world without her.

"Can you hear me, Freya? Wake up right now!"

"Don't you want to marry me? If you wake up, I'll marry you!"

Maybe because Hayden mentioned the marriage Freya had desired, Freya coughed up some water

suddenly, and her consciousness started to return.

Seeing signs of life in Freya, Hayden held her tightly excitedly, disregarding the onlookers and Maura's

presence.

"Freya, you're alive! Thank goodness... Please don't leave me alone!"

Hayden's eyes were red, and drips dropped from his face.

His hair and clothes were soaked from the water, so nobody could tell if the moisture on his face was

tears or water from the rescue.

Freya was still in a trance and passively accepted Hayden's embrace, not understanding why he

suddenly held her so tightly.

Feeling uncomfortable in Hayden's tight embrace, Freya coughed up more water.

But Hayden, who used to be finicky about such things, didn't mind that she was spitting water on him.

He gently patted her back instead.

"I'll take you to the hospital right away."

Just then, an ambulance arrived. Hayden quickly carried Freya and placed her inside.

Chapter 1024 Fearless Devotion

After the ambulance took the people who fell into the lake away, the onlookers dispersed.

Some were busy continuing to dance at the masquerade, some were occupied arranging on-site

security maintenance, and others were turned off by the incident by the lake, so they simply left the

manor.

Only Maura stood by the lake and stared at the now calm lake.

In her mind, Freya had been pretending all along, trying to make Hayden worry about her and make

him commit to marriage.

When he mentioned marriage, Freya miraculously woke up.

Maura wouldn't show mercy since this despicable woman dared to meddle with her marriage.

In the chilly night breeze, Maura's malicious expression reflected in the shimmering water...

Even though Efren had wrapped Georgia tightly to protect her from the cold, she still couldn't stop sneezing once they returned to the villa.

Moreover, she had inhaled water earlier, so Efren felt more worried.

He quickly changed Georgia into dry clothes and took her to the nearest hospital.

The doctor diagnosed Georgia with a fever caused by catching a cold and inhaling water, so he recommended she stay at the hospital for observation.

Efren didn't want to risk Georgia's health and promptly completed the admission procedures.

When he returned to her ward after everything was settled, he found Georgia patiently waiting for him.

"Take some rest. You still have a fever!"

Efren approached Georgia and gently touched her forehead. Feeling she was still burning, he looked visibly worried.

But Georgia pulled down his hand and comforted him softly, "I'll be fine once the intravenous injection is done."

"I regret bringing you here," Efren said in a hoarse voice.

If he hadn't brought Georgia to the party, she wouldn't have suffered this.

"If I didn't come, you might have run away with someone else."

While saying that, Georgia pushed Efren's hand away and turned her back to him.

Efren quickly held her and said, "Don't move around, or you'll end up with another unnecessary injection."

He remembered how sensitive and afraid of pain Georgia was.

"What's wrong with getting another injection? It's nothing compared to the pain of knowing you ran away with someone else at the party," Georgia retorted, growing more upset.

She got angry with Efren and tried to twist his arm in annoyance.

Efren playfully dodged to cheer her up and said, "I didn't run away. Miss McBride didn't mean that..."

She said Hayden was pressuring her, but she didn't want to ruin our relationship."

Georgia said with a stern face, "Then how did you both end up in the lake together? Efren, are you just trying to deceive me like fooling a little girl again?"

"How can I deceive you like fooling a little girl? Would a little girl give birth to my child? Would a little girl

fearlessly jump into the lake to save me when I was in danger?"

Efren lowered himself to half-squat on the bedside, gazing directly into Georgia's eyes.

As Efren heard the description of how Georgia had immediately jumped into the water without

hesitation upon hearing the manager's words about him falling into the lake, he felt his heart fill with warmth.

However, he was overwhelmed with fear.

He had also gone into the water to save Freya and knew how complex and dangerous the lake's

bottom was. There were many sharp rocks underwater that could easily cause injury.

He wouldn't know what to do if Georgia had been hurt while trying to save him.

So, Efren held Georgia's hand again. His deep gaze showed his sincere affection and love for Georgia.

"Georgia, even if I really encounter danger in the future, don't risk everything to save me. You must

believe I will crawl back to your side even with just a breath left..."

Chapter 1025 Efren Swam

"But what if something happens to you? I don't want to be a widow..."

Georgia understood Efren's fear of losing her, as she had felt the same when he fell into the water

earlier.

Speaking of this, Georgia couldn't help feeling low. "And you couldn't even swim before. I saved you

when you fell into the water at the beach. How could I have known that you learned to swim on the spot

just to save Freya?"

The more Georgia talked, the more aggrieved she felt. And tears suddenly welled up in her eyes

without warning.

Efren and Freya disappeared together. And he even learned how to swim to save Freya.

Seeing Georgia cry, Efren quickly reached out to wipe away her tears and earnestly asked her,

"Have you ever thought I was just trying to tease you when I fell into the water? I never expected you to

steal my first kiss."

What Efren said made Georgia stunned for a moment.

"You were teasing me?"

Georgia remembered back to the time when she followed her uncle Byron and Efren to the beach.

Byron and the others went swimming in the deep sea, but Efren stayed on the shore with her, building sandcastles.

Every time she built a sandcastle high, Efren would mischievously knock it down.

Georgia angrily asked Efren, "Why don't you go swimming with Byron? Why do you have to destroy my sandcastles here?"

However, Efren longingly looked at the deep water area and said, "If I knew how to swim, I would have gone there already."

At that moment, Georgia felt like she had touched on a sore spot with Efren and took the initiative to bring him to the shallow water area to play.

They had a great time playing in the sea together.

It was the first time Georgia felt so close to Efren.

And she vividly remembered his handsome face glowing more brightly than the sun above them.

Perhaps from that day, her feelings for Efren began to take root.

However, a large wave suddenly hit them at that time.

And Efren disappeared from her sight.

Georgia went crazy, plunging into the sea and searching frantically for him.

Fortunately, fate was on her side. Just when Georgia was on the verge of despair, she found Efren and brought him back to the shore.

But no matter how she called him, he didn't wake up.

Georgia could only disregard gender distinctions and apply the first aid knowledge she learned in swimming lessons to save Efren.

This included performing chest compressions and even administering artificial respiration...

After performing the artificial respiration, Efren regained consciousness.

Georgia could still remember the moment she was overjoyed when Efren opened his eyes. She threw herself into his embrace and held his waist tightly.

That was the first time Georgia experienced the feeling of losing and regaining someone. She still recalled how fast her heartbeat was and how tightly she held Efren.

That moment was the starting point of her teenage infatuation.

Even though she thought she had no hope of being with Efren later on, she still couldn't bear to forget this memory.

But now Efren told her that he was just teasing her...

Georgia feels a bit confused.

Her mind was filled with the conversation she heard by the lake just now.

"Mr. Serrano is a great swimmer."

"Mr. Serrano has excellent physical strength. He rescued one person and jumped into the water again to save his wife."

Georgia felt her ears buzzing with those words, and it took her a moment to find her voice again. "So, you've always known how to swim?"

Chapter 1026 Efren's Worry

Efren didn't give a direct answer, but in those deep eyes that only reflected Georgia's figure, there was a hint of a shallow smile.

In that instant, Georgia finally understood completely. It turned out that she was a fool!

Efren was just pretending to be drowning in front of her.

If she wasn't there, Efren might swim back to the shore on his own.

Georgia was so angry that her tears started flowing uncontrollably.

"Efren, you bastard. How could you joke about something like that?"

Seeing Georgia crying, Efren realized the severity of the situation.

"Why are you crying? I shouldn't have told you in the first place."

Efren took tissues to wipe away tears for Georgia.

However, it seemed like her tears couldn't be stopped.

"That was my most beautiful and proudest memory! But it turned out that you were pretending. How could I not cry?"

Georgia had always cherished those memories. When she believed that Efren had no interest in her and felt as lifeless as a walking corpse, she consoled herself in her heart, reminding herself that she had saved Efren's life. And without her, Efren would be long gone in this world.

Even after they married and the servants gossiped behind her, saying she wasn't worthy of Efren,

Georgia relied on this memory. She was Efren's savior, and he had chosen her to repay.

But now, all the memories that built her confidence turned out to be false.

How could Georgia not feel distressed?

"You liar. Why did you have to deceive me?"

Seeing Georgia losing control of her emotions, Efren quickly embraced her tightly.

"I'm so sorry! But Georgia, I liked you back then. Teasing the girl a boy liked was just something all guys did at that age."

He coaxed Georgia in a low voice, displaying more patience than he did with their child.

"I could have gone swimming with Byron and others in the deep sea that day, but you were alone on the beach building sandcastles. I just wanted to be with you and play with you.

"I didn't like the sand, the sandcastles, or sitting under the sun like a fool. But because of you, everything there became extraordinarily beautiful."

As Efren confessed, Georgia's struggle began to diminish.

He gently held her close and whispered, "Teasing you that day was just a spontaneous idea, and I didn't anticipate you'd be so scared. But when you forcefully took my first kiss, it strengthened my

determination to be with you."

After hearing him out, Georgia finally felt her emotional knot untie.

However, her voice still sounded somewhat muffled. "If you liked me so much, why didn't you confess to me when I actively sought you out during our university days?"

She also liked Efren at that time. They wouldn't have wasted so much time if Efren admitted that he liked her.

Efren held her waist and explained, "You were still young at that time, and I was worried that you would just toy with my feelings..."

"Aren't you afraid I might toy with your feelings now?" Georgia asked.

Efren leaned in and kissed Georgia. After a long moment, he softly said, "I am afraid. So please don't scare me."

He knew that showing some vulnerability could make Georgia cherish him more and strengthen their bond as a couple.

As if to prove his point, Georgia initiated a warm hug and gently patted his back.

Chapter 1027 Outrageously Wrong

"Don't worry, our baby and I will always be by your side," Georgia comforted Efren with a serious tone.

Efren couldn't help but kiss Georgia again.

However, considering that Georgia was still running a fever, he refrained from doing anything more and spent the entire night affectionately holding her hand.

Meanwhile, in the next ward.

Freya was still running a high fever, and her lungs were infected.

Hayden was staying by her bedside, hoping for her to wake up.

However, his phone kept ringing.

Part of the missing calls were from Maura, presumably wanting to confront him about leaving her alone by the lake. The other part was from the Gollust family.

Hayden speculated that Maura had already told the Gollust family about what happened and wanted him to give her an explanation.

Hayden was well aware that if this situation was mishandled, it could have very negative consequences.

Even the portion of his inheritance that should rightfully be his might be taken away by other members

of the Gollust family.

However, at this moment, Hayden couldn't worry about all of that. He even felt that if Freya didn't survive this, it would be meaningless no matter how much inheritance he could get.

He held Freya's hand and whispered hoarsely, "Freya, please wake up."

Hayden pressed his forehead against the back of Freya's hand.

Tears rolled down his face uncontrollably...

If it weren't for Freya's accident this time, Hayden wouldn't have realized how afraid he was of living in a world without her.

Freya finally woke up around three in the morning.

Upon waking up, she stared blankly at Hayden's face.

Hayden was overjoyed and said, "You finally woke up..."

He rushed over and embraced her, just like finding a long-lost beloved toy, making Freya feel at a loss.

After a while, Freya recalled what happened tonight. She pushed Hayden away and asked with a

hoarse voice, "Where is Mr. Serrano? Is he okay?"

Hayden felt his heart pricked by something when he heard Freya asking about Efren before even inquiring about him or herself.

However, he still explained the situation to Freya and said, "You can't do such scary things anymore. I can lose this business, but I can't see you risk your life."

Freya chuckled, "Hayden, don't make it so serious. As long as Mr. Serrano is fine, your cooperation will go smoothly, and I will have completed my task."

She even wanted to push Hayden away and be alone in silence.

Freya now cherished life more than ever after experiencing the fear of death in the water.

She even felt her previous willingness to risk her life to help Hayden negotiate with Efren was ridiculous.

Now that fate had given her a second chance at life, Freya just wanted to distance herself from people who could make her inner turmoil.

"Freya, I know you must think I'm only saying this because you helped me achieve my goal. But it's not true. I realized tonight that I was so wrong," Hayden spoke with a hoarse voice, telling Freya his fear of not finding her by the lake.

However, after having been deceived by similar means by him too many times, Freya was unmoved by his regrets. She even felt a little sleepy.

"Please leave me alone if you're done. I want to get some sleep..."

Chapter 1028 Hayden's Confession

Hayden was stunned when he saw Freya's distant and indifferent expression.

She looked exactly the same as before and didn't even push away his embrace, but her coldness made Hayden feel as if she was distancing from him.

Hayden knew that it was all his fault. It was his repeatedly disappointing Freya that led to the current situation.

Hayden didn't want to burden Freya with his negative emotions now, especially when she was still recovering from her illness.

So he got up and left the ward.

However, just before Hayden stepped out of the door, he couldn't help but remind Freya, "I'll be outside. Just call me if you need anything."

However, Freya still felt that Hayden just wanted to maintain their relationship by saying that.

She thought he would quickly summon his assistant to take care of her while he enjoyed himself outside.

Throughout their years together, Hayden always handled it this way when Freya was sick.

Freya felt he was using the same old tricks, so she could only force a smile and say, "Okay. You can go now."

Seeing Freya turn her back to him after finishing her words, Hayden left with a sense of desolation.

Throughout the whole night, Hayden stayed in the corridor smoking.

The pictures of him using ruthless means to force Freya to compromise with him to get more wealth from the Gollust family came rushing into his mind.

Freya's turning away in loneliness played clearly in his mind at this moment.

Hayden was tormented by those images over and over again.

A sound came from Freya's ward as it was dawn.

Hayden quickly pushed open the door and saw Freya leaning against the wall, heading towards the bathroom.

Freya looked surprised to see Hayden.

She was surprised that he had stayed for the whole night and by his appearance at the moment.

After a night's time, Hayden's face was covered in stubble, and his eyes blacked, making him look much more aged than before.

Freya had never seen Hayden like this, so she just stared at him and forgot to speak.

Hayden came to Freya first and asked, "Are you going to the bathroom?"

"Yeah." Freya nodded. She had been running a high fever all night, and walking made her feel weak and dizzy.

Hayden immediately reached out to support her, but Freya refused, saying, "No need. I can lean on the wall and make it there myself."

However, Hayden directly hugged her horizontally.

"Hayden!" Freya exclaimed.

Despite Freya's protest, Hayden carried her into the bathroom.

Freya felt a bit awkward.

After all these years of being together, it was the first time she had experienced Hayden carrying her to

the bathroom.

Hayden noticed Freya's surprise and discomfort. He smiled and said, "I meant what I said. I truly understand now, Freya. You are more important to me than my career and wealth. And I can't afford to lose you."

Hayden confessed his feelings to Freya with such sincerity the first time, leaving her unsure of how to react.

Seeing her bewildered expression, Hayden couldn't help but pinch her cheek helplessly. "Do you need me to help you take off your pants?" he asked.

Freya's pale face blushed. "No. Just go out."

She pushed Hayden out of the bathroom. After relieving herself, she found that Hayden was still waiting outside.

"Okay. I'll carry you to the bed now."

Freya wanted to refuse, but Hayden had already scooped her in his arms before she could say anything.

Chapter 1029 Half a Year

In the following days, Hayden stayed by Freya's side in the hospital without leaving even for a moment.

Freya looked at him several times with complicated expressions.

After all these years of loving Hayden, she couldn't completely ignore him.

Especially Hayden took care of her personally during these days. He even washed her underwear.

How could she not be moved?

So, one evening, she had a candid conversation with Hayden. "You don't have to do all this. I am hurt this time and don't want to be your secret lover anymore."

She continued, "I was a fool in the past. Even when I went from being your official girlfriend to a hidden lover, I still hoped that being with you was enough.

"But after this incident in the water, I've really thought it through. My life doesn't revolve solely around you. I have my parents and loved ones. If I stubbornly continue to make a mess of myself for you, I won't have the face to go back and face them."

Freya took a deep breath and looked at Hayden earnestly.

"Hayden, if you can't marry me or openly be with me, you should let me go."

After listening to her words, Hayden fell silent for a long time before asking Freya. "Let you go, and then what? Watch you get married and have children? And I'll only become a mere bystander in your life?"

His voice was hoarse and hurt, and his eyes were even red with emotion.

"I admit that it will be difficult to love someone else as intensely as I love you, but I can't betray my parents' expectations of me."

Hayden looked at Freya's features and suddenly remembered her parents.

It was during their last summer vacation in college when he accompanied Freya back to her hometown.

He recalled the simple and kind couple, dressed in ordinary and even cheap clothes, with their hands and faces covered in wrinkles.

But they were warm and welcoming, treating him with kindness.

Even though Hayden didn't promise to care for Freya for a lifetime, her parents still treated him like a son-in-law, even preparing a feast with the livestock they raised for Hayden.

However, Hayden didn't show much friendliness to Freya's parents then. And he was indifferent even when Freya's friends visited her.

Hayden's attitude inevitably hurt Freya's parents. And he heard their conversation with Freya in the yard that night.

Freya's parents expressed concerns about the significant gap between their families. And they worried that if Freya and Hayden were together, there would be considerable family conflicts, and Freya would lead a difficult life.

Hayden felt Freya's parents had some self-knowledge when he heard that at the time.

But he could no longer remember exactly how Freya responded to her parents' concerns.

However, afterward, Hayden would often receive phone calls from Freya's parents, thanking him for the gifts.

Hayden knew Freya sent them gifts to change their perception of him, so he always brushed off it without going into details.

In the following years, Freya's parents frequently inquired about when he and Freya were planning to get married.

Hayden had always passed the question to Freya, letting her handle it and pacify them.

Throughout these years, he just enjoyed Freya's care with peace of mind, shielded from the pressures coming from her parents.

But now, Freya wanted to leave him and even had plans to marry someone else.

"So, if she has someone else to marry, will all the kindness she showed to me transfer to that person?"

Hayden asked himself inwardly.

As that thought emerged in Hayden's mind, he felt uneasy.

He grabbed Freya's hand suddenly. In his reddened eyes, there was an unprecedented seriousness.

"Freya, can you give me some time? I will sort everything out in at most six months and then give you everything you want..."

Chapter 1030 Don't Let Me Lose!

"Give me everything I want? Do you know what I want?"

Freya pulled Hayden's hand away depressedly, a little unwilling to continue this topic.

She had talked about marriage to Hayden too many times.

During the holidays, her parents would always ask her about the marriage, and relatives would discuss it behind her back.

She had fought back bravely against everyone, swearing that Hayden would marry her, so they didn't need to worry about it.

But she couldn't get a definite answer from Hayden for too long. She knew that there was no answer to this question.

As long as she mentioned this word now, she would feel extremely humble in front of Hayden, so she didn't even mention it.

Seeing that Freya wanted to leave, Hayden quickly hugged her tightly from behind.

"I know that I have let you down over and over again, and I'm no longer trustworthy in your eyes. But

Freya, just trust me this time, okay? This time I will handle everything well, and I will definitely give you what you want, including marriage!"

His promise shocked Freya a little.

This was the first time Hayden had mentioned this word to her on his own initiative since she knew

Hayden for many years.

But after the shock, Freya quickly became upset again.

"Are you really willing to abandon the wealth and power that you love most for me? Impossible. Even if

you abandon these things for me on the spur of the moment, can you swear that you will not regret it when you look back after a few years?"

Compared with the hopeless relationship now, Freya was more afraid that after many years, Hayden would blame her for all his frustrations, making their marriage a mess.

But even after she said that, Hayden still refused to let go of her waist.

"Freya, I admit that I was indeed confused by wealth and power before, but this time when you fell into the water, I thought about it a lot. I love you very much, more than I imagined. I can't live without you..."

What Hayden said surprised Freya.

This was the first time that Hayden had said he loved her in the years they have been together.

She even always felt that she was the only one who was working hard in this relationship.

She always compromised with Hayden but never saw Hayden compromise with her.

But now, Hayden said he loved her too...

Freya felt that the wish she had kept for so many years seemed to be fulfilled.

And Hayden was still talking.

"Freya, give me half a year, okay? In just half a year, I'll deal with all the things and then go to the Chambers family to cancel the engagement. And we'll get married."

As if he was afraid that Freya would not trust him anymore, Hayden added, "If you are worried that I will lie to you, I will go with you back to your hometown this weekend, and I will talk to your parents."

His promise made Freya's heart skip a beat.

She believed that Hayden really wanted to marry her.

He never bothered to take the initiative to mention her parents, but now, he promised to go to her home

to talk about marriage.

Freya stared at the corner, thought for a long time, and then said.

"Hayden, I can only trust you for the last time. Don't let me lose everything again, okay?"

After so many years of hopeless waiting, she finally got what she wanted.

She just had to wait for the last half a year.

She wouldn't mind taking another gamble.

Even if she would lose completely in the end, she would have no regrets about this relationship in the

future.

"I won't let you lose, Freya. I love you..."

After getting Freya's answer, Hayden was very excited.

He held Freya's face and kissed her for a long time...