

Snatched 251

Chapter 251 He Wants to Marry Her?

"Byron?"

"Why are you here?"

Flora and Cora both spoke out, expressing their surprise at someone's arrival.

Byron walked into the ward calmly, carrying a fruit basket. "I come and visit Mrs. Flora Lane."

Cora frowned, looking at Byron up and down.

The man was dressed in a high-end suit. It was apparent that he came directly from the office.

She couldn't figure out what he was up to, so she couldn't say anything.

On the other hand, Flora went straight to the point. "I heard that you don't want to get married. You broke up with Cora!"

"I thought it was like that then. But after we separated, I found I really wanted to marry her."

If it weren't for the fact that when he walked past Cora, she smelled the combination of the familiar smell of tobacco and aftershave from him, she would have thought that this man had been a fake one.

"So you mean now you want to reconcile and marry Cora?" Flora asked.

"You can understand it this way." When Byron said this, he glanced at Cora, who was sitting at the end of Flora's hospital bed, staring at him.

"How about you, Cora? What do you think?" Flora also looked at Cora.

Cora came to her senses and opened her mouth, just about to refuse.

She didn't know what Byron was really pitching here, but at least she knew she didn't want to start another fruitless relationship.

But she also found that Byron's glance seemed to have other hidden intentions, as if telling her not to deny it if she didn't want another blind date.

Came to think about it, with Flora's stubbornness, if Cora rejected Byron in front of her, Cora would definitely have a blind date every week.

Those horrible memories of blind dates finally made her change her original reply. "Let's get in touch again."

It was an unclear rejection and unambiguous acceptance, so there would still be room for maneuvering in the future.

Seeing that she didn't refuse, Byron smiled lightly. It was faint but genuine.

When Flora got this result, she was overjoyed and felt that Jane's task could be completed successfully.

After that, Byron chatted with Flora for a while and left the ward with Cora when it was about time for her to go to work.

"Mr. Hansen, I don't know what you mean all of a sudden?"

Taking advantage of the time slot while riding the elevator down together, Cora to asked casually.

"I came over here to get the report for my dad. While at it, visited Mrs. Flora Lane."

Byron didn't say he came for her, which caused Cora didn't know how to reject him.

After much deliberation, she said, "My mother has a history of mental illness and cannot be provoked.

You don't want to give her hope and let her down again and again."

Byron didn't answer right away this time. The elevator reached the emergency room floor, and just as

Cora was stepping out, he said, "This time, she wouldn't be disappointed."

Cora suddenly turned her head, only to see the elevator door closing.

Did he mean that he would really marry her no matter what this time?

No, it could not be possible.

She must hear it wrong. How could Byron really want to marry her?

So she didn't take it seriously and was soon buried in work.

But to Cora's surprise, Byron's follow-up actions qualified the label as the best son-in-law in New York.

During the breaks in the afternoon, he always came to accompany Flora and chat with her.

Not to mention that Flora's mental state had improved visibly, and "Byron" was the most mentioned word in front of Cora daily.

Even Flora's roommate in the same ward couldn't help admiring. "Mrs. Flora Lane, your daughter is lucky to have found such a good boyfriend."

When the roommate saw Cora, she also kept congratulating her on finding such a good boyfriend and said, "There are not many good men felt these days. You should tie the knot as soon as possible to avoid long delays causing trouble."

Every time, Cora could only smile awkwardly. In fact, the relationship between her and Byron was not considered a boyfriend and girlfriend. Still, Byron's actions this time were unexpected as if he was telling her in disguise that he wanted to marry her. His determination to promise her a future was also

disguised.

But was he really ready to leave everything behind for her?

Perhaps it was because of the heart-wrenching pain of being broken up when she was in love last time,

which made her hesitate when faced with choices this time around...

Chapter 252 To Give or Take

In Byron's office, Carter brought a stack of documents that needed to be signed as usual.

"Go to the First Hospital at noon?"

While waiting for Byron's signature, Carter saw a box of snacks on his desk.

He had been by Byron's side for such a long time. Basically, all he saw were other people sending him

various gifts to please him, and he rarely saw him take the initiative to give gifts.

Cora and her mother were the exception.

"Yes." Byron did not hide it and instructed Carter, "Order a batch of sugar-free pastries from the hotel."

Flora's blood sugar was a little high, she shouldn't overeat sweets, but she liked to have these little

things.

So recently, Byron ordered some sugar-free pastries from the hotel and sent them to her.

Every time Flora received these pastries, she was always full of praise and always boasted about him with her ward roommate.

And Byron discovered that as he worked hard to create a sense of presence in front of these people, the way Cora looked at him gradually changed.

He believed it would not be long before she returned to him.

After receiving instruction, Carter responded by asking, "Are you sure it takes but not give?"

Carter didn't mention any names or objects, but the mutual understanding they had developed over the years made Byron immediately know he was referring to Cora.

"I just can't stand it for her being with others." That was Byron's answer.

When they broke up the previous time, he made up his mind that from then on, whoever marrying whomever was none of his concern.

But when he saw her with Lucas, he felt something went wrong with everything.

Especially thinking that Lucas would see the frail feminine side of her that he had seen before, he wished he could destroy the whole world.

So he changed his mind, which even he himself couldn't believe.

"As long as you thought it through, but Mark should have gotten wind of it."

Carter asked the most difficult question with one push-up of his eyeglass frame.

Unsurprisingly, Byron's expression instantly became more serious, and even his voice became slightly stern. "Send a few more people around her, and find someone to watch over Mrs. Flora Lane."

That time he went with Cora to Moonware Games's team building gathering, and the fact that he fervently supported Cora at the Calligraphy Association's event created quite a stir, and Mark must have heard the news.

"You need to move faster in Kinton." At first glance, Byron's expression was the same as usual, but when Carter looked carefully, he could find a thin layer of hostility.

Since Byron couldn't hide from what was coming, all he could do was to roll with the punches.

After lunch, Byron took the box of snacks to visit Flora.

Chose this time for a visit because Cora would be there to accompany Flora at about the same time, and the two could meet each other.

It was the same today. Cora was peeling an apple for Flora in her ward when he arrived.

"Byron, it's good that you come. You don't need to bring me something every time." Flora greeted him very warmly.

"They don't cost much. I thought you would like them, so I brought them here. Today is a pineapple shortcake. Try and see if you like it."

Flora ate one. "It's delicious, full of fruity flavor."

When the two were chatting about snacks, Cora glanced at Byron and then continued to calmly peel the apple for Flora.

After peeling the apple for Flora, she peeled another one and handed it to him.

Byron's expression showed a little surprise.

Cora had been ignoring him recently, and today she suddenly peeled an apple for him. Was she planning to start again?

He took the apple and didn't eat it. He just looked at Cora with a half-smile, which turned her face red hot.

"If you don't want to eat it, give it back to me."

"Eat. Why wouldn't I?"

In front of Cora, he took a bite of the apple and chewed it crunchy.

And he fixed his eyes on Cora all this time. The slightly scorching gaze made Cora wonder if he thought that apple was her...

But just as the two of them were interacting with each other, Byron's cell phone rang suddenly.

After he looked at the caller ID, he frowned slightly.

For some reason, his expression gave Cora an inexplicable bad feeling...

Chapter 253 Still Love Him?

After Byron answered the phone, the person on the phone said something, then Byron replied

immediately, "I'll be there right away."

Soon he hung up the phone and stuffed the apple into Cora's hand. "It seems that this apple can't be eaten for now."

Cora didn't care about these small details but asked Byron, "Is something wrong?"

"Well, something happened."

But he didn't say what happened clearly. He just said goodbye to Flora quickly and then left in a hurry.

Cora felt restless all afternoon. She didn't know whether it was because Byron left so hurriedly.

For this reason, she added Byron as her friend on WhatsApp and asked him what happened.

But what was puzzling was that Byron, who had been responsive to her during this period, seemed to have disappeared from the world today, and the messages she sent were not replied to.

This feeling was similar to that on the first day of the new year. Cora once wondered if he was planning to go back and inherit his tens of billions of property, so he was going to continue to leave her alone.

But just as various thoughts popped up, Sally brought amazing news.

"Cora, have you heard that?"

Sally had just returned from the andrology department and approached Cora when Cora was examining the abdominal cavity of a patient with acute gastroenteritis.

"What?"

"Eason's grandfather is critically ill."

Cora was dumbfounded.

Wasn't Eason's grandfather Byron's father?

No wonder Byron left in such a hurry today and didn't even say a few more words to her.

Sally didn't notice Cora was being strange and continued talking about the first-hand information she had collected.

"I just heard those who care much about the wealthy people in New York say Old Mr. Hansen's critical illness will definitely change the future structure of the Hansen family. It is said that Mr. Hansen will bear the brunt. Once his dad died, he might be unable to take over the Hansen family.

The Patton family would also be seriously impacted. I heard that in the Hansen family, only Old Mr. Hansen treats them as their family, so the Patton family has benefited from the Hansen Group over the years. If there is something wrong with Old Mr. Hansen, the Patton family will not be as wealthy as before.

I think Eason's family deserves that. They were so arrogant before, and now that once Old Mr. Hansen died, their family will become the one that is despised by others..."

Sally was in a good mood to share her opinion with Cora, but she didn't know that Cora's brain could no longer receive any information after hearing about Osborn's accident.

At this moment, she only had one thought. That was to make sure whether Byron was okay.

"Sally, help me take care of this patient. I'll go upstairs to take a look."

Osborn had been recuperating in the First Hospital before, which was also the closest hospital to the

Hansen Mansion. Cora deduced that they should be upstairs now.

"Why do you go upstairs? Visit Eason's grandfather? Isn't it because you still loved him? If so, I will look down on you."

Sally cursed Eason's family before because Eason cheated on Cora.

Now that the curse finally took effect, Cora began to worry about their family again. Sally was naturally worried that she would be involved again.

And the most important thing was that the characters of Eason's family members were all very bad.

Even if Cora helped them in a critical moment, they would definitely not be grateful after they got through the difficulties.

So Sally was very worried that Cora was really in love.

But Cora said, "Don't think too much."

Then, she left without looking back.

What else could Sally do? Nothing except helping Cora with her patients.

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When Cora rushed to area A of the emergency room, she saw many people at the gate.

Lydia cried so loudly, looking like she was about to faint, and was supported by Eason.

In addition, many people were waiting there.

Byron was in the innermost position among those people, with his back against the wall and his eyes closed, making it difficult to see his expression clearly.

Although Byron hid his emotions well, Cora could still sense his depression and worry.

She was not sure whether she should step forward.

But at this moment, Eason suddenly noticed her. "Cora?"

As soon as Eason made a sound, almost everyone at the emergency room door looked at her.

Byron also suddenly opened his eyes and looked at her, and their eyes suddenly met...

Chapter 254 Hold Her in Arms

"Cora, why are you here?"

Eason was gloomy throughout the afternoon, thinking of the impacts of Osborn's critical illness and the future of the Patton family.

But the appearance of Cora undoubtedly lightened his gloomy mood.

He let go of Lydia almost immediately, regardless of whether Lydia would fall and wanted to walk towards Cora.

But someone passed him and headed towards Cora before him.

When Eason saw who that person was, his whole body froze.

It was Byron, his uncle.

After Cora broke up with him, she was in a relationship with his uncle.

He had been trying to avoid this fact, but the reality seemed to refuse to let him go.

"What's the matter with this bitch? Want attention at such a moment?"

When Lydia saw Cora, she immediately remembered the pain of being swindled of seven thousand ounces of gold bars by her. She felt at ease when she heard Byron and bitch didn't have contact.

Now that Cora had reappeared, so it was hard for her not to imagine that Cora was taking the opportunity to return to Byron's side.

And Mark, who was sitting on the bench in the aisle, also heard Lydia's complaint. He glanced over the

back of Byron, running towards Cora, and then narrowed his eyes slightly.

Meanwhile, Byron had already walked in front of Cora.

"Why are you here?" His voice was hoarse and sounded exhausted.

"I heard about Osborn, so I come here." Cora looked at his face and then his big palm.

She wanted to hold Byron's hand and ask if he was okay.

But she wasn't sure if Byron still wanted to be with her as firmly as before, so firmly that he would not hesitate to disclose his relationship with her in front of his family.

But she didn't expect Byron to help her do what she hesitated.

At that moment, Byron suddenly stretched out his hand and pulled her into his arms, with the Hansen family behind him.

"What... what's going on?"

"Isn't that Eason's ex-girlfriend? Why is she and Byron..."

Byron's third brother and third sister-in-law spoke out one after another.

His second brother and the second sister-in-law also looked at them with astonishment and gave a puzzled glance at Lydia and Eason occasionally.

Only Mark showed a playful expression.

But in fact, the Hansen family was confused, as well as Cora herself.

She didn't expect Byron to make such a move. This not only admitted his relationship with her but also showed his affection.

She was worried that it was inappropriate for a while and wanted to push Byron away.

She didn't expect the man's hoarse voice to come from her neck. "Don't move. I wanna have a break."

Cora felt that Byron's voice was a bit dull, wondering if it was because of depression or the nose pressure.

Cora thought, after all, the person lying in the emergency room was his father. No wonder Byron was so sad.

So she didn't push him away. "You can tell me what's going on now. My major is cardiac surgery, and I will choose it as my future career."

"I don't know. The servant called in the afternoon and said that Dad suddenly fainted and was sent here. He is still in the emergency room."

The lights in the emergency room went out, and the door opened before Byron finished speaking.

In an instant, all the Hansen family members went over.

Byron also let go of Cora and stepped forward quickly...

Chapter 255 She Said Not Him

"Doctor, how is the situation?"

"After the rescue, Old Mr. Hansen has managed to recover his life."

The doctor's words made everyone present breathe a sigh of relief, especially Lydia, who hurriedly

made a gesture of gratitude and said, "Thank goodness, thank goodness!"

But Mark's expression paused for a moment.

Luckily, everyone was looking at the doctor, so his unusual expression went unnoticed by most people.

"However, the current condition of Old Mr. Hansen is still not optimistic. We must perform the valve

replacement surgery as soon as possible. Although the surgery is relatively mature now, the success

rate is extremely low due to the severe heart failure."

The doctor's words made the complexion of the members of the Hansen family change again.

Byron's expression turned serious as he pressed the doctor for more information, asking, "What is the

success rate?"

"Due to the extremely severe heart failure of Old Mr. Hansen, the assessed success rate is only around ten percent."

Lydia burst into tears once again. "Oh, dear God, please spare my elderly father. I am willing to trade thirty years of my own life to give him more than ten years, so he can witness his yet-to-be-born great-grandchild and see Byron start a family and build a career."

However, whether this prayer was entirely sincere or partly put on for show, discerning people could see through it clearly.

Mark furrowed his brow, unsure about what he was thinking.

"However, if you can get Professor Smith to perform the surgery personally, the success rate will significantly increase. There was a patient with a condition even more severe than Old Mr. Hansen's who, after undergoing valve replacement surgery with Professor Smith's direct involvement, is still healthy and alive to this day."

"Has Professor Smith gone abroad?" Eason chimed in, asking at the right moment.

"No, he has retired and is not taking on any surgeries anymore," the doctor replied. However, the

doctor believed that with the financial resources and connections of the Hansen family, they should be able to persuade Evan to perform the surgery.

Then, the doctor left.

Upon hearing that Osborn's rescue operation had concluded, Jane hurriedly came over to Byron and said, "Byron, I know where Professor Smith lives."

"That's great news, Miss Yoris. You are truly a lucky star of our family!"

Lydia was moved to tears on the spot and almost bowed in gratitude to Jane.

"Miss Yoris, could you please go with Byron now and find Professor Smith?" Patrick and Ben were not as emotionally overwhelmed as Lydia, but they earnestly entrusted Jane with the task.

"Then, Byron, you go with Miss Yoris to find Professor Smith, and I'll stay here at the hospital," Mark said.

Despite being aware of Cora's concerns about not having much contact with Jane, Byron understood that she wouldn't mind much in that situation. So, he nodded and prepared to inform Cora before setting off with Jane.

But Cora suddenly spoke up.

"Professor Smith is currently in Kinton, and there's no point in trying to find him."

Almost in that instant, their gaze turned towards Cora.

Byron also looked at Cora with a slight frown and asked, "How do you know that Professor Smith is not in New York?"

Before Cora could respond, Jane quickly said, "Dr. Lane, I met with Professor Smith yesterday and had some academic discussions with him!"

Cora didn't pay much attention to Jane's almost boastful tone and calmly met Byron's gaze.

"Professor Smith was called to Kinton for an emergency symposium on atherosclerosis, so he rushed there overnight. Besides, it's pointless to seek his help because he didn't perform that surgery back then."

Chapter 256 I Performed That Surgery

"Not him? Did you mean you were the one who performed the surgery?"

Jane hesitated for a moment and quickly asked back.

On that innocent and seemingly desireless face, there was now an unmistakable veil of sarcasm and

mockery that she couldn't conceal.

Because she was also studying cardiac surgery, she knew very well that the success of Evan's

operation at that time almost caused a sensation in the entire medical world.

So far, that operation was still a classic case of cardiac surgery in major medical universities, and it

would be mentioned in every academic exchange.

Even her father, William, was deeply impressed by that surgery to this day. He had been advising Jane

to find opportunities to communicate more with Evan.

That was also the reason why Jane went to visit Professor Smith yesterday.

However, Cora, in an attempt to claim credit for herself, had the audacity to try and undermine Evan's

contributions in front of the Hansen family.

Jane found it both amusing and disdainful, but little did she know that there was even more to come.

"Three years ago, I indeed performed that surgery. So, instead of waiting for Professor Smith to return,

it's better to give me Old Mr. Hansen's medical records and examination data now. I'll study and

develop a surgical plan in the meantime."

Cora's tone remained unusually indifferent, but after her words were spoken, Jane couldn't help but

burst into laughter.

"From what I know, you still don't have the qualification to be a surgeon, do you?"

Compared to the Hansen family, Jane, also being a doctor, was well aware of the numerous challenges one must overcome to become a surgeon.

As of then, Cora was still working at the First Hospital, somewhere between being the first and second assistant in surgeries.

Some of it was intentional, as she tried to suppress Cora and prevent her from making a mark in this area. Therefore, she was well aware of whether Cora had the qualifications to be a lead surgeon or not.

"Besides, how old were you three years ago? Did you mean you became a surgeon and performed a surgery that shook the medical world at that age? I'm afraid that you did that in your dream."

Jane couldn't help but mockingly reply, almost without concealing her sarcasm, "You really dare say anything just to show off in front of Byron and his family. But don't forget, this is a matter of life and death!"

After Jane's passionate "righteous" rebuke, almost all the members of the Hansen family couldn't help

but feel somewhat awkward and speechless when they looked at Cora.

Even Eason muttered, "Cora, even if you want to be with Uncle Byron, you can't tell such lies. Just

because you might be able to save Grandfather, it doesn't mean your relationship with Uncle Byron will

work out."

After hearing Eason's words, Lydia thought about how Eason and Cora had been in a relationship three

years ago. If Cora had really performed such a surgery, there was no way Eason wouldn't know about

it. That gave Lydia even more confidence in her retort. "You are really ruthless in trying to get into our

family. You even dare to make up such stories!"

Only Byron's gaze remained deep and inscrutable, and his eyes locked onto Cora.

And Cora also looked back at Byron, her eyes filled with seriousness and determination.

"I am well aware that this is a matter of life and death, which is why I spoke up about it."

A year ago, Evan wanted to reveal the truth about that surgery to the public so that Cora could enter

the professional field and progress more quickly.

After that surgery, Cora noticed that Evan was compelled to participate in various academic exchanges

and symposiums. She believed that if the truth were revealed, it would affect her studies. Moreover,

she didn't like being in the limelight, so she chose to decline the offer to go public.

Cora spoke up that day because she couldn't bear to see Byron so upset and wanted to help him.

However, she didn't expect to be ridiculed by Jane in such a way.

Moreover, she also noticed that under Jane's questioning, almost all the members of the Hansen family

looked at her with a hint of disdain. They probably thought that Jane's words made sense and that she

was just a woman using any means to marry into a wealthy family.

However, Cora didn't really care about what others thought because they held no significance to her.

The only person she cared about was Byron. As long as he believed in her, she would do everything

she could to snatch Osborn from the hands of the grim reaper!

As Cora met his gaze, Byron suddenly asked a question.

"If you were to perform this surgery, how confident are you in its success?"

Chapter 257 Embarrass Her!

Byron's words left almost everyone else in the room stunned and astonished.

Under their stunned expressions, Cora responded with a hint of delight, "Seventy percent. But after

studying the detailed medical records and examination data and developing a comprehensive surgical

plan, the rate can be even higher."

"Byron, don't be fooled by her. She doesn't even have the qualifications to be the surgeon, so how could she know the success rate of the operation."

Jane was on the verge of losing her composure. It was evident to everyone that Cora's statement was a lie. Why did Byron still choose to believe her? Could it be that she had somehow bewitched him?

Lydia quickly chimed in on the other side, saying, "Right, Byron! We absolutely cannot entrust Old Mr. Hansen's life to her. She is nothing but a fraud."

In addition, Lydia took the opportunity to mock Cora, seeking revenge for the last time when Cora deceived her and still didn't leave Byron.

"Don't lose your integrity just to enter the Hansen family. It won't be worth it if you end up in jail."

Upon hearing this, Patrick and Ben also found the arguments reasonable and joined in persuading Byron.

"Byron, let's go and find Professor Smith."

"That's right. It would be better to find Professor Smith."

Even Mark chimed in. "Jane, you should have Professor Smith's contact information. Let's make an appointment to visit him. It would be best if we could do it right after Old Mr. Hansen comes out from the surgery."

Jane felt much more at ease with the words of reassurance from the other members of the Hansen family. So, right in front of them, she took out her phone and immediately contacted Professor Smith.

As the call connected quickly, Jane immediately switched on the speakerphone mode and smiled at Cora.

"Hello, Professor Smith. This is Jane from the First Hospital. We met yesterday."

Yes, in her eyes, she felt that this was a successful way of embarrassing Cora.

Didn't Cora show off that she knew Evan's itinerary? But Cora never expected that she and Evan also had a good relationship, and they actually met yesterday.

She almost couldn't wait to see the embarrassed expression on Cora's face when she was exposed in front of Byron.

"Hello. May I ask what's the matter?" Professor Smith's voice was calm.

"Here's the situation, Professor Smith. Old Mr. Hansen needs to undergo valve replacement surgery,

but his condition is critical, and he suffers from severe heart failure. Therefore, we hope you can perform the surgery as the surgeon or provide on-site guidance. The detailed information can be discussed in person if you're available."

However, Evan said right after Jane finished speaking, "Sorry. I am currently attending a symposium in Kinton, so I'm afraid I won't be able to make it back in time."

Since it was in speaker mode, Evan's words were clearly transmitted to everyone present.

At that moment, everyone's expressions changed subtly.

Yes, the situation with Evan attending a symposium in Kinton was the same as what Cora had previously informed me.

That made them wonder whether what Cora said about performing that operation was true.

But Jane couldn't shake off her disbelief and was convinced that Cora couldn't possibly be the one who performed that operation, no matter what.

In that case, she decided to prove Cora wrong and embarrassed her right on the spot.

"If you're unable to come back, I have another suggestion. There's a rotating doctor, Dr. Lane, at our

hospital. She claims that she was the one who performed the groundbreaking valve replacement surgery that shook the medical world. If that's the case, can we ask for her assistance?"

Jane looked at Cora with her eyes filled with pride...

Chapter 258 Making a Fool of Herself!

"Dr. Lane? Cora Lane?"

Evan also asked, "Did she say that?"

That probing question made Jane even more convinced that Evan would be furious upon learning that someone dared to impersonate him so shamelessly. She expected him to react strongly in the following moments.

And with Evan's influence in the medical field, this matter would not be easily overlooked or dismissed.

Maybe in the future, Cora might face backlash from the medical community and could be blacklisted.

In her mind, Jane felt quite pleased with herself, thinking that she effortlessly undermined Cora and caused her to lose her only means of survival.

"Yes, that's exactly what Dr. Lane said. Can you believe it? Nowadays, even doctors are so eager for quick success and instant benefits that they would even steal others' credit..."

She was almost mocking Cora, trying to provoke Evan's anger.

Upon hearing the half-spoken words, Evan interrupted and said, "She said it herself. That's enough. I was worried that some troublemakers deliberately spread the news to mess with her."

After hearing this statement, Jane was almost confused. "So you mean to say that the surgery was really performed by Dr. Lane?"

"Yes, that young girl has extraordinary talent. From the time she started learning by my side, she has been my top assistant. Over the years, she has even been able to guide me when I was mentally fatigued. So, during that surgery, I believed she could handle it well, and I let her take charge.

"I had thought about announcing that she performed the surgery, but that young girl insisted against it. She was afraid that media interviews and talk shows would interfere with her studies. Now, she has spoken up herself, and I believe I will soon be able to enjoy a leisurely retirement, indulging in the pleasure of appreciating flowers and taking strolls."

After Evan's words, Jane felt her brain buzzing non-stop.

The valve replacement that caused a sensation in the medical world was actually performed by Cora.

She thought she would expose Cora's ugly truth of impersonating someone else in front of Byron, but

unexpectedly, it turned out she put Cora in the limelight...

Now, almost all members of the Hansen family looked at Cora with a touch of expectation.

Even Lydia, who was almost on the same side with her just a moment ago, smiled slightly at Cora.

Not to mention Byron.

There was even more intensity and anticipation in those eyes that had been gazing affectionately at

Cora since earlier.

Even though the eyes of members of the Hansen family were still on her, they looked at her with a

complicated expression.

The more she thought about it, the more Jane realized that her actions just now, trying to discredit

Cora, were like painting herself into a corner and making a fool of herself.

She really wanted to end the call as soon as possible and stay away from that embarrassing situation.

Unexpectedly, Evan continued saying, "By the way, is Cora with you? Can I talk to her?"

Listening to Evan's affectionate address for Cora, Jane felt that her act of showing off that she and

Evan met yesterday in front of Cora just now was extremely ridiculous.

She wanted to reject Evan, but Cora had already spoken up, "Professor Smith?"

"Cora, once you've admitted to the surgery, there's no turning back. I really want to start enjoying my retirement now."

"Understood, I won't regret it."

"Sure, I'll submit the paper you asked me to write last night, and I'll remember to do it. I want to nominate you for awards."

"Got it, got it."

Previously, Evan's voice sounded quite serious, but as soon as he talked to Cora, he turned into a doting old man who loved to nag.

The key was that Cora's response was still so perfunctory. So, their relationship was definitely more intimate than what Jane, who had only met Evan a few times, could fathom.

"When I return from Kinton, I'll bring you some local specialties."

After Evan continued to nag for a while, he finally ended the phone call.

After the phone call ended, Jane immediately took back her phone and left.

She didn't want to stay in such an awkward atmosphere any longer.

While Lydia and Eason wanted to approach Cora and say something, Byron immediately stood in front of them, blocking their way...

Chapter 259 His Compromise

"I'll give you my dad's medical records and detailed information on various examinations now. When will the plan be finalized?"

Byron didn't hesitate when he stopped Lydia and her son from approaching Cora and even put his arm around Cora's shoulder in front of the two of them.

"The specific plan depends on the situation, but after it comes out, I will discuss it with Professor Smith again and ensure that it can be carried out without any further changes."

Cora was discussing with Byron seriously.

Lydia and her son couldn't intervene at all. They could only make small talk between them in the corner.

"Weren't you two dating when she performed that operation three years ago, didn't you know?" Lydia had a look of irritation.

"I'm not in the Department of Medicine. How could I know?"

While Eason chatted with Lydia, he kept his eyes on Cora, who had Byron's arm around her shoulder on the other side. That scene was so dazzling that flames almost shot out from his eyes.

While they were dating, Cora shared with him the anatomy experiments she performed and told him about her academic breakthroughs.

But at those times, Eason didn't care to understand, and he didn't like to read those bloody anatomical diagrams, so he once said to Cora, "Don't tell me everything that you do. I don't understand those things."

Afterward, Cora stopped telling him anything related to anatomy and medicine, and Cora didn't even share many interesting things with him later. He had to learn from her friend Sally.

It was at that time Eason realized he had a deficiency in the relationship with Cora.

"It was too late now. She had hidden it so deep. I wouldn't have let you break up so quickly if I had known earlier. The Hansen family now relies on her to cure Old Mr. Hansen's illness. If she were in our camp, our family would definitely benefit."

Lydia also felt that the appearance of Byron with Cora being entrusted by the Hansen family in various

ways was particularly dazzling. If Cora hadn't broken up with Eason, all these honors would have belonged to her and Eason.

However, in the scene where Lydia was so envious, she didn't know that the Hansen family was not only entrusting Cora to help in healing Osborn Hansen but is also busy with the power invalidation of Byron.

"Byron, you have to take care of father during this period and accompany Dr. Lane to formulate the operation plan. You must be too busy. How about let me help to look after the Hansen Group Foundation."

The Hansen family's fourth son, Mark, quickly expressed his opinion.

It was dressed as an opinion but was actually a move to decentralize power.

The Hansen Group Foundation was currently the most profitable of the Hansen Group.

Taking it away from Byron's hands would mean taking away half of the control of the Hansen Group from Byron.

It was just that Mark dressed it as he worried about Byron's health.

It was not known whether Byron misread his true motives or what, but he responded straightforwardly,

"Okay, then thank you, Mark."

Byron's second and third sisters-in-law saw that half of the cake was cut away when Mark opened his mouth and quickly urged their husbands to come forward to share a piece of the pie too.

So there was Patrick. "Then I will help you share the management of Perpetual Daylight, don't exhaust yourself, Byron."

And Ben said, "I can help you share the management of the Metaverse Industry Chain."

Once these two pieces of the pie were divided, Byron would have nothing left in his hands.

They thought Byron would definitely not agree, and they needed to bargain again.

Unexpectedly, Byron readily agreed again. "Okay, then thank you, Patrick, thank you, Ben."

Patrick and Ben looked at each other quickly, and they both saw surprise in each other's eyes.

But soon, they accepted all this calmly. Anyway, it was only right to keep it all within the family.

Lydia also wanted to share a piece of the pie too when she learned of this situation.

But her so-called younger brothers didn't regard her as one of their own at all, so naturally, they refused to share any with her.

These people waited to meet Osborn Hansen before he was pushed into ICU from the emergency room. Some excused themselves to go to the company to deal with the transition work. And others were busy going home to discuss countermeasures and soon left.

It was only at this time that Cora said again, "I'm sorry..."

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Byron lowered his head to look at Cora, only to find that her face was full of guilt, and even her glistening eyes had dimmed a lot.

"You thought because you were going to do the surgery on my dad, and I had to accompany you to make the plan. Therefore I was forced to give up authority in my hand?"

"Isn't it?" Cora felt that he should be unwilling. After all, no one in this world would despise money and power.

But because she was going to perform surgery on Osborn Hansen, those people found a breach gap, and Byron had no choice but to agree.

However, Byron raised his hand and brushed the hair from her sideburns to the back of her ear. "Even if it weren't for you, they would have found other excuses to take it away from me after today's

situation."

What Byron worried the most was that now he had almost disclosed his relationship with Cora. If he disagreed, Cora would become their target.

He didn't want Cora to be a scapegoat for his family feud, and he didn't want the family to fall apart when Osborn Hansen was seriously ill, so he agreed.

"Then, when your father recovered, surely he won't let them do this, right?" Cora asked again.

"Maybe." Byron raised his hand and patted the top of her hair.

In fact, even if Osborn Hansen recovered, his condition would definitely not be as good as before, and he would be unable to stand the slightest provocation.

And what Byron had always valued the most was the health of Osborn. So he would surely not tell him about this and even ask others to hide it from Osborn as well.

Because his elder brothers knew this, they seized power recklessly.

But Cora didn't understand all that and pledged to him with all sincerity, "I will definitely do my best to perform this operation so that Old Mr. Hansen can recover as soon as possible."

Byron looked at her extremely resolute eyes, and the corners of his lips curled up slightly.

He always thought that she was heartless and treated any other man better than himself.

But when things really happened, she stood by his side without hesitation.

This feeling seemed to be pretty good...

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That night, on his personal Twitter account, Professor Evan Smith disclosed the truth about the valve replacement surgery three years ago for the first time.

When people saw from the data that the chief surgeon was the very young Cora, it caused quite a stir.

Of course, many internet trolls inevitably fabricated various theories, questioning whether Professor

Smith had been threatened. Otherwise, how could he credit such an outstanding achievement to a new

doctor participating in the rotation who did not even have the qualifications to be the chief surgeon?

At this time, Evan Smith published Cora's perfect resume again, shamming those trolls, and at the

same time, made a statement.

"While you people are busy trying to set a tempo on the Internet, others are studying the patient's

surgical plan at home. This is the difference between people."

William had regarded Evan Smith as an idol, so he followed Evan Smith's Twitter account with special attention from long ago.

Therefore, as soon as Evan Smith posted it on Twitter, he saw it, gave it a thumbs-up, and did not forget to share it with Jane.

"Jane, did you see that? Cora was the same age as you and skipped a grade to be admitted into medical school, and she became the chief surgeon three years ago. She set a precedent in the industry. She is much better than you!"

William didn't notice that Jane's face was so gloomy after hearing his compliment to Cora, and she said, "You two are both in the First Hospital. If you have a chance, you can discuss more about your experience on the operating table with her..."