

Chapter 51 A Life For A Life

Whoosh!

A splatter of blood. Jack frowned tightly and his face was full of anger. The wound on his left arm was oozing blood. He was fortunate to have dodged at the nick of time otherwise even if that strike wasn't fatal, he may have lost his arm.

To George, taking a life was nothing.

"Tsk tsk... I was wondering how capable you were. You're nothing but trash." George turned slowly and stood by the door and blocked Jack's path and sneered.

"Hoof..." Jack took a deep breath and stared sternly at George.

Suddenly George lifted his leg and braced it against the door frame and laughed, "You have a choice, you can leave with your life if you crawl under my leg. But you must leave this woman here."

"Then let's see who's left behind!" In the blink of an eye, Jack grabbed a chair and rushed towards George.

The two balled into a struggle in the dimly lit room with the occasional sound of the dagger striking the chair. After experiencing an actual battle, Jack became a different man. But he was still far from what George was capable of. Very soon, Jack was in a disadvantageous position.

Several times the dagger just brushed against his body. If it wasn't for his quick reflexes, and ability to dodge each strike, he might already be covered in blood from head to toe.

Slash!

Finally, the dagger sliced Jack's right arm.

He frowned in pain and quickly retreated. The cut was deep to his bone and fresh blood poured from it. George stopped and looked at Jack like he was a clown. He was very surprised at Jack's sudden change but it was simply a surprise. He didn't think that Jack had the ability to fight against him.

"A bastard will always be a bastard. Even if your fortunes changed, you are still a bastard."

George sneered and waved around his dagger and flicked the blood from it, "If you don't wish to leave, then I'll leave you here and end your hopes."

Jack started to turn pale but maintained his composure. At this moment, his heart was racing because he started to feel the possibility of death. There was too much of a difference between his skills and George's and that cannot be made up by any other external factors.

Furthermore, now George has indicated his willingness to kill him. Perhaps the next action by this madman would be to drive the dagger straight into his heart.

But when he thought about the unconscious Amber, Jack's brutal instinct took over and bit the tip of his tongue. He used the pain to quickly calm himself down. He picked up the chair next to him and readied himself for the next attack.

"Yes?"

George raised his eyebrows and was startled that Jack still had the fight in him under such circumstances.

The next second.

George slowly raised his dagger and thrust it in front of him, "One stab and you are dead!"

"Go ahead!"

Jack raged and raised the chair to rush towards George. From when he was young, he endured the label of a bastard as he continually advanced, never to retreat. Now that this involved Amber, there was no way that he would retreat.

Woosh!

The ear-piercing rush of the dagger can be heard. Jack's pupil constricted and was unable to dodge.

Thump! The dagger pierced into his chest.

George's snigger turned into terror.

Bash!

The chair smashed onto George's body and shattered with a bash. George's body staggered and looked at Jack in terror as he was overwhelmed with dizziness.

"You..."

Jack grabbed the dagger with one hand and the other hand grabbed George's collar and grimaced, "Do you think I'll back down if I don't even fear death?"

Although it was just a chilling laughter, George felt that the surrounding temperature took a drastic dive. He couldn't help but tremble as his heart raced.

At this point, he looked at the grimacing Jack and George felt a strong sense of terror and his hair stood on ends. George dared to kill Jack but he never expected Jack to be willing to take a stab just to strike him. This was a life for a life!

"Die! Just die!" George suddenly raged and his right hand started to twist the dagger ruthlessly.

Squish...

Sounds that cause the skin to crawl can be heard from Jack's chest. It was the sound of the dagger tearing into skin and flesh.

But Jack did not ease his grip. He didn't let go even as his left hand was cut and bleeding profusely. He glared furiously at George. He could feel the blood pouring from his chest and he raised his right hand to ruthlessly press the dagger onto his chest. Only then can he drag out the time and save Amber.

"Insane, you are a madman! Die, die now!" George's face was pale and his eyes glared wildly.

Jack's reactions really terrified him. He wanted to pull out the dagger from Jack's chest but Jack's hands were holding it in. Was this madman... really unafraid of death? A bastard shouldn't behave this way!

"Master!" Just at this moment, a voice thundered.

Jack suddenly relaxed and felt a sense of relief and laughed, "Brent... are you here?"

He fought with no regard for his life was not to defeat George. During the exchange, he knew that if he were to outrightly fight, there was no way he could win against George. So, pressing the dagger into his chest and prolonging the encounter was his best choice.

Because he had already informed Brent before he came to Tyson hotel. He would be saved when Brent arrived. Almost at the same moment, Brent's towering body rushed through the door.

Bang! Brent glared furiously at George and ruthlessly smashed the back of George with his right hand.

"Argh!" George yelled in pain and flew past Jack and landed heavily onto the ground.

"Master..." Brent hurriedly attended to Jack and saw that his chest was covered in blood and became increasingly furious. He was sent by Old Master to protect master Jack. To think that George had caused so many injuries to master!

"George, you're tired of living!" Brent ground his teeth and was about to advance.

George berated, "Brent! You piece of shit, have you forgotten which family brought you up? You'll die if you touch me!"

Brent looked around the room. The room was filled with the stench of blood and was so quiet that one could hear a pin drop. Suddenly, a weak and ruthless voice said, "It shouldn't matter if we break his leg."

Brent looked stunned at Jack.

Jack smiled weakly. He knew that Brent was part of the clan and George was someone who was groomed by the clan. If he wanted Brent to kill George, Brent will lose his life even if he dared to carry it out. But if it was to break his leg...

"Understood!"

Brent laughed and placed Jack down. He then rushed swiftly towards George.

The next second.

"Argh..."

George's squeals, like a pig being slaughtered, reverberated across the entire Tyson Hotel.

Chapter 52 Fool! Hospital Visitation

Jack slowly opened his eyes.

A strong scent of disinfectant assaulted his nostrils.

He was slightly groggy, "I am not dead yet?"

Brent who was by his side looked very relieved, "Young Master, that attack with the blade somehow missed all your vitals. You have just fainted due to blood loss. Luckily we are able to rescue you in the nick of time."

Jack put on an empty smile. He never thought about this sudden turn of events.

All the while he just wanted to protect Amber to the best of his abilities. Even if he was stabbed to death by George, he wouldn't have any tinge of regret.

He just needed to buy Brent some time until Brent was able to save Amber. That would be the best possible outcome he could hope for.

It was pure luck that George's blade had missed all of his vitals.

Jack scanned the room and then suddenly put on a solemn face, "What is the name of this hospital?"

If his mother learnt of the fact that he was injured, he reckoned that she wouldn't be able to take it.

"Young master, you don't need to worry about anything."

Brent immediately provided him with solace, "Mr. Ward has put in a word before he left. Therefore, I have transferred you to another hospital."

Hearing that, Jack heaved a sigh of relief. He then asked, "How is Amber doing?"

Before he lost consciousness, he had seen with his bare eyes Brent crippling one of George's legs. Amber must have been out of danger by then.

However, she was drugged by Josh, so he didn't know what had become of her at the moment.

"She is fine." Brent reassured him, "In the past 24 hours, Miss Knight has been taking care of you non-stop."

In the past 24 hours?

Jack smiled wryly, "Since this rascal is fine, why did she have to stay by me after that? How could she put herself through this."

Although he wasn't familiar with Amber's background, he still knew that she hailed from a wealthy family. During their university days, she gave him an impression of being a rich young lady from a wealthy family.

It was certainly not an easy feat for a rich lady like that to take care of someone. Amber must feel that looking after him is a difficult task.

Just as he had just finished his sentence, a creak sounded at the door.

The door to his ward was being pushed open.

Amber was carrying a thermos flask inside with exhaustion written all over her face.

She was totally drained off of her energy after taking care of Jack for one whole day. However, according to the doctor's speculation, Jack should be waking up at any moment now.

Therefore, she left the ward and went home to boil some soup for him.

Since Jack had suffered such grave injuries, it was paramount that he needed to drink some nutritious soup to fortify his body.

When Amber gazed at the bed, her whole frame shook.

The next second, with a jubilant expression on her face, she rushed towards the bed and threw herself into Jack's embrace, "Jack, you are finally awake!"

"Ah..."

A drastic change of expression occurred on Jack's face. His wounds were throbbing because of Amber's weight. He frantically yelled, "Amber, it's painful..."

Amber jumped up in shock as she realized what she had done. She caressed his chest and apologized, "I'm sorry, I was too excited. I didn't mean to aggravate your wounds."

"It's alright."

Jack suppressed that nauseating sense of pain and forced smile at her.

Jack studied Amber's tired figure and touched her head intimately, "Are you a fool? I'm fine now. Why did you have to tire yourself out like this?"

"What do you mean that you're fine now?"

Amber glared at him, but there were signs of tears in her eyes, "You have suffered such a serious injury because you wanted to save me. It doesn't matter even if I collapse due to exhaustion later. I have to look after you. You are the foolish one, you moron!"

After voicing out her pent-up worries, she stuck herself to Jack's arm and started to cry.

This sudden shift in atmosphere threw Jack off guard.

He didn't know what to make of Amber who was crying non-stop in his arms.

Brent's face turned darker for a few shades, and then with a cough, he solemnly left the ward.

"You big moron, you can't deny that you're a moron. Why asked you to save me? Didn't you know that being stabbed by a blade is that painful? And you even bled so much. You're really a moron."

Amber continued crying while she uttered these words.

Jack replied with a smile, "I'm doing all this because you're my girlfriend."

"Then you're really a huge moron." Amber complained.

Jack didn't say anything in response. He just raised his hand and patted her back lightly.

He knew that Amber must be shell shocked from what had happened. It was good for her to clear up her emotions by crying out loud.

Slowly but surely, her wails became more and more muffled.

Then, sleep overcame her after she had exerted much strength to cry.

Jack watched Amber who was soundly asleep in his embrace and he continued to pat her back with affection. He muttered softly, "You little rascal, you have bet on me with your life, so how could I even allow you to lose? Protecting you is my duty."

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While standing behind the counter in the bank, Shirley was scared out of her wits.

She never expected that after dressing herself up well and rushing over to the Pisces restaurant, not only she wouldn't be able to meet Jack, she bumped into Katherine instead.

She recalled the scene where the both of them had met. It still felt awkward thinking about it.

Ever since the engagement was called off, she never met Tommy again. She no longer had any ties with the people of the Parry family.

In the eyes of onlookers, what had transpired that time was totally the people of the Parry family's fault.

Her response of cutting their ties was just a move on her side to increase her value on the market.

However, she still felt sorry for Katherine.

From how Katherine had glared at her, she could sense Katherine's hatred.

However, thanks to Tommy, the two of them didn't completely fall out. Instead, they managed to sit around a table and have an awkward conversation.

There was still no sign of Jack after waiting for some time. He didn't reply her text messages nor answer her calls. Only by then did Shirley get up to leave.

"Is he playing tricks on me?"

Shirley scratched her head in confusion. Perhaps her meeting with Katherine here was no mere coincidence. It looked like Jack was controlling things from the dark.

Shirley bit her lips hard and felt like her frustration was going to boil over.

She had considered letting Tommy be at the receiving end, but the truth was she didn't want to give up on Jack.

This held true especially after she had received five million yuan from him. This incident only fuelled her determination.

However, Jack was always so cold towards her. She always felt uneasy about his attitude.

She decided that she had to make sure Tommy could be her backup!

After coming to a decision, Shirley scanned the hall of the bank and saw that there weren't many customers. She got up to get a leave of absence from the manager.

After leaving the bank, she went straight to a nearby market to buy some fruits. She planned to visit Elissa.

When she was paying for the fruits, it suddenly occurred to her that Jack's mother was also staying in LJ Hospital.

After deliberating for some time, Shirley took a turn and returned to the supermarket to buy some nourishing products. After that, she settled her bill and headed towards the hospital.

After arriving at the LJ Hospital, Shirley temporarily placed the nourishing products in the care of the reception counter before dangling a bag of fruits to visit Elissa.

At the sudden appearance of Shirley, both Elissa and Tommy were delighted. They almost couldn't contain their joy.

Tommy immediately stuck herself to Shirley while throwing her words after words of concern.

His reaction irked Shirley even more and intensified her impression of him as a useless man. She couldn't help revealing an expression of disgust.

She only stayed there for a while before bidding farewell.

Kieran and Elissa both urged Tommy to see her off, and Tommy complied with them and followed Shirley from behind.

Shirley couldn't help frowning, "Tommy, you can go back and take care of auntie. I have other matters to attend to."

After exiting the ward, Shirley sucked in a deep breath, and her usual indifferent expression was replaced with one of smiles.

She increased her pace and returned to the reception counter. She retrieved the nourishing products and hastily headed to Sophie's ward.

Just as she was entering the ward, in the corridor not far away, she saw Tommy with a petrified expression on his face. He was refilling a thermos flask with hot water when she bumped into Shirley.

Chapter 53 Perfunctory Explanation

Tommy rubbed his eyes in disbelief.

How did Shirley enter Jack's dying mom's ward?

At that time, he was in a trance.

Step by step, he slowly walked towards the ward.

In the ward.

Seeing Shirley, Sophie kindly smiled and told Daisy to greet Shirley.

It was different from what happened in Elissa's room.

Shirley seemed like a different person at that time. With a face full of smiles, she kept pampering Sophie.

Shirley even peeled the apple for Sophie herself.

It was poles apart in comparison to how she was before.

Shirley and Sophie were chatting happily without any barrier in the ward.

From the outside, Tommy could see everything inside the ward clearly through the glass on the door.

His head was buzzing so he just stood lifelessly by the door.

It was even more like a crash on the computer, he couldn't think at all.

Everything before his eyes confused him.

He really couldn't imagine Shirley, that had always been a cold goddess to him and his family, would be so gentle in front of Jack's dying mom.

More importantly, how did Shirley know Sophie?

Time slowly passed.

All the people in the corridor gazed at Tommy oddly.

But Tommy couldn't care less about other things.

He was fully paying attention to the ward.

Just like that, for half an hour.

Shirley finally stood up and wanted to leave.

When she opened the ward's door and saw the lifeless Tommy, the smile on her face disappeared.

After the brief panic, Shirley calmed down and coldly asked.

"Why are you here?"

Tommy quivered. He quickly snapped out of it as the anger in his heart raged up

"I..."

Before he shouted it out loud, Shirley suddenly looked cold, "Don't disturb her rest, or else I won't be polite anymore."

After speaking, she just turned around and walked away.

Tommy hurriedly chased Shirley, "Shirley, what was that? Shouldn't you explain in to me?"

"Explain what?" Shirley glanced at Tommy in disgust.

She had never been explaining things to Tommy explain.

Moreover, what happened was she had unexpectedly bumped into Tommy.

She couldn't explain it clearly too.

"That dying old woman in the wars... Why are you visiting her?"

Tommy glared like an angry male lion.

"Tommy, enough! Are you even properly brought up? What's with the dying old woman?"

Shirley berated, "No matter how, she's your ex-brother-in-law's mother. What's wrong with me visiting

her? Because of our matter, your sister divorced. I visited her out of guilt, so aren't you being irrational?"

Tommy froze.

Was it really like that?

Before he could react, Shirley stepped forward and hugged him.

She then tiptoes and kissed him before speaking softly, "All right, it's not what you think. I was just visiting out of guilt, take care of your mother well and raise enough money for the betrothal... Then, we can get married."

"Really?"

Tommy was happy, "You're not blaming us anymore for what happened last time?"

"You fool, how could I blame you guys?" Shirley rebuked and waved her hands, "All right, I'm going to work first... Don't over think it."

Seeing Shirley's back figure, Tommy stood still in shock and joy.

He was indeed angry because Shirley visited Jack's mom.

But in his heart, the highly educated Shirley would indeed be smoother in dealing with people than him.

More importantly, Shirley was kindhearted.

So, Shirley's perfunctory explanation of the previous scene was enough for him.

After letting go of his doubts, Tommy felt happy and excited.

Shirley never met him after the engagement party.

He knew Shirley was angry so he was very afraid that they might break up.

But Shirley visited his mother on that day, and her previous words... She was clearly not angry anymore, they still got a chance to be together!

"Shirley, don't worry. I'll definitely let my parents and my sister to raise enough money for me to marry you."

Tommy clenched his fists and gazed firmly.

When Tommy happily returned to the ward, Kieran and Elissa were dumbfounded.

These few days, they had never seen Tommy be so happy.

"Tommy, what's making you happy?" Elissa asked first.

Tommy smiled and said, "Dad, Mom... Shirley is not angry! She just told me that as long as we raised enough money, I can marry her."

"That's great!" Kieran held his hands together excitedly.

While Elissa looked like she already predicted it long ago.

She proudly smiled and said, "Shirley is beautiful and highly educated. I knew she must be very generous. Tommy, you can't let her down."

"Of course, I will only marry Shirley in my whole life."

Tommy clenched his fists and gazed firmly.

Soon, he suddenly looked dejected, "It's just that... When will you raise enough money for me?"

Hearing that...

Kieran and Elissa were dumbfounded.

They looked at each other, then Elissa gritted her teeth in anger, "It's all your sister's fault! That damned girl messed up so much, she has to think of the solution for it."

"Isn't it wrong to force our daughter like that?" Kieran hesitated.

"Earn the money if you can. You're just a teacher, you didn't raise enough money after borrowing everywhere either, right?"

Elissa glanced sideways at Kieran.

She gave it a thought and spoke in determination, "After I get discharged, I'll definitely look for a rich

man to marry her and ask for a lot of money as betrothal gifts. That way, Tommy will have the money to get married."

"Haha... Thank you, Mom." Tommy happily hugged Elissa.

Kieran sighed without saying anything back.

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The sky was getting dark.

Jack didn't have the heart to keep letting Amber take care and suffer with him.

Thus, he told Amber to go home.

Amber was not willing to go, but she was no match for Jack's determined attitude. L

She had to drag her exhausted body out of the hospital.

After Amber left.

Jack shifted his body to a more comfortable position.

The wound on his chest made him unable to sit up for a little while.

After Amber slept by resting her head on his arm for so long, his back almost felt numb.

After feeling more comfortable, Jack asked, "Brent, how was the matter settled afterwards?"

Brent said, "Josh has been legally dealt with. His punishment must be severe."

"You know that I'm not asking about him."

Jack laughed. For him, Josh was just a clown.

He's just a lackey that wanted to offer Amber to please George.

Brent looked quite helpless, "George just made one of his legs crippled, and made him leave the city."

"That's it?" Jack raised his eyebrows and sneered.

"His evidence was not enough so there's no way to do it."

Brent muttered for a while before speaking respectfully, "Young Master, you may have not known the power of the Hughes family clearly... We can't kill George. If we did, even the Old Master won't be able to protect us."

"That means, he can just kill me?"

Jack looked sullen.

With a fierce gaze, he sneered, "Is it because I'm just an illegitimate child, If there is no right cause, there will be no good solution?"

Chapter 54 The Number

Three days later,

Jack got out of the hospital despite that the doctor suggested him no to do it.

Right now, the reconstruct project of West Shantytowns reached a key point, and the presale would happen soon. He got a lot of things on hand.

Not to mention if he stayed and not visited his mom at LJ Hospital, he couldn't keep his wounds as a secret.

Although he still had bandage on him, it wouldn't be a problem if he was careful.

When Amber and Brent escorted Jack back to his rented apartment,

Amber was completely shocked.

"Jack, you've been living in this place the whole time?"

From her point of view, he was the head of DT real estate agency with an annual salary over billions. He should live in a two-room rented shithole!

Even a stranger would not believe what he saw.

"I find it quite nice."

Jack mocked himself.

Amber bit her lips. She stared at Jack whose face was still a bit pale, and she felt sorry for him.

But she suddenly thought of one thing – where did all the money he made these years go?

"Sorry, I shouldn't have said that." Amber lowered her head like a misbehaved kid.

It was really rude for her to say that.

Jack shook his head, smiling, "It's fine. Remember the surprise I promised you?"

He winked at Amber and cast an ambiguous smile at her.

Looking at Jack, Amber was a bit startled. She had some guesses, but she quit asking him about it because of that smile.

Since he promised a surprise, she just had to wait for it.

Why spoiled the fun?

Amber and Brant helped Jack put away his belongings. Jack freshened up and changed into a suit.

He did look a bit pale in the mirror, however, he felt better.

"Brent, stay here. Amber and I will head to the company after visiting my mom."

Then Jack, with Amber accompanying him, went to LJ Hospital.

He didn't spend much time with his mom.

He was afraid she might notice something.

His mom always knew what happened to him since he was a child.

As a matter of fact, the moment Jack and Amber stepped into her room, Sophie had noticed his pale face and asked about it.

Luckily, Jack could use work as an excuse for him not looking well.

Jack was relieved to see his mom getting better. He asked Daisy to take care of her then left with Amber, and went to the company alone.

Once the staff saw Jack, they seemed to be less stressful.

DT real estate agency bet everything on this project, but it also got them overwhelmed.

As the boss, Jack was the back bone of the team.

However, he disappeared for three days, which made his company leadless.

If it wasn't for several middle-level backbones working hard to control the progress of the project, the employees would have been panicked.

Jack knew clearly how much influence his absence had caused to the company.

He made a quick speech to comfort the employees before he called all district heads into his office.

"I'm sorry. You must have been so stressful for the last three days."

Without any polite words, Jack stood up and apologized to Corbin and his mates.

Since he entered this field three years ago, he had always acted decisively, unlike those jerks, he never put his responsibility on other's shoulder.

"Jack, we were worried sick that maybe something bad happened to you." Corbin said. He still sounded nervous.

Jack smiled. A warm feeling streamed through his heart.

He taught Corbin everything he knew. He understood how Corbin felt about him.

In fact, every head of a district was someone he thought he could count on.

"I had to deal with some private business. Now it's all done. Update your work to me."

Jack shifted into another subject. He didn't want his employees to worry about him.

"I had been stabbed by someone, and was sent to the ER. Then I got out three days later." This explanation might freak them out.

Corbin didn't ask more. He started the report, "Everything is under our control and the project is proceeding in order as we planned. We are applying for all kinds of licenses. If everything does well, we can begin the presale at the middle of this month."

"At the middle of this month?" Jack was excited.

The presale was the sign of their booming.

Corbin paused. Another district head said,

"Jack, the west is a large market. I personally think it is better not to launch all presale immediately, which will damage the housing price and cause chaos in the sales market."

Jack nodded. He was brainstorming.

Indeed, West Shantytowns was an very old district, famous for its disappointing sanitary conditions. But it occupied much land.

He cut about ten new different districts here this time.

The housing prices here rose against the market since YK Square spread the news that it would enter the area.

If the housing resources of each district released at the same time, the huge number of housing resources in the city might lower the housing price, in that way they wouldn't get the expected results in presale.

Ordinary people would rush for these houses, which were hot property in their eyes so far.

Once YK entered, there would be more space for housing price.

"Well, we can start the presale from the west side. Corbin's district and those close to the main city can wait." Jack declared, "Let's set the time at the 15th."

"Copy that."

Corbin and other coworkers agreed in one voice. They left the office with full energy.

As heads of every district, even they were not DT staff, they knew everyone benefited from DT going viral this time.

After all, Jack was never a petty man since his deputy president time.

"Then 15th it is."

Jack rubbed his chin. His eyes were flickering when he smiled.

He picked up the phone to call Brent, and asked him to find a design company, so the company could measure his villa and pick some furniture for him.

He texted Amber after he hung up.

"Amber, I got a big surprise for you on the 15th."

"Okay."

Amber gave a simple reply.

Jack smiled. He knew Amber came back from overseas for him, so she could give him a helping hand when he was in trouble.

Since he and Amber were boyfriend and girlfriend,

He should give her the best.

On the 15th, he would impress the father that he had never seen.

The most importantly, it would be a surprise for Amber. He wanted the whole city to know that Amber was with him.

He intended to show Amber that she made a right lifelong bet on him.

He rubbed his nose, and become excited for that day. "I wonder how Amber will react on that surprise."

Chapter 55 The Parry Family's Anger

In that evening.

A shocking news was released on the local television.

"DT Real Estate Agency will be preselling the units in West Shantytown on 15th of this month."

The news was like a bomb that bombed the city once again.

The whole city was shocked, people felt moved.

It was earlier on when the YK Group announced the partnership which caused the housing prices in West Shantytown to increase against the market.

Many people were upset as they did not rush to buy the houses in the city when they could.

However, when the new listings were listed this time, those who were upset started to be excited again.

If anyone who were able to purchase any housing in West Shantytown with the following of YK Group's partnership, the price would bound to increase.

After all these years, the housing price of many places were increased whenever the YK Group had something to do with it.

Slowly, the discussion of buying rooms started to gather around the people in the city.

Jack Hughes was leaning on the sofa while watching the news on the television.

He smiled confidently.

This trend had been coagulated for more than a month. He was waiting for the breaking news on the 15th!

At this time, the phone rang.

Looking at the name of the caller, Jack smiled gently.

"Hello, Amber."

"Congratulations, Mr. Hughes. I saw the news about the pre-sales of the housing in West Shantytown."

Jack smiled. "Amber, can you take leave tomorrow?"

He knew that Amber Knight needed to work after returning home. Many things happened this few day, he did not even know where she worked.

"Definitely! My boyfriend's company pre-sales go viral, he will get a decent amount of commission from the boss. You must treat me for dinner!" Amber sounded very happy in the phone. "Oh yes, you said you will give me a surprise on the 15th, isn't it about the bonus?"

This woman, hadn't she noticed yet?

But fortunately, the surprise on the 15th will be more shocking and exciting!

Jack laughed a little. "I guess so."

"Hehe... I want to go to Genting restaurant, on that day I will give you a surprise as well." Amber smiled mysteriously.

Surprise?

Jack felt startled for a moment.

About Genting restaurant, he did not bother to care about it.

It was a private high-end restaurant located on the top floor of the tallest building in the city. You could overlook the whole city. If you were lucky enough to encounter the condensation of the fog, you might feel like above the sea of clouds.

That was how the restaurant got its name.

It was heard that the lowest spending amount was 6 digits or more.

This had resulted to very small number of people to spend in the restaurant.

Back then Jack did not spend that much even when his annual salary was about million dollars.

Even now he was not bothered about it.

"Sure." Jack smiled as he replied.

Amber was so excited in the phone. "Ahh, what am I going to wear on that day, definitely have to make up. I should not embarrass my boyfriend since we are going to such a high-end restaurant."

Jack smiled again. Amber was gorgeous even she was in her simple and casual outfit. Perhaps it was the aura that she used to develop since young, sometimes she could overwhelm some celebrities.

Well, had Amber never been to Genting restaurant before?

He knew when Amber said that, it was her trying to act cute in front of him.

Jack was going to flatter her back.

Amber's voice suddenly rang on the phone. "Some more, it's such a solemn thing to make money from the tycoons. If I don't dress well, I will feel embarrassed."

Jack suddenly couldn't smile.

Was I afraid to have this girlfriend?

Jack hung up the phone after casually talking with Amber.

On the other side when Amber hung up the phone, she was excited and looked forward on the 15th.

She smiled evilly. "Dumbass, perhaps he still doesn't know that I'm the boss of EnRich? I will wait until 15th to tell him, perhaps he would be surprised?"

While she was whispering with herself, she could not help but thinking of Jack's surprised look which made her smile on her face even sweeter.

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The Parry's Family.

At this moment, it felt like the air was freezing.

The air was suffocating for everyone.

Katherine Parry's family of four were sitting on the sofa while watching the television with different expression on their faces.

Kieran Parry and Elissa Tanner were being livid. Elissa was even holding her fist while biting her teeth as if she wanted to devour someone.

While Tommy Parry was filled with anger while staring at the television.

While Katherine was sitting on the sofa with her head down while she was crying.

"Sis, why didn't you persuade us with few more words?"

Tommy broke the silence in the living with his crying voice as he started begging Elissa. "Mum... do you still want me and Shirley to get married?"

Just a sentence, Elissa was completely blown up.

She angrily replied. "Katherine, do you still have this family in your heart? We could have bought 4 housing units if you did persuade your father and I a little more. Perhaps, Tommy and Shirley could have married already! It's your fault, your fault!"

Her speech was awful and hurting.

Katherine looked at Elissa in confusion.

When she just watched the news, she already knew that something like this would happen.

But she really could not accept the fact that after so many days, her family was still blaming her for not able to purchase the housing units.

"Mum... why do you blame? Am I not doing enough for this family?"

Katherine couldn't help crying as she started begging. "I beg you all to let me go. I have done my very best to this family. I have married with Jack for the past 3 years. I have taken so much money to help the family and even Tommy for countless times. Are these not enough?"

"Oh please!"

Elissa replied viciously. "Well, you are the older sister. It's your duty to take some money to help family and you feel proud about it? You can't even help your brother to get married, what are you trying to argue with me?"

Katherine felt completely hopeless as she lowered her head and cried.

"Cry, you only know how to cry! What a shame, if you have listened to our advice and get married with rich man then perhaps, we wouldn't end up like this? But you just want to marry with the asshole Jack!"

Elissa did not hesitate to blame as she did not care about how Katherine felt at all.

While Tommy was full of grievance, he instantly felt angry when he heard the word 'Jack'.

He blurted out. "Dad, Mum! Jack is rich! I met his mother at LJ Hospital before. The nurse told me that her mother had a liver transplant recently and she is getting better recently. When my sister took the two hundred thousand Yuan back home, it was Jack's final two hundred thousand Yuan"

"What?"

Kieran and Elissa's expression instantly changed.

Elissa asked in disbelief. "Tommy, what are you talking about, how could that useless have so much money?"

Tommy replied. "It's true! Do you think that I would lie to you? We are being cheated! My sister was set up by him. He has planned for all this, he used the two hundred thousand Yuan to divorce her."

After they heard what he just said.

Kieran and Elissa instantly filled with anger on their faces.

Elissa felt more upset as if she was struck by lightning. She was stunned on the sofa beating her chest while crying out loud. "Oh... God, why is that useless so vicious? Did our family dig his ancestor's grave?"

"Katherine, I don't care what method you are going to use. You need to go back to Jack to get back that few hundred thousand Yuan. Or else, I will die right in front of you!"

Chapter 56 If you are Unkind, I will be Unkind towards You too

"Mum..."

Katherine was on the brink of breaking down. She gaped at Elissa with despair in her teary eyes.

Elissa responded by barking, "You only know how to cry! Get the hell out of my sight!"

"Katherine, stop shaking up your mother. She has just discharged from the hospital after all." Kieran couldn't continue witness this fiasco so he advised Katherine in a low voice.

After Katherine had left, Kieran let out a sigh of relief. He started complaining to Elissa, "Look at you. Why do you have to pile everything onto your daughter?"

"Are you blaming me now? Then you should find a way to pool together the money!"

Elissa's words caused Kieran to fume with his cheeks getting reddened.

Kieran softened his tone, "What if Jack doesn't have money?"

"Dad, how could Jack be poor? If he doesn't have much money, how was he able to save her mother and restore her to good health?" Tommy howled loudly.

"You, shut the hell up! Do you think that our house is not divided enough?"

Kieran shot a furious glare at Tommy, which caused Tommy to cease all his shouting.

He then turned to face Elissa, "Ever since Katherine and Jack married each other, she has always been the one who is holding on to the bank cards. She should be perfectly clear with the amount of money Jack possesses. There is no way she would be deceived."

"If you ask me, I think that Jack probably borrowed money from the company he is working at to pay for his mother's medical treatment. He is still a deputy manager after all. It wouldn't be hard for him to borrow some money."

After analyzing, Elissa's rage slowly dissipated. She furrowed her brows and started to wrack her brain.

After a few seconds, Elissa suddenly snapped her head upwards and said vehemently, "I don't care whether he actually is rich or not, he must be able to borrow money a second time from his company since there is a precedence. In the past, I never minded him marrying into our family. He was able to elevate his status due to us, yet he has forgotten the kindness we have bestowed upon him by divorcing Katherine. He thought that two hundred thousand yuan is enough to dismiss Katherine just like that?"

"You..."

Kieran's face was a bright red color, but he couldn't respond to her words.

Elissa continued her assault while putting her hands on her waist, "What do you want to say? You have to listen to me on this matter. For Tommy's sake, Katherine has to extort a few hundred thousand yuan from Jack. This is only fair for Katherine. We can't just let that ungrateful bastard go after that measly two hundred thousand yuan!"

Kieran let out a sad sigh while sinking into the sofa. He drooped his head, not wanting to continue this argument.

On the other hand, Tommy happily wrapped his arm around Elissa's, "Thank you, mum. You're always the best."

Elissa rubbed Tommy's head affectionately and replied, "A parent has to do what she has to do. You are my own son, so there is no way I won't shower my love on you."

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A loud rumbling in the sky followed the flashes of thunder that seared through the clouds.

Soon, trickles of rain morphed into a huge downpour.

Katherine dragged her legs along the lonely streets. Her whole body was soaked wet with rainwater.

Her field of vision was blurred by water. She couldn't differentiate whether it was the rain or her tears.

After moving forward for some distance, she couldn't continue dragging herself forward anymore. She plopped down onto the sidewalk beside the road.

A lamp post was casting a yellowish glow onto the empty streets.

With nobody around her, Katherine finally couldn't hold in her emotions anymore. Her tears broke free from her eyes as if the water dam had collapsed.

She never anticipated that her life after divorcing Jack would be so difficult.

She was instantly pegged by regret at that moment.

Every time she took out her phone and wanted to call someone to listen to her concerns, she would hesitate before replacing her phone back into her pocket.

The truth was, in the three years of marriage with Jack, she had gotten used to that luxurious life that Jack had made possible. Once her life took a turn for the better, she also became aloof and entitled. This change in her attitude had caused her old friends to depart from her life.

In the end, Katherine mustered some courage and took out her phone again. With teary eyes being an obstacle, she tried hard to text Jack through his WeChat.

"Jack, I want to see you..."

There was no reply even after half an hour had passed.

Katherine was a little frustrated as she stubbornly sent him another message on WeChat.

"The last time you promised to see me, why did you fail to appear? I have given you everything, including my virginity. Is it so hard to even meet for once?"

After sending this text message, Katherine felt like she still had a lot to say. She immediately went in with a third message.

"You are just deceiving me, you lying scum of a man! You have purposely enticed me to divorce you just so you can be together with Amber, that bitch. Jack, if you don't come to see me tonight, I will let you have bouts of regrets for the rest of your lives!"

After the message was sent, this time, a reply came almost immediately.

Ding!

Katherine was alerted by the notification sound of her phone, indicating the arrival of a text message.

However, when she eagerly read what Jack had replied her, she felt her heart plunging into an icy abyss. Suddenly, her whole body was enveloped with unprecedented coldness.

Jack's reply was simple and straightforward.

"I can't help you no matter what!"

A few seconds elapsed, and a maniacal light slowly took shape in Katherine's eyes.

She gnashed her teeth and declared with difficulty, "You guys are forcing my hand. Everyone is just putting the blame on me! Jack, don't even think of living a good life again from now on. Since you're being unkind towards me in the first place, don't blame me for being unkind towards you too. Didn't you have a good career in DT real estate agency? If I create a ruckus on your pre-sales event on the 15th, let's see if you can still keep your position as the deputy manager!"

In his rental unit, after sending that text message, Jack flashed a disdainful laugh.

He wasn't someone who liked to be entangled with matters of the past. Since he had already divorced Katherine, he vowed not to have anything to do with her anymore.

Or else, it would not be fair to Amber, especially considering her recent contribution to his family.

Furthermore, the attitude and reaction of Katherine and the Parry family really reaffirmed his decision. His mother's sick episode had made them reveal their true colors.

They were really too despicable!

He had been putting up with Katherine for three whole years, but the members of the Parry family only aggravate the tear in their relationship.

He had good tolerance for most things, but once something crossed his bottom line, he would never endure that sense of discomfort even for one more second!

If they were talking about contributions, Katherine claimed that she had sacrificed a lot for their family, but what about him?

Jack was no longer sleepy.

He didn't feel any ounce of sympathy at all towards Katherine, despite the fact that she was pestering him. Katherine's downfall was entirely caused by herself and her own family. It had nothing to do with him.

All he ever felt towards them was endless anger.

He picked up his phone again and dialed Mr. Ward's number.

The other end of the phone was still dead. His phone was still switched off.

Jack suddenly felt a little worried about this rather strange circumstances.

Ever since Mr. Ward left, he had attempted several times to get in touch with Mr. Ward. He wanted to make clear of everything that had happened to him recently.

However, ever since then, his phone had always been shut for some reason.

Every time he broached this subject to Brent, Brent would only provide some vague and incoherent answers.

He could only heave a sigh of helplessness.

Jack put down his phone. The sudden appearance of George had caused his knowledge of his family to muddle up.

It was precisely because he had learnt of certain knowledge that he was feeling really fearful.

Such a family with endless wealth and entitlement that allowed them not to take into account the lives of others. How formidable could they be?

However, he was very sure of one thing. If it was not because of his father whom he never had the chance to meet, he would never be able to meet Brent who was sent by his father.

Furthermore, if his former self had bumped into George, perhaps he would have been killed instantly.

There would be no more future for him if that happened.

When he came to such realization, he finally understood the words uttered by Mr. Ward back then.

Despite that, he still couldn't get a full picture of the events that had transpired all those years before. He couldn't get to the bottom of things and find out the reason that his father had decided to leave his family behind.

Jack went into the toilet and splashed some water all over his face.

This successfully vanquished all traces of his sleepiness.

He changed into a set of sportswear and left his rental unit. He was planning to do some exercise in a park near his area.

With his insufficient understanding of the big picture, the only thing he could do now was to increase his own capability.

He couldn't neglect the condition of his physique even though he had put most of his focus on the business and wealth side of things.

At the moment Jack left his house, Brent stealthily opened his door and revealed a small gap from his guest room.

As he watched Jack closed the door to his room, Brent couldn't help complimenting him, "Young master really takes off the old master."

After saying that, the smile on his face gradually disappeared. He lowered his head and stared at the phone in his palms, and his face was written all over with worry.

Not only did Jack keep calling Mr. Ward, he was also trying to get through to the old master.

However, not only Mr. Ward was unreachable, even the old master had his phone switched off.

Brent felt strangely worried about this.

There must be something wrong with the situation at home!

Chapter 57 The Fifteenth has Arrived

In the coming few days, Jack focused all his concentration on the preparation of the pre-sale event of West Shantytowns.

He had been building up the momentum for the past one month, and he couldn't allow any opening for mistakes to strike.

As the date got closer to the event date, posters detailing the information of the pre-sale of the units in West Shantytowns could be seen plastered all over the walls and lamp posts of the streets.

The citizens were also including the West Shantytown properties in their conversation topic.

It was as if the attention of the whole city had inadvertently shifted to this particular area in West Shantytowns.

All the citizens who could afford the properties looked like they were raring to go. They were waiting for their opportunities.

They knew very well that if they acquired the properties in West Shantytowns before the YK Group had entered the local market, the price of the properties would soar after the YK Group settled down and took over the local market.

For them, buying the properties now would mean earning money without putting in any effort. The prospect of such an investment would rile up everybody's enthusiasm.

There were even people with internal connections who were starting to warm up their connections in preparation for carrying out inside procurement.

Jack would have taken into account such possibilities.

He had been in the industry for three years, so naturally he understood that he couldn't prevent all the inside procurement that was going to happen.

However, he didn't plan to allow too many instances of inside procurement to happen. He was at the helm of this project for the first time, and he wanted the impact of his project to go far and wide and shatter the expectations in the city.

If most of the units had been sold out due to inside procurement, how could the actual day of the pre-sales event become the talk of the town?

If news of inside procurement were to leak out to the masses, with the hopes and dreams harbored by most citizens towards the West Shantytown properties, the reputation of DT real estate agency would definitely suffer.

Therefore, he had delegated a task to Corbin to round up their connections which had too strong of a backing to allow inside procurement for them. For the others, he decided to reject them fully.

The news that the DT real estate agency was refusing to allow inside procurement spread like wildfire among the masses.

People were talking about it everywhere.

There were countless people who wanted to own a unit in West Shantytowns, but those with real connections were only a portion of the population. Most of the citizens still needed to fight for their spots themselves.

The reason the DT real estate agency rejected inside procurement for the most part was because they wanted everyone to have a chance at buying the properties sold here.

They were really a benevolent company!

As the news spread, ordinary citizens who didn't have any connections in the industry all became agitated with excitement. They all prayed that they would be able to buy at least one unit in this pre-sale event.

For all the other property developers, they couldn't help being envious of DT real estate agency.

All the while, they always had a hard time selling off all their units. They had to create enough buzz in order to pique the interest of the public, otherwise the sales numbers would really be devastating.

However, looking at West Shantytowns, its initial thirty million yuan contract signed by the DT real

estate agency had made them the laughing stock of the industry. Nevertheless, things had taken a turn for the better and a storm was being kicked up in the city.

In the TM Villa district, Aiden was scouring the news about West Shantytowns, and he had a smile on his face while he pushed the gold-rimmed glasses which was perched on top of his nose.

"A golden carp is never one to dwell in the depths of the pond. Come the rumbling of the heavens, it will transform into a dragon and soar high in the sky. Jack, you are really something. The DT real estate agency is a valuable piece of inheritance that I have left behind for Ben so that his latter years could be taken care of, but I never thought that because of you, the company is going to rise to the top of the industry."

Aiden had been cementing his status in the industry after so many years, but this was the first time he had witnessed such an explosive and anticipated pre-sales event.

With the rumors and discussion flying around, nobody would doubt the outcome of this pre-sales event.

It was destined to become the center of attention!

After letting out a sigh, a solemn and grave expression appeared on Aiden's face, "I am still curious about Mr. Ward's departure. What has actually happened? Was my decision to take a gamble last time a correct one?"

With Aiden's standing in the industry, he knew very well what would have possibly happened to Jack. He also knew about the culprit manipulating things from behind the scenes that led to mass boycott by some materials suppliers.

Before Jack had come to him to seek help, he had secretly made up his mind.

On the other hand, he knew very well that he couldn't offend George with his formidable background.

If his gamble didn't pay off, the whole thing would deal him a massive blow that would be hard for him to recover from.

With a shake of his head, Aiden tried to dismiss his worrisome heart, "I am beginning to look forward to your performance on the fifteenth."

In the Parry family house, as the rumors about West Shantytowns continued to spread, Kieran, Elissa and Tommy all had a difficult expression on their faces.

Elissa even took every opportunity she could get and reprimand Katherine every time she was reminded about West Shantytowns.

According to how hot the market was currently, if they had long ago bought a unit in West Shantytowns, they would have been very well-off now.

Not only they could fulfill the amount needed for Tommy's dowry, they would also be able to take it easy for the rest of their lives with the remaining amount of fortune.

At that moment, such speculations were all imaginary and unrealistic.

They could only be an onlooker this time considering the outlandishly cheap prices of the units in West Shantytowns.

Katherine felt so pressured that she didn't even dare to return home but instead, she had been staying over in a hotel room.

She didn't want to face all the hatred and resentment thrown at her by her family members if she was to return home.

She could at least enjoy some serenity in the hotel room all alone.

However, with West Shantytown gradually becoming the talk of the town, her emotions also gradually turned sour.

She had been thinking a lot about her failure this time. Jack was the deputy manager of DT real estate agency, and it was the agency responsible for the development of West Shantytowns.

Putting aside how Jack's life would change after the pre-sales event, he would at least be able to secure a handsome bonus for himself.

If she could turn back time, Katherine wouldn't be as foolish as she used to by divorcing Jack so nonchalantly.

However, all her thoughts would never become reality anymore. These were just her lingering regrets.

As she was corrupted by feelings of resentment, her mind slowly descended into madness.

Come the fifteenth, she would make sure Jack's reputation go down the drain. She wanted to disclose to the public how despicable the deputy manager of DT real estate agency was.

If she couldn't get her wishes fulfilled, she would rather see everything going into ruins.

He was the one being unkind towards her in the first place, so when things were all said and done, he couldn't blame her for being unkind too.

There was a price to be paid by him for lying to her!

As the day of pre-sales approached, the whole DT real estate agency was in a frenzy mode.

Jack was leading his team and working hard non-stop to ensure that everything was in order.

Nobody even uttered a single complain as if they all had renewed resolve. They all worked fervently at each of their designated job.

This was the single most important juncture in the history of DT real estate agency. They were going to fully take advantage of this chance and elevate the agency into higher stratosphere.

All the employees were waiting with bated breath after putting in months of hard work. They were anticipating the outcome of their hard work and hoping that things would work in their favor.

The night before the pre-sales event, Jack ordered his subordinates to go off work earlier.

The fateful day was just one day away. After working at their project for such a long time, he wanted his subordinates to get enough rest so that they could face every challenge thrown in their direction tomorrow with high spirits.

Jack began to feel the brunt of exhaustion after pulling consecutive all-nighters.

He dragged his lethargic body around and paid his mother a visit at the hospital before going back home.

As he collapsed onto the bed, sleep didn't come to him immediately.

Perhaps, all the people who had exhausted every last ounce of their energy faced the same dilemma.

As they finally allowed their body to stop exerting, they couldn't really rest too.

Jack picked up his phone and dialed Amber's number.

After just one ring, the call was connected.

"Mr. Hughes, you finally remember about your girlfriend."

Jack broke out into laughter, "How can I forget about you? I was just really busy these past few days. The pre-sales event is going to happen tomorrow."

"Moron, I'm just messing with you. I didn't get in touch with you because I know how busy you were. You sound really exhausted, so you better go rest soon. I'll boil some soup for you later." Amber replied.

Jack felt his frame freeze for a moment.

He suddenly felt an unfamiliar sense of happiness, having someone care about him from time to time.

He was indeed burnt out at this point.

Looking back, he actually had certain days in his past when he had felt even more exhausted. None of those times made him feel any happier than he was at the moment, having someone close by who would care for him.

It was as if he could forget about all his exhaustion as long as he could work hard for himself and the people he loved.

After all, he was already used to a hard life since young.

Amber's simple words seemed to infuse a renewed strength inside Jack. He somehow felt more relaxed.

Suddenly, Jack felt his eyes became watery.

"Hello? You moron, why aren't you talking? Don't tell me that you're asleep?" On the other end of the

phone, Amber's crisp voice filled the silence.

Jack wiped away traces of tears from the corner of his eyes and smiled, "No, I'm not asleep. There is dust in my eyes and I am just rubbing them. You don't need to come later, but remember our promise tomorrow, alright? Sleep earlier."

"Okay, good night."

After hanging up the phone, Jack wiped away the moisture clinging to his eyes, and after shutting them momentarily, sleep finally came to him.

He slept all the way until dawn broke.

The first ray of sunlight illuminated the earth and Jack felt fully energized after a whole night of good sleep.

As he watched the sun in the far east slowly inching its way up the blue sky, he flashed a confident smile and declared, "Finally, the fifteenth has arrived."

Chapter 58 Everyone Waited For Her

Dragon Garden.

It was today's sales of the Western property.

The luxurious atmosphere of the sales showroom was jam-packed with people. In fact, a lot of people were hoping to make a fortune by buying the property and had already started to queue at the sales showroom the previous day.

Who could have expected that a place which was despised by their own city people, as a dirty and messy place, would have such a different attitude towards it today? The queue was so long that even when the number of people exceeded the number of available apartments, people continued to join the queue in enthusiasm.

The queue got increasingly long.

The sales showroom was packed with people and the cars had already been directed to park a kilometer away. In fact, in order to maintain order and prevent any dangers of mass gathering, the city had dispatched some people to help out at the location.

The prominent media of the city had already been waiting at the specially assigned area with all their equipment set up for the launch. The splendor of the occasion had surpassed anything that they had previously seen. Even the top ten real estate companies never had such a sensational event.

"Ben, we're going to be busy today."

Inside the sales showroom, a young sales agent looked at the massive crowd and said fearfully to Ben, "Do you think I'll be trampled to death when they rush in later?"

"Buck up will you? I brought you here to help out with the sales so that you can make some easy money, yet you are worried about dying in a stampede?" Ben rolled his eyes at him and looked at the sea of people outside with unease.

The main reason why he was there today was because the DT real estate agency didn't have sufficient sales agents to handle today's event. That's why Jack asked Aiden to send some sales agents to help out.

He thought about a month ago DT was still in his hands. But now, in just over a month, his status and Jack's was completely reversed. Even after he swindled DT, Jack was able to overcome that and lead DT to the current level. When he thought about the past, Ben's face turned red with anger, and scoffed.

The young man beside him didn't notice Ben's change in expression and laughed as he adjusted his sleeves, "Ben's right. Today we don't even have to waste our saliva selling the apartments and only focus on signing the contracts. The more contracts that we sign the more commission we make."

As he said, Corbin, who was in charge of today's sales, ran out hurriedly with some people.

"Quickly, the boss is here!"

Ben came to his senses and raised his eyebrows and ran out with the young man. The wide road outside the sales showroom was already impassable. But with the assistance of the people from the city, they managed to clear a path for a vehicle to pass.

He had arrived!

The sharp and alert media started to point all their cameras in that direction. The people in the queue also looked in the same direction.

Then.

A yellow and green colored taxi drove in slowly. Everyone frowned in astonishment when they saw this. How could a taxi drive in?

Screech!

The taxi stopped at the pre-positioned Corbin and his team. Corbin quickly stepped forward and opened the rear passenger door.

"Jack, everything is ready. All the executives had arrived."

Dressed in a business suit and leather shoes, Jack got out of the taxi and looked radiantly at the

massive crowd. He was very satisfied with the occasion. It wasn't that he liked grand occasions but this grandiose occasion was befitting for him and his staff's relentless hard work for over a month.

"Let's go."

Jack walked ahead into the sales showroom. Corbin and the rest of the sales agents followed closely behind in two rows like two long jet-black dragons.

That scene puzzled everyone in the media and the patrons. It was only when Jack led the sales agents into the sales showroom when someone in the media area exclaimed, "Oh crap! That, that's the boss of DT real estate agency now!"

The statement was thunderous. Everyone's expression turned into disbelief.

"The boss of DT real estate agency? Did he come in a taxi? Did I see wrongly?"

"This boss is so low profile. He developed a cash cow like this Western property and couldn't he afford to purchase a car?"

"Oh snap, I forgot to take a photograph. I should have taken the photo since it will definitely become a piece of big news."

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The murmurs started to rise like tidal waves.

With Jack's arrival, the master of the ceremony started to conduct the sales event. This also marked the commencement of the sales to the agents.

There wasn't any of the usual performance nor unnecessary announcements because Jack knew what was most important to those who had queued overnight. In such a situation, any publicity or sales pitch was useless and would not achieve any purpose.

After some formalities and greetings, the ribbon-cutting ceremony was to be carried out. Jack had already met the executives and said his pleasantries.

As soon as the master of ceremony announced the commencement of the ribbon-cutting ceremony, those involved quickly assembled at the stage. At that moment, numerous cameras started to direct towards the people on the stage with countless flashes of the cameras. The buyers in the sales showroom also looked towards the stage.

Dignified and elegant event ladies presented the scissors to Jack and all the people involved in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Just as the master of ceremony was about to announce the cutting of the ribbon, Jack suddenly stepped forward and said to the master of ceremony, "I'm sorry, can I trouble everyone to wait for a minute?"

The master of ceremony was taken aback. Everyone present was equally startled and puzzled. The people on the stage also frowned in surprise. Corbin, who had been standing behind Jack, quickly rushed towards Jack.

"Jack, what are you doing? This is the ribbon-cutting ceremony and there are so many executives and city leaders here!"

Jack smiled and said softly to Corbin, "My girlfriend isn't here yet."

What! It was as if Corbin was struck by lightning and was totally stupefied. Was Jack crazy?

He wants all the executives and countless people there to wait aimlessly just because his girlfriend hasn't arrived? Just at this moment, the intensity of the camera flashes increased.

The boss of DT real estate agency suddenly called for a pause in the ribbon-cutting ceremony with no regard for the people present, this was huge news!

"I'm sorry everyone, please accept my sincere apologies. Can I trouble everyone to wait for a while because a very important person to me hasn't arrived. I would like to share this moment with her and let her witness this event."

The sincere explanation touched the heart of everyone present. At the same time, everyone was curious as to who the important person was for the boss of DT real estate agency to do such an impolite gesture.

At this moment, Jack walked aside and took out his cell phone, and sent a Wechat message to Amber.

"Have you arrived?"

"I'm here."

Jack smiled warmly and turned to look towards the crowd.

When he saw her walking quickly in, he smiled radiantly and slowly raised the microphone.

"Everyone, the person I'm waiting for has arrived."

At that instance, the entire place went silent. Everyone looked in the direction where Jack was looking.

All the media equipment and flashes also turned in unison towards that direction.

Chapter 59 Never Shall We Part

At that moment.

Everyone looked at Amber who was in the crowd and she was bathed in camera flashes. Amber lowered her head and her beautiful cheeks started to blush in red.

Although she had been to many similar occasions, her heart was still pounding and felt like it was ready to jump out of her chest. Because on those occasions, the attention was on her father. But now it was her boyfriend who brought all the attention to her.

"Wow... she is beautiful." When they saw her, the crowd automatically cleared a path for her and remarked in praises.

"No wonder. If I have such a beautiful girlfriend, I am also willing to wait!"

"Mr. Hughes is so capable, he has a huge achievement at such a young age and also has such a beautiful girlfriend. He is so successful in life!"

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This made Amber droop her head even more and her hands grabbed her skirt tightly while increasing her pace. From when she was young, she had never been so nervous.

When she walked to the side of the stage, a large hand extended towards her. Amber was startled and stopped in her tracks.

"Nervous?" A familiar and tender voice sounded.

Amber's rosy face looked up towards Jack and pursed her lips tightly and nodded. Then she raised and placed her hand into Jack's palm. Jack gripped her hand tightly and Amber's pounding heart started to calm down and her anxiety eased considerably. This feeling was very strange and caused her to be stunned for a moment.

Everyone was looking at them.

Jack who was in a business suit and Amber who was dressed in angelic white, slowly walked to the center of the stage.

"Aren't you afraid that your boss will scold you by doing this?" Amber looked around and said softly.

Jack smiled, "Why should I scold myself?"

Amber's body shivered and looked in surprise at Jack. Before she could come to her senses, Jack raised the microphone and announced, "I'd like to introduce to everyone, this is Amber, my girlfriend."

Thunderous applause roared at that instance.

Everyone was wondering who was Jack waiting for in breach of protocol. But when they saw Amber's appear and heard Jack's announcement, all the dissatisfaction disappeared. They were a beautiful couple.

Men slogged and worked hard so that in their moment of glory, they would be able to share with the woman they loved. Let alone, Amber's beauty won over everyone present. Anyone else would have done the same thing as Jack did.

"Mr. Hughes, you are so mean. We've met so many times and you only bring out your beautiful girlfriend today?" A managing executive on the stage teased him.

Jack smiled and replied, "Mr. Woods, I just wanted to take the opportunity during this important occasion for a public display of affection."

What he said amused everyone on the stage.

Amber looked dumbfounded at Mr. Woods. She just came back to the country and her understanding of the city was very limited. But she knew that Mr. Woods was a very influential executive in the city departments! There were only a few people in the city who could joke casually with Mr. Woods!

She looked at Jack and was about to speak. But before she could say anything, Jack looked at the master of ceremony and said, "We can begin."

"Okay! Now, let's invite Mr. Hughes of DT Real Estate Agency and executives of the departments to officiate the opening of Dragon Garden!"

The announcement of the master of ceremony stopped the doubt in Amber. And what the master of

ceremony said confirmed what Jack said to Amber.

Amber's face was full of surprise and was dumbfounded. She was in disbelief. The person whom she came back to help had secretly become so strong! Was this the surprise Jack wanted to give her?

The event ladies quickly lifted the ribbon. Jack led the shocked Amber to the side and placed the scissors into Amber's hand and then hugged her from behind. All the attention and camera flashes were on the stage. More accurately, they were focused on the two of them.

Amber's mind was a blank and she smiled sweetly while in Jack's embrace as if she was enveloped by sweetness and blissfulness. The entire ribbon-cutting ceremony ended before she came to her senses.

Boom!

The sound of ceremonial cannon blasts thundered. Boom boom boom...

72 ceremonial cannons to the left and right of the main entrance roared in succession.

The sound was thunderous and frightened Amber into Jack's embrace. "Look towards the sky," Jack said into Amber's ears.

Amber was like a startled kitten and slowly raised her head from Jack's embrace and looked towards the sky. Along with the thunderous clap of the ceremonial cannons, the sky was filled with countless flower petals drifting down.

Flower petals of all colors drifted down romantically in the sunlight. Amber looked in a daze at the flower petals covered sky.

At that moment, she forgot about her identity and her background. She felt like a little girl and tears welled up in her eyes. She raised her hand and grabbed a flower petal and said, "Rose?"

"I know that you like roses and got them to find all the colors of roses." Jack looked tenderly at Amber and smiled gently, "Do you like this flower petals rain?"

He knew about Amber's sentiments towards him.

She was willing to remain by his side without knowing clearly his affection towards her and that was enough for him to do anything for her. I will strive my best to give you all that you desire!

"I like it, I absolutely like it..."

Amber's beautiful eyes turned watery and red and leaned into Jack's embrace, "Thank you."

Everyone looked attentively at this scene and was recorded by all the media's cameras.

Everyone likes a flower petal filled scene of a proposal and will naturally extend their blessings to them. There were numerous ladies who looked at Amber with envy.

Whop whop whop...

At this moment, whirling sounds can be heard from the sky and immediately attracted everyone's attention.

"Look! Helicopters!"

Someone said in surprise and everyone remarked in awe. Three helicopters approached from afar in the flower petals filled sky.

"This..." Amber looked in surprise.

Jack pinched Amber's nose and laughed, "This is also your surprise."

Amber shivered and her heartbeat raced. Very soon, the helicopters hovered above the sales showroom. Everyone looked at the helicopters in amazement just as all the media cameras focused on them.

The three helicopters opened the cargo door and countless balloons were scattered and three long scrolls were unveiled.

"Ms. Amber."

"You wagered your life."

"How can I let you lose."

The three scrolls, the three messages were like bolts of lightning that struck into everyone's heart.

Boom... Another thunderous boom rang out.

Amber trembled again and now her tears were flowing. She looked at Jack in astonishment and he smiled tenderly, "This is my vow to you. Thanks for not giving up on me and from today onwards, I will never leave your side."

Never shall we part...

Amber dove into Jack's embrace with her head tucked in and her delicate body shivered.

"You scoundrel. You said it was a surprise. Why did you make me cry?"

It sounded like a complaint but Jack smiled and patted Amber's back with his right hand while he gently kissed Amber's head. It was as if time stood still while everyone looked on with envy.

All the cameras rapidly captured that moment for eternity.

Just at the moment of blissfulness, a beautiful image ran from afar towards the sales showroom...

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With her eyes turning red and having tears in her eyes, Katherine Parry quickly ran towards the Dragon Garden in a trance.

In the distance, there were full of flowers.

There was also long banners hanging from three hovering helicopters.

It was like a bolt from the blue striking on her.

She even could imagine Jack Hughes and Amber Knight who were happy together in the limelight.

And all of this...

"Mine, it should all be mine!"

By gritting her teeth with a sobbing voice, Kate said, "Jack, you a bastard, you are a big liar! You said before you love me, but you play such an underhanded trick to divorce me for Amber!"

Jealousy, resentment, anger and all sorts of emotions mingled together which made Kate almost on the verge of collapse into madness.

"I wouldn't let you get away from this! I would expose your two-sided faces to the whole city! This is what you force me to do so!"

And finally, Kate ran near to the front of the sales center of Dragon Garden.

In sight, Jack and Amber were cuddling up together in the limelight.

Kate who was furious at the meantime stepped out of the crowd, hissing and shouting.

"Jack, you a heartless man!"

A sudden raging roar, just like a heavy hammer striking on that moment, shattering the blatant farming of happiness in front of the sales centre.

Everyone was astonishingly looking at Kate at the same time.

The cameras which focused on Jack and Amber, immediately turned their lens and focusing on Kate.

The media started buzzing.

Today, they were only supposed to cover the news of the first property to be renovated in the west town but to their surprise, one news after another followed.

With their keen sense of the news, they could already foresee the news which will be reported tomorrow definitely would set the whole world ablaze.

The boss of DT's Group made a high-profile courtship of his girlfriend on the spot and a mystery woman suddenly showed up screaming!

This was the kind of good news that most people would love to see!

On the stage, Jack who was inwardly angry, showing his cold and indifferent expression towards Kate.

Was she making trouble?

He knew Kate well, he was sure that it was not a good thing that she showed up herself here.

But Jack didn't care about that, what he was angry and furious with, was that the appearance of Kate had broken the beautiful atmosphere he had created for Amber.

"Jack..."

Amber got out of Jack's arm and she was suddenly in a bad mood after she saw Kate appearing at the scene.

"I will handle it. Don't forget Genting restaurant later."

Jack smiled gently, then signalling Corbin Koch to take Amber away.

Subsequently, Jack turned to few of his functionaries and said, "Leaders, I will handle such a small matter. Don't worry, the DT's Group will have their staff to arrange for you all."

Under the stage, Kate became more anxious when she saw Amber leaving.

With anger and madness, Kate immediately rushed to the stage and shouted, "Hey, you a vixen, stop right there!"

Besides the stage, all the security guards stepped forward to stop Kate who was desperately rushing forward.

"Jack, you a bastard, you are a big liar!

Kate cried hoarsely, as if she was a victim, and she cursed heartily, "I wasted my time marrying you three years ago, and this is how you repay me with such results?"

Boom!

There was a great uproar in the front of the sales center.

Everyone was showing a look of astonishment.

This was...the mistress became wife ?

The media crews who were shocked about the news, instantly focusing their cameras on Kate and took photos of her.

Big news!

This was a big news!

Amber's beautiful face turned colder when she heard the angry scolding from Kate while she was going to step down from the stage.

Today was the opening of pre-selling of Dragon Garden, yet, Jack and the DT's Group both had caught the attention of the city.

However, Kate came out and made a big mess by the meantime. Undoubtedly, this would not only destroy the image of the DT's Group, in addition it would ruin Jack's reputation.

Amber knew well about the past of Jack and Kate, in addition that the Kate's family had done much more damage towards Jack.

Now they had divorced, did she want to destroy Jack again?

Immediately at that moment, Amber was about to walk up to the stage and made argument for Jack.

But then, there was a gentle voice coming out.

"I will deal with it well. Don't make yourself in a bad mood. Do wait for me at Genting restaurant."

To her surprise, Amber doubtfully looked at Jack.

But, she eventually followed Corbin leaving the scene.

She believed Jack could handle the matter well.

After sending Amber leaving, Jack slowly walked down the stage and towards Kate who was crouching on the floor and bawling, showing a look of despair.

With a slight smile, he gently said, "We are finished and now you are trying to do this. Are you trying to ruin my reputation?"

Having tears in her eyes, Kate struggled to stand up. Gritting her teeth like a madman, she shouted, "Exactly! I want to ruin your life, making you lose your reputation! This is what you deserve for lying to me!"

With anger inside his heart, Jack showed a colder face and staring at Kate angrily.

"I really can't support your family!"

"What can I do?"

Kate then desperately said, "They are my family, and my brother! Wouldn't I be of any help at all?"

Jack stopped arguing and laughed at himself. He felt that it was like an idiot to ask such a lousy and stupid question.

If Kate could really understand, they wouldn't divorce after three years of their marriage.

"Say something!"

Looking at Jack who was silent, Kate thought that she had controlled the situation, following up with her loftiness, she said, "Jack, I tell you! I dumped you for the divorce but on behalf of myself, Katherine Parry, I will never allow you to cheat me like this. If you want to be with Amber together, fine! Give me 1 million yuan

and I will leave immediately!"

"Otherwise, don't blame me for exposing your bad deeds in front of the whole city!"

"My bad deeds?"

Squinted his eyes, Jack then calmly said, "That kind of disgrace, and you are the one coming up for it!"

Finishing his words, he then signalled the security guards getting out of the way and making a gesture of invitation to Kate.

Surprisingly, it was completely unexpected that Jack would actually let her get on the stage.

By the meantime, Jack suddenly spoke angrily.

"You go up and tell everyone, let them know how you take the money I gave to my mother to save her life to buy a house for your brother! My mother would have died in the ICU of the hospital if someone hadn't helped me!"

Boom!

Everybody at the scene was stunned.

In a matter of seconds, the scene erupted with a roar.

"Oh my god! In order to buy a house for his brother, she even took Jack's mother's life-saving money!"

"Wow, it is an eye-opener! I have fucking seen such shameless woman who is an evil that only supports her own brother!"

"The woman who doesn't care about her mother-in-law's life, such a wife, if not divorced, should he stay for the celebration of Chinese New Year?"

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Listening to those comments and discussion just like tidal wave, Kate's face turned white instantly and she stood frozen at the scene.

She didn't even expect that Jack's words had instantly made her become be the bad side.

What kind of sense was this?

Lights were all shooting and focusing on Kate again.

Kate stomped her foot fiercely and roared loudly, "Why are you guys talking about me? I have done nothing wrong! You all should clear with this scum who is ungrateful!"

"Hehe!"

Jack smiled disdainfully, "If you feel that you are reasonable enough, I don't mind giving you a chance to give your speech on the stage."

Finishing his words, Jack turned around and left.

The pre-sale session had opened and there was no need for him to remain here.

In fact, Kate was there, and that was the reason Jack didn't want to face Kate for even one more second.

Jack didn't consider at all about the sales of Dragon Garden despite having such a big trouble caused by Kate. He was sure that it was not due to his own negative impact would affect the enthusiasm of home buyers, further more, it could bring very good profit to them..

But his own image...

He didn't care about that since he grew up with the reputation of being a 'wild child'!

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I will no longer be uploading and updating the series. Apparently, it is not being appreciated enough and other people are leeching the work and asking for money for not doing anything.

I would like to thank those who have supported me from the beginning and being patient as I release them regularly.

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So, enjoy the last releases and I hope with the right support and appreciation one day, I can start re-releasing chapters again sometime in the future.

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