

## Submit 231

Chapter 231 Marry Him as Soon as Possible

Dr.Ferrell nodded without saying more.

"I'll go check her."

August said lightly and went up slowly to Jeanne's room on the second floor.

The servant waiting outside the room greeted him at once, "Mr.Adams!"

August nodded and told her blandly, "Could you inform Mr.Kelly that I'm with Jeanne now, and will talk to him later on?"

The servant nodded understandingly and left.

August pushed the door open, just to see a dimly-lit room where he could hardly see the furniture clearly.He then walked to the bed, and a sense of regret welled up when he saw the pale face of the woman who was crouching under the quilt.

He had promised her that he would hold a memorable wedding when she was getting better.

Yet he became hesitant to it now despite her reminding in one way or another recently.

August decided to leave the room after standing at the bedside for a moment, when the woman on the bed opened her eyes with some movements of her body.

"August!" she exclaimed in surprise at seeing him, and sat up excitedly to hold his hand, "Don't leave me..."

August's eyes dropped to the floor.He just couldn't stand women when they were imploring him to stay pathetically and wistfully.His tone became soft instantly, "Rest assured.I'll be here with you."

"Really?" Jeanne asked excitedly, but turned low again after thinking for a second.She then held August's waist with both arms as though complaining, "I thought you won't come to see me..."

A mixture of emotions clutched at August's heart.

It was Jeanne who stood by his side during the lowest point of his life, yet now, he couldn't even offer her the most basic sense of security.

August lifted his hand to stroke Jeanne's hair, "I will be with you.You were thinking too much."

Jeanne was so thrilled to hear that, though she was still sobbing.

"Then tell me why you didn't come for the dinner today? You promised me to come, didn't you?"

she looked up at him with tearful eyes and then answered the question herself before he could make any reply, "Is it because you knew father is going to mention the matter of wedding today...?" her voice sounded so upset and uneasy.

her pathetic eyes, August just felt a jolt

not. Don't think it that  
only because of something urgent, really. And I promise you that will never happen  
tightened her hug around  
you just wouldn't like  
will keep my  
sleeping again, and didn't go out of the room until he  
still felt like being haunted by some weird  
the living room on the ground floor, he found Martin Kelly smoking on the  
a second, August strode up  
"Mr. Kelly." he greeted him.  
August's voice, Martin raised his head and stared  
seated."  
sat down  
instantly served them  
was gone, Martine asked blandly after taking a  
replied with no more emotion in  
a noncommittal response, Martin tapped the cigarette to  
you didn't come for the  
actually asked Jeanne to invite August to their home so that the wedding could be put on the  
agenda. Yet August didn't show up at  
Jeanne and the whole Kelly  
August didn't seem to  
was stopped by  
"Oh, something urgent?"  
sharp eyes locked August through the smoke, though  
a little, and there was a hint of  
"Not a big deal."  
Martin's eyes, "Mr. Kelly, it's my fault today. I will make serious apologies  
to the door, "Jeanne told me about the

"I have my plan for the wedding.You

nod without

the sake of

main road, August lifted his

too many things

stubbed out the unfinished

Chapter 232 The 24-hour Care in Hospital

With a note of resolution and cattiness, Jeanne reassured her father, "I know how to carry it out, Dad."

The fury of Martin was eased up when he heard his daughter's words.

"All right.I'm glad you've got your own plan.Don't get yourself too tired." he advised gently with a gesture.

Jeanne nodded meekly and went back to her room.She was still pondering on it when lying on the bed.She then located Dr.

Ferrell from the contact list and sent him a text: [Thank you for your cooperation today, Dr.Ferrell.You'll get the reward tomorrow.

And we could have some further plan about my "health problems"...She soon got the reply from Dr.

Ferrell, in which the time and place for their next appointment was fixed.

With a relieved sigh, Jeanne told herself she could do anything in order to keep August with her.

Bill Mitchell eventually revived when Lucia had been waiting outside the ICU ward for a whole night and a morning.

As the doctor finished the check, Lucia and Elisa both went up to inquire for Bill's situation.

"He's out of danger now, and the index is generally within normal range.But he's extremely weak now, and there's still serious problem about his heart.He'll have to keep lying on the bed."

There was a mixture of emotions in the heart of Lucia, hearing the result mingled with hope and fear.

Elisa couldn't wait to ask, "When could he get out ICU?"

"He will be transferred to general wards today." the doctor replied.

"Get yourself prepared for the 24-hour care for him, as we still need to keep watching his situation during the convalescence."

"Thank you for informing!" Elisa said quickly.

Lucia with relief, "Things are at least

far less optimistic than her mother though, also felt a bit relaxed. She suddenly clutched at the wall as she felt her legs give way beneath her. She looked extremely haggard and worn because she had been so agitated that she didn't really sleep for a whole night, and hadn't eaten

have a rest,

her daughter with

for a leave. You

hadn't asked for

might even lose the job if she was absent without good reasons for too long, and that would make it harder for her to

ask her mother whether there was any charger around, and hurried to get her

turned on her phone, notifications of several unanswered calls popped out, two of which

Lucia

hearing Carter's voice, "Carter,

about the accident." Carter

application for a leave has been approved by higher-ranking managers. Don't worry about your work,

so kind and understanding, without any note of reproach or

and wasn't able to speak until a moment

you so much, Carter."

of your family

Lucia

suddenly changed her attitude when she had been so resolute about the rejection last time? Why did she say there was intervention of some higher-ranking managers? Or was it due to August Adams? No, it couldn't be

Mitchell was transferred to a

appeared so weak on the

you getting a little better?" she asked, holding back

to lift his hand

it's so nice to know you are

of joy in his

Lucia was so moved.

worry about

Bill needed more rest as he had just woken up from the comas, Elisa took Lucia out of the ward when he fell asleep again. Elisa didn't ask until she

a

Chapter 233 It was His Honour

Paula agreed freely at the other end of the phone, "I can do you one thousand favors! Just let me know!"

Lucia laughed, asking in a whisper, "Could you drop on my flat and grab me some clothes?"

Her flat happened to be on the way from Paula's home to the hospital, and she had given Paula a spare key before.

Paula suggested immediately, "Sure! Just give me a list and I'll send them to you later."

She then got herself dressed up and went downstairs to the living room when everything was ready.

Seeing his sister rushing in such a hurry, Paul, who was reading a magazine while drinking the tea on the sofa, raised his enquiring eyebrows, "Are you going out?"

Facing the penetrating look of her brother as if he had caught her on the spot, Paula rolled her eyes and answered firmly, "I'm not going to the pub during the daytime!"

"Then what are you doing?"

Paul put down the cup onto the table gracefully, giving her a gaze which was compelling, if not authoritative.

Paula sighed in despair. Her brother just watched her like a prisoner since the tempest in the pub last time.

She answered casually while putting on her shoes in the hallway, "I'm going to see Lucia in the hospital..."

The mention of Lucia triggered a flicker in Paul's eyes.

Putting down the magazine swiftly, he walked up to Paula, "What's happened to Lucia?"

Paula tried hard to conceal her snicker, seeing her brother getting so nervous.

"Nothing's happened to her, but her father is in hospital. I'll pick up some clothes from her flat and send them over to the hospital. I should pay a visit to them, shouldn't I?"

Knowing Lucia was all right, Paul sighed with relief secretly.

"I'll go with you." he then offered.

Paula couldn't help laughing. She didn't went on teasing her brother only because there was no time to lose at the moment.

car to him,

Lucia's flat after five minutes and reached the

on the way toward the lift, "What's happened

through an operation. But I don't know how

as they were approaching

"Lucia!"

that she darted into the room through the

hushed at the sight of Bill Mitchell who was sleeping on

warmly though under her

she found Paula only carrying some fruit and

about to ask whether Paula had forgotten her clothes,

"Paul..."

Lucia muttered.

"Lucia,"

on the chair aside, beaming a warm smile at her and

"Thanks." said Lucia.

her father on the bed, "Shall we

needed more rest in a quiet environment and Lucia was afraid too many visitors would disturb

went out

Paul cordially, "It's long since we met, isn't

took a polite bow at once, "Indeed. How are you,

was really fond of this decent young man, and responded cheerfully,

couldn't wait to express her doubts to Lucia, "Did anything go wrong? Your father

which got his health worse. I'll

too, looking at the small ward worriedly, "Where

hesitation, "Just on the chair inside the ward, or the bench

she hadn't really slept

it was already quite fortunate for her to

why you

as he really felt sorry to see the dark circles around Lucia's eyes

phone and showed it to the women around,

He then left.

sigh and held Paula's hand, "I keep urging Lucia to go home for a rest and she just wouldn't listen! Could you

Chapter 234 Out of Sight, Out of Mind

Being bashful, Lucia had to evade Paul's gaze, "Thank you so much, Paul..."

"Don't mention it. Should there be anything I could be of use to you and your mother, just let me know." Paul replied.

Their chatting afterwards livened up the room a lot, and Bill Mitchell even joined them after greeting one another when he woke up before long.

Lucia was gratified to see her father conversing so blissfully with Paul, since that was the first time Bill smiled during these days.

The nurse came for a regular check of Bill's health condition after more than one hour.

Glancing at his watch, Paul said softly, "It's getting late and I guess we should leave now. We will visit you soon, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell."

Paula really wanted to stay there longer with Lucia, yet she had to obey her brother's suggestion, only blowing a kiss to Lucia wistfully.

Lucia rose to her feet to see them off, and didn't return until she was sure they had entered the lift.

When Lucia was returning to the ward, she ran into her mother, who was going out as though with a deliberate question.

"Lucia, don't lie to me: Are you in a relationship with Paul?" she asked in a low voice.

Being surprised at such a judgment of her mother, Lucia denied immediately, "What are you talking about, Mom!"

That was the most absurd guessing she'd ever heard, Lucia thought.

"You think I'm blind? Everyone can see that Paul just couldn't remove his eyes from you, whilst you acted so bashfully." Elisa said with a ghost of smile, "But I do think Paul a sensible young man, who is so soft and considerate"

Lucia was so weary of her mother's endless and unreasonable chatter that she decided to bring it to an end.

"Mom, enough! We are only friends and I didn't act bashfully!"

"Ok, only friends now."

Elisa went on, "But I figure you could be something more than friends as time goes by."

Paul is a nice young man and I just like him so much, whether when he helped you with the luggage last time or lays the bed this time..."

could do nothing but smile a wry smile

to the fact that parents tended to worry

just couldn't do it hastily, or things

and her was

name of August to her mind, as

silence, she shook her head to stop her mind from wandering

office of the Lion Group when Burton entered with

dinner tonight, where Mr. West will show up. Shall we decline it?"

his eyes, only replying coldly, "No need. I'll

threw it aside, "Return it to

didn't

up at Burton

some hesitation, "It's about the

August frowned spontaneously.

thinking for a second, he eventually asked despite himself, "What's

we've sent to the hospital for the safety of the Mitchells, Paul and Paula had paid a visit there. Paul

Thomas even got someone to provide them with a folding bed. It's said he's trying to transfer Bill Mitchell to higher-class wards, though

report had

August answered after

before he

eyebrows with a hint of impatience as he stared at Burton, "What

his boss instantly and replied, lowering

can leave now."

door behind him,

tie, the face of Lucia came sweeping back to

then reminded himself that she had severed their connection

out of mind, he told himself, though

that night, August  
wine silently when others drank a toast to  
Slinger asked  
the table, who all cast a questioning look at  
could a businessman be free from problems that ail him? You guys  
was the youngest one among the veterans present that night, who were all  
August's smart response, they

### **Chapter 235 An Erotic Dream?**

**Can't leave her like that! August told himself. He thus began searching the wards along the passage one after another until he located an empty one at the end of it. He then went back, carried Lucia from the bench to that empty room, and laid her onto the bed gingerly.**

**Her arm suddenly held his neck when he was about to straighten up.**

**Did she wake up? August paused with a fast heartbeat.**

**Yet as he looked down, Lucia was still having her eyes closed.**

**Her body even twitched a little as her sleep was being disturbed, though she wasn't really awakened.**

**With a sigh of relief, he removed her hand from his neck and covered her with the thin sheets from aside.**

**He even gazed at her with a sense of sympathy after doing all that, though he suddenly realized such an improper emotion and began to blame himself on this ominous sign.**

**With a knot in his forehead, August walked out of the ward and headed for the lift resolutely without looking back.**

**As the chilly night wind blew out of the hospital, he became soberer, and was able to justify his behavior with a theory that the emotion was only due to his sense of guilt for Lucia, definitely not because of anything else.**

**That thought made him feel better, and he went back into his car, instructing Burton to head for the villa.**

**Lucia woke up the next morning, thinking she was still in a dream when she felt the soft sheets underneath when she turned over her body.**

**That was the best sleep she'd ever had during these days.**

**Yet it felt too true to be a dream, which awakened Lucia gradually.**

**Through her bleary eyes, she just saw the white ceiling of the ward, which implicated the fact that her she was lying on the bed of an empty room.**

**She sat up instantly in panic, "Mom, Dad?"**

**Where were they now? And how come she was on a bed? Having scrutinized the structure of the room, she came to realize it was a different one from her father's.**

**Lucia got off the bed quickly, though still being puzzled about how she woke up on a bed when she'd slept on the bench at first.**

**Was it due to her sleepwalking? Lucia dared not to go on thinking.**

the ward after

Lucia returned to their own

thus stayed on the bench outside,

had dream last night, in which a man carried her to the bed, and she could

an erotic dream and how shameful it

some noise from inside the ward at that moment,

the door open after

dream was so blurry that she had

would just get

standing in a dim and damp cellar, where a man was bound

stalemate was ended by his gesture to imply his staff to continue the

triggered the man's pleading in a jarring and

exhibit any facial expression, as though he hadn't heard the

thus went on cracking the

with the whipping which was getting

walked out, still

the landing of the cellar, being expressionless too, hearing the screams resounding

told August lightly, "I guess he really knows nothing

being tortured was no other than Nolan

and

confessed, someone contacted him on the net, sending him a down payment for some mission, and promising to pay the rest amount when he had

up in reality, only calling him through vocal meeting, where his

lead to the real identity

not lying when he said he  
take his life if your guys  
his eyebrows and  
with a serious look, "He deserves  
cruel to Lucia, August just hated his guts even when he knew he could dig out  
and reminded,  
know how far  
hint of chilliness in  
bright living room  
few paces, Joshua eventually asked, "Do you think Nolan would be related  
think so." August

#### Chapter 236 Being Duped

"Shit!"

The moment Ted cursed out, he instantly threw himself flat upon his face.

Then the car window was hit and exploded into pieces with a snap.

The driver bent to a squat and tried to step on the gas pedal, but one of the wheels was trapped in a hole.

He was panicked, "Ted, what to do!"

Ted was clear that they had been surrounded and it was difficult to break through, so he gripped his gun and ordered, "Kill them all!"

However, Ted's side was at a distinct disadvantage, failing to resist their attack, and his car was almost ruined by the gunshots.

He huddled inside the corner of the car as he thought about why they had been exposed.

Soon, a few people emerged from the darkness and quickly surrounded the car, with their guns aimed at it.

August walked to the car, and a pair of eyes stared straight at the car, as if he could see inside through the door, "Mr.Stebbing, get off the car."

His confident words indicated that he had well known about what Ted had done, so after hearing his words, Ted had no way to escape but pushed the car door open.

As soon as he got out of the car, he saw August smiling at him faintly and said, "Haven't seen you for a long time."

Ted sneered and threw the gun in his hand to the ground without the embarrassment of a loser.  
through much during his lifetime and  
together Ted always had little expression on his face, looked deeply at August,  
even panicked, and the driver was ready to sneak away but was shot in his calf, which caused him to  
scream  
others chose to hand  
him and opened the trunk, finding  
were several bags in it, but after checking the  
of the captured men and go back to the warehouse to see if there is  
returned and said gloomily, "No more, just  
his head to  
one box of goods didn't deserve those four men to  
August frowned.  
afraid we are being  
headset, "Bond,  
spoke up,  
immediately gave orders in a deep voice, "Go to  
into their cars and rushed  
face, and he was almost certain that it was definitely not normal when he heard the location  
the southeast, but they were now in the northeast, which would take them  
is a  
Joshua cursed in anger.  
the busy dock,  
"So it seems that Ted  
of the man behind because he sacrificed Ted to ensure another  
Chapter 237 Restaurant Encounter  
Lucia had been in the hospital for several days and she was much relieved when Bill was getting better.  
"This is the last checkup, and your dad has recovered a lot."  
The doctor handed over the checklist to Lucia and said.

Hearing this, Lucia got a little excited, "In that case, when can we reschedule the surgery?"

The doctor with gold-rimmed glasses paused and spoke softly, "If you still intend to invite Dr. Long to operate, you may have to contact him, but in my advice, I suggest you should wait until your dad's physical condition is stable before doing the surgery, and I'm afraid it will take some time."

At these words, Lucia was in a subdued mood.

She nodded and said softly, "I see, Thank you."

When she came out of the office, Lucia held the checklist and felt a little upset because she was afraid she couldn't afford the fee and be able to pay off all the debts if the operation was postponed.

Had it not been for this sudden accident, she was sure that her dad would have finished the heart bypass surgery by now.

She let out a long sigh and immediately adjusted her mood before walking into the ward.

Just as she stepped in, she saw Paul sitting next to the hospital bed.

Paul turned around and greeted her gently, "Hello, Lucia."

Lucia smiled and walked up, "Do you want something to drink?"

glass of

smiled at each

hospital last time, Paul came over almost every day for

Lucia, Bill sitting on the hospital bed

glowered at Bill and hated it when he disturbed Paul and Lucia. It was already lunchtime, but Bill and Paul were still talking about that

bought lunch and gave it to Bill with a slight complaint, "Just stop to

and Paul on the side saw this

you just buy lunch for me? Did you forget Lucia and

Paul to

and said, "Just go home to

happened that she was out

was ecstatic and winked at Paul, "Paul, don't forget to send her

lightly and said,

of the hospital and getting into the car, Lucia turned her head to look at Paul and asked, "Just choose what you want to eat

and responded, "Okay, I know a restaurant that's definitely to

laughed, but when Lucia got out of the car, she  
softly, "Let's go, I've booked a seat close to the window where  
"You booked  
mysteriously and laughed,  
let them go out for lunch, he had booked the  
already guessed, and pretended to be angry, "Didn't we agree that my treat was  
okay, next time it's  
"No,  
"Why not?"

#### Chapter 238 They're Getting Engaged

Lucia gave a wry smile and was about to leave, but Jeanne leaned gently towards August, and announced to Lucia shyly, "We are going to get engaged."

Lucia was slightly stunned and her eyes quickly skimmed over August, only to see his cold face as usual. It seemed that what Jeanne said was true because August didn't retort.

Lucia had to force a smile and said, "Congratulations."

Jeanne blushed and said, "Please keep it a secret."

Lucia forced herself to be dispassionate and said, "Okay."

As she spoke, August raised his eyes toward her and looked at the woman with an unchanged face and his heart suddenly emerged with a certain discomfort.

He thought it seemed that she didn't mind at all that he would engage with someone else! Jeanne thanked her and asked, "By the way, did you come alone?"

"Came with a friend."

Lucia said and subconsciously looked in the direction of the seat, just able to see Paul sitting by the window.

Jeanne followed her gaze and was surprised to see Paul, and then she deliberately said in a loud voice, "Is that Paul Thomas of Cloud Technology? I heard my father mention him not long ago! I didn't expect that he and you are good friends!"

Lucia smiled and said nothing.

also noticed Paul, and he almost couldn't suppress

to see her in the hospital, she was busy taking care of Bill, but he didn't expect she would date Paul so soon! Moreover, when they met before, Lucia said she wanted to keep a distance from him and refused to be restricted by

was to get married to Paul! A touch of sarcasm slid across the bottom of August's eyes, and this time, Jeanne looked at Lucia with an ambiguous smile and whispered, "Lucia, you and Mr. Thomas are a good match, bless you

"Let's go."

Lucia to answer, August said in a waved, before following August upstairs, "August, Mom fading away, Lucia stood there blankly for to ask Lucia to taste them when he looked up and saw her pale head and said softly, "It's okay, I'm eat quickly, I'll send you back appetite and did not eat sent her back at her apartment, Lucia got "Lucia, are you okay?" up

"Paul, I'm fine. I am really too tired and I need to go home and have sending her to the door closed, she was too weak to stand, falling into the they were going to get engaged tease Lightning and teach him to speak new words, but Lightning didn't follow and couldn't help but eyes and asked her, "Mandy, what's wrong with

#### Chapter 239 Irreconcilable

Enemies It was the first time for Mandy to go out with Bishop and she was inevitably a bit excited.

It just so happened that Bishop was in a good mood in recent days and the atmosphere in the car was quite harmonious.

When they arrived at the hotel, Bishop handed Mandy his ID card and said softly, "Go to check in while I go to the restroom."

Mandy nodded and walked to the front desk.

Bishop waved his hand, and Bob immediately pushed him in the direction of the restroom.

Bishop had been used to solving his physical needs with others' help, which seemed like a shame, but his disability protected him from many troubles.

In the restroom, Bob carried Bishop back to his wheelchair and spoke up, "Mr.Adams, is it appropriate to bring Mandy out?"

Bishop sneered, "Why? I will manipulate her and take advantage of her."

Bob nodded and stopped asking more.

Bishop controlled the wheelchair to move out of the restroom.

From a distance, he could see a middle-aged woman in brown cleaning overalls stumbling and running to Mandy, so he stopped the wheelchair.

The woman ran to Mandy, surprised and excited, "Mandy?"

Mandy turned around, and when she saw the woman, she suddenly turned pale and subconsciously took a step back.

middle-aged woman completely immersed in the excitement, stepped forward and directly reached out her hand to

and said coldly,

"Okay."

eyes, "Mandy, it's been more than a year since you ran away

off the woman's hand, shouting at her, "I don't have a dad! My

her teeth and turned around, put away the sheet and room card,

panicked and rushed over to stop her, "Mandy, you can't

ignored her words

on the other side didn't move forward to interfere in her family

him to the elevator, and said, "Check Mandy's family

that only knew well could

Bob responded, "Yes."

a short while, Mandy arrived in a hurry with her things and felt relieved when she saw the two people waiting at the entrance of the

the formalities are a

"It's okay."

smiled in a gentle manner, "There's

Bishop sat on the couch, looked lazily across the table, and asked softly, "What's wrong? In a bad

glass and drank off the wine, grunting coldly and asking rhetorically, "Is there any good  
next to him and poured another glass, "Recently Jeanne is getting engaged  
know that  
want him

angrily, "Last time, I narrowly escaped being seized by him,  
answer; his facial expression didn't change because he knew all these things very  
grumbled indignantly, "We

#### Chapter 240 Get Drunk

Soon, the waiter provided Lucia with a glass of cocktail, with some crushed ice and mint leaves on it.  
Lucia tasted it and soon get addicted to it.

After drinking another glass, she began to get drunk and unconsciously remembered the last time she  
sang on stage when August sat off stage...

Lucia frowned and patted her face to push her to forget those memories about August.

After thinking a while, she picked up her phone and called Paula without checking carefully, "Paula, I'm  
at K Bar, come over and have a drink with me."

After saying that, she didn't hesitate to hang up the phone directly because she was afraid Paula  
wouldn't agree to come.

Meanwhile, on the other end, August was staring at his phone in confusion. He guessed she was drunk  
and called the wrong number.

August casually put the phone on the table, but he was a little worried and he deduced that Lucia was  
drinking in the K bar alone.

Realizing this, August frowned and immediately stood up, bowing slightly to the crowd at the table, "I'm  
sorry I have something urgent, I should go first."

Then he picked up his phone and walked out of the private room.

Burton followed quickly and asked, "Mr. Adams, what happened?"

unwilling to say anything, ordering, "Go

arrived, he immediately got off the car

she was

next to her, seemingly waiting for an opportunity to take

back his

and couldn't help but tremble at August's

was a little guilty and not waiting for August to speak, he stood up and slunk  
frowned, and bent over to support

"Ouch!"

grasping her wrist, Lucia thought  
few seconds and muttered to herself, "So

dreamed about him because she  
and corrected her in a cool voice,

"I don't believe that!"

must be with her now! It

this, she reached out

"This is...true?"

then grinned,

and lifted

was painful and immediately cried,

fell into his arms, choking, "August, what have you done, you wretch! Why you abandoned