

## **Wrong Table 1251**

### Chapter 1251 Taking A Bullet

Mackenzie didn't want to waste time beating around the bush, so she spoke up directly.

Gautier glanced at her and smiled slightly. "Mackenzie, we all know that the Chamber of Commerce is based on business entities. The larger the business entity, the easier it is to join the Chamber of Commerce and have a say. Therefore, the Verkade family wants to unite with the Quillen family and join the Chamber of Commerce as a business entity!"

Mackenzie nodded slightly. She neither agreed nor disagreed. After all, he wasn't wrong!

"So, how do you propose we cooperate?" Beatrix warned him directly. "If you still have thoughts about marriage, it's probably not going to happen. Unless you marry Lara!"

Gautier gave an awkward smile. What use would marrying Lara be to him?

Firstly, the woman was average-looking.

Secondly, she did not have control over the Quillen family!

However, he couldn't say this directly, so he smiled and said, "Mackenzie, we don't necessarily need a marriage. alliance for deep cooperation. I have a new energy order worth 450 million here--"

Emmanuel listened silently, his attention focused on Gautier. Suddenly, there was a commotion in a

corner of the restaurant.

Neither Mackenzie nor Beatrix noticed.

Emmanuel quickly glanced over and, when he saw a man raising a gun, he shouted, “Darling, Beatrix, watch out!!”

In the blink of an eye, he jumped up with his hands spread out before pushing his wife and Beatrix to the ground.

At the same time, his mind raced. Could it be that Gautier invited them to dinner to kill them?!

Bang!

A gunshot rang out.

Emmanuel turned around quickly and was ready to counterattack the assassin but was surprised to see Gautier standing in front of Mackenzie with his arms spread out!

At this moment, blood was dripping from his arm.

“Ah! There’s a hitman!”

“Quick! Catch him!”

“Protect Mr. Gautier!”

Especially Emmanuel, who came from the Northern Region. He knew very well that reality was not like a TV drama. Unless one was a professional like him, ordinary people couldn't react in time in such a situation, let alone spread their arms to block a bullet.

The most reasonable explanation was that Gautier might have known in advance!

However, this was just speculation. He had no evidence, and it was a fact that Gautier had taken a bullet for his wife.

“Mr. Gautier, are you okay?”

Mackenzie had no choice but to stand up and inquire about Gautier's condition.

Before the truth was clear, she could only assume that Gautier had bravely taken a bullet for her under the watchful eyes of everyone. Otherwise, with so many people watching, she could be pushed into the spotlight tomorrow and drowned by the criticism of the Yeringham public if she left heartlessly!

“I... I'm fine!”

Due to significant blood loss, Gautier's lips were quite pale, but he still managed to smile at Mackenzie.

The women around the restaurant were moved to tears by this scene!

“I never thought I’d witness a scene in real life that only happens in novels and TV dramas!”

“Right! Mr. Gautier is truly courageous! How many men could take a bullet for a woman in such a critical moment?”

“Boohoo... I feel so sorry for Mr. Gautier!”

“Mr. Gautier definitely loves Ms. Quillen. I really hope they can be together!”

Upon hearing these discussions, Emmanuel and Beatrix felt uneasy.

They looked at the expressions of these women and found that many of them seemed genuine. It did not seem like Gautier hired them.

Many people were even live-streaming!

“Gautier! Gautier! What happened to you?”

Lara emerged abruptly from the crowd. She had initially come to attend tonight’s dinner, but she was taken aback by the scene that unfolded before her eyes.

Anxiously, she hurried over, observing the restaurant’s medical staff as they attended to Gautier’s injuries. After listening to everyone’s conversations and piecing together the events, she promptly

pointed at Emmanuel and reprimanded him.

Chapter 1252 Emmanuel's Analysis

"Coward! My sister is now your nominal wife. Where were you when she was attacked? In the end, it was Gautier who took the bullet for her!"

"You don't deserve to be by my sister's side! If you have any decency, leave now! Go!!" Lara yelled with all her might!

She felt so sorry for Gautier!

Why couldn't her sister appreciate him when he was so kind and sincere?

It wasn't fair!

"Lara, be quiet!" Beatrix shouted coldly. Her brother-in-law was a man and didn't want to argue with Lara, so she would do it!

"Emmanuel saved us immediately just now. Why did he have to block the bullet with his body when he could have saved us without getting hurt? You have no say in this since you weren't involved, so stop talking nonsense!"

The two sisters were at odds again.

Upon seeing Lara about to lose her temper again, Mackenzie finally spoke coldly. "Enough!"

She didn't even have to mention their basic decency and manners!

When the two younger sisters saw their elder sister getting angry, they immediately raised their hands and turned their backs to each other. They didn't dare to argue anymore!

That was the aura of the eldest sister.

"Mr. Gautier, you should go to the hospital for treatment first. Thank you for tonight!"

That was all Mackenzie could say to Gautier as an expression of appreciation.

In fact, she also suspected that everything tonight was arranged by him, but without evidence, she couldn't treat him badly based on this.

"Okay then, Mackenzie... We'll discuss our matter later!"

Gautier gave Mackenzie another charming smile before leaving with the medical staff.

The scene was filled with crying women!

"Emmanuel, let's go too!"

Mackenzie didn't pay attention to the scene, nor did she intend to accompany Gautier to the hospital, even if she would be criticized for being heartless.

“Okay”

He would ask Sage about the situation here later!

Beatrix also made a face at Lara and followed her elder sister and brother-in-law’s footsteps.

“I’m so angry! I’m so angry!”

Lara stomped her feet. She vowed to drive Emmanuel, this shameless man, out of the Quillen family and help her infatuated and brave senior win the beauty!

When the time came, she would also isolate Beatrix, this pipsqueak, at home and in the company, to see how she could show off! Humph!

At that time, she would also isolate Beatrix, this little troublemaker, both at home and in the company.

She wanted to see if Beatrix could be arrogant when the time came! Hmph!

After venting her anger, she hurried to catch up with Gautier to accompany him to the hospital.

Emmanuel drove the Quillen sisters home.

On the way, the couple didn’t speak, so Beatrix didn’t dare to speak as well.

It wasn’t until they returned to their room that Mackenzie asked, “Emmanuel, what do you think of tonight’s events?”

Emmanuel was slightly stunned before he said seriously, "Mackenzie, I'll tell you the truth, but I hope you scold me!"

"Hehe... afraid of being scolded by me so soon?"

Mackenzie couldn't help but laugh. Did she seem like the kind of wife who was difficult to get along with?

"Yes. I am!" Emmanuel smiled. "There's no man in this world who isn't afraid of being scolded by his wife."

"Just tell me!"

Mackenzie glared at him coldly. She made herself look fierce, which she didn't like!

"Okay. I think everything today was a staged performance by Gautier!"

Emmanuel didn't beat around the bush and directly analyzed. "First, he's not a professional fighter, so he couldn't have made a split-second judgment and reaction!"

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Upon hearing his analysis, Mackenzie nodded approvingly and remarked with a smile, “Your analysis is excellent, and it aligns with my own thoughts. However, why would you fear my reprimand?”

He sighed and replied, “Because Gautier took a bullet for you. I was concerned that if I mentioned this, you might perceive me as petty and suspicious of others!”

Mackenzie chuckled. "If you truly possessed a mean personality, that would be preferable. I am merely apprehensive that you are too forthright and may not be well-suited for the business world! I knew Gautier was not a good person, but I never anticipated his ruthlessness in shooting himself. That is truly extreme!"

Chapter 1253 Wedding Procession

Emmanuel sighed as well. "Indeed. He's a formidable opponent! I have gained a newfound respect for him!"

In fact, he had never underestimated Gautier, as he knew that Gautier was much more difficult to deal with than Hubert. However, he still didn't expect Gautier to be so ruthless!

"If he insists on being our enemy, he might be even more challenging to handle than Magnus!"

Emmanuel suddenly said.

Mackenzie also understood the implications of his words and asked, "So, you want me to collaborate with him?"

"No!"

He said honestly, "If you make this kind of person your enemy, he will be very troublesome. But if you

become partners with him, it could be even more dangerous as there is a constant risk of betrayal!”

Although Mackenzie didn't like to hear this, she knew that his analysis was very insightful. Dealing with this kind of man was indeed a headache.

Moreover, Gautier's act of taking a bullet was a means and definitely not an end. He was bound to take further action soon!

The next day, Emmanuel went to Ryder's new home.

Lexi was indeed reliable. The wedding room was decorated very festively, and early in the morning, she had someone help Ryder dress up properly, transforming the usual farmer into someone with a bit of sophistication.

Unfortunately, Ryder still couldn't stand up and had to sit in a wheelchair for the wedding ceremony!

“Ryder, you look really handsome today!”

Emmanuel complimented sincerely while walking over with a smile and pushing Ryder's wheelchair personally.

He still remembered when he fell as a child; it was Ryder who had carried him home and to school the next day.

Now that Ryder was disabled for saving his wife, it was his turn to take care of Ryder.

“Emmanuel, stop teasing me!”

Although Ryder didn't think he was handsome, he still laughed heartily. Then, he suddenly worried. “I'm

afraid that Ruby's relatives will look down on me for holding the wedding banquet in a wheelchair!”

“Don't worry. My sister and I will take care of everything today You have nothing to fear!” Emmanuel

comforted Fryder

At the same time, he was also thinking. Ryder had given Ruby's family a dowry of 70,000, bought a

wedding house, and arranged the wedding banquet. if Ruby's family cooperated well, that would be

fine. However, if they were still

Soon, a grand wedding procession arrived at the neighborhood where Ruby's family lived.

“Make way! The groom is here to pick up the bride!”

Ruby's family lived on the ground floor.

Upon hearing the loud instruments playing, many residents came out to watch the excitement.

Ryder, who was sitting in his wheelchair, was accompanied by Emmanuel, Frederick, Sheldon, and

several other groomsmen. He arrived excitedly in front of Ruby's house and shouted, "Ruby, I'm here to marry you!"

Not only the groomsmen but also a large group of friends and relatives were behind Ryder.

Tia, under the persuasion of Roselynn, her god-sister, also came to the scene and stood in the back watching.

She felt no emotions in her heart upon seeing this scene. She even silently blessed Ryder and Ruby.

After all, she really didn't like Ryder. Even now, all she saw was Tommy. He looked so handsome in a suit!

"Ruby! Come out!"

"Ruby, it's time to get in the wedding car!"

"Hurry up! Don't act like an old lady!"

As Ryder's good friends and colleagues, Sheldon and Frederick also shouted for Ryder.

Finally, the door creaked open.

But only Belinda came out, and she locked the door again with a bang. She showed a sour expression on her face and looked at Ryder sideways. "Hey, is this how you come to pick up the bride? Do you

think anyone would marry you like this?"

Frederick and the others were all taken aback.

Emmanuel had a bad feeling. He didn't know what work Mackenzie had arranged for Lexi to do before,

but judging from Belinda's attitude, it seemed like Ryder still owed her family a fortune.

"Haha! I understand!"

After a brief moment of surprise, Ryder swiftly directed Frederick and Sheldon, saying, "Guys, assist

me in stuffing the envelopes filled with cash!"\*

"Alright! Let's utilize a cascade of cash envelopes to force the door open!"

Assuring that the Zimmerman family desired cash envelopes, everyone promptly began inserting them

into the

Chapter 1254 Jacking Up The Price

Inside the room, there were several women who became excited upon seeing the cash envelopes.

They eagerly snatched the envelopes with laughter and giggles.

However, the door remained closed!

Ryder, who had been married before and experienced difficulties with his ex-wife and stepdaughter,

quickly understood Belinda's intentions. With a smile, he took out a large cash envelope from his pocket and handed it over

"Mrs. Zimmerman, I truly want to marry your daughter. Please stop making things difficult for me!

Hehe..."

Belinda accepted the cash envelope, glanced at it, and furrowed her brow.

"Tsk! How much can this envelope possibly contain? With such a lack of sincerity, do you really expect me not to give you a hard time? What are you dreaming of?"

Ryder suddenly felt flustered.

The lively atmosphere around them gradually quieted down.

They had witnessed others making things difficult for the groom, but they had never encountered such audacious demands!

"Quick! Everyone, check how many cash envelopes are left and give them all to my mother-in-law!"

Ryder simply wanted to complete the wedding ceremony smoothly, so he swiftly instructed the groomsmen around him

Everyone handed over the remaining cash envelopes to Belinda.

However, she remained unsatisfied and declared coldly, "Don't even think about marrying my daughter with these few cash envelopes I won't open the door for you!"

"What what do you mean?"

Ryder was completely flustered

"What do mean? Do you know how much money I've spent raising Ruby for thirty years? After marrying you, she will serve you and your father and bear children with your family name. Do you honestly believe a mere 70,000 dowry is sufficient?"

Belinda demanded "Let me tell you this. Don't even think about marrying my daughter if you don't give me another dowry?" Milani retorted.

The other bridesmaids fell silent, as they truly didn't want to marry an elderly cripple!

Upon witnessing this, Ruby suddenly gained confidence! They were right! If she didn't receive enough dowry today, she absolutely wouldn't proceed with the marriage!

Emmanuel finally couldn't stay silent any longer outside. "Mrs. Zimmerman, what you're doing is not right. No one asks for a dowry twice."



Others also echoed his sentiment.

Even the bystanders supported him.

However, Belinda paid no attention to their gazes. She stood tall and declared, “When I asked for the dowry in the past, Ryder was perfectly fine. But now he’s disabled! I should demand at least another 70,000! No! Today, you must give me 140 thousand. Otherwise, my family will have no future!”

What on earth?!

Good lord!

She was raising the price for the second time in a row.

Everyone felt that if Ryder gave her 140 thousand, she would probably continue to increase the amount!

“This... this is not right! How can a wedding be like this?”

Ryder, an honest man, could no longer sit still. If he weren’t paralyzed, he would have stood up in anger.

Alessandra was not originally included among the groomsmen. According to their customs, she was not supposed to be present. However, after witnessing this scene, she couldn’t help but speak up.

“Mrs. Zimmerman, we had previously agreed upon the dowry amount. You accepted our 70,000 dowry, and now you’re asking for 140 thousand. Isn’t this clearly a trap?”

Her words were already very polite. If someone with a more fiery temperament were present, they would probably be cursing at Belinda by now.

“Hmph! Whether you give it or not is up to you! If you don’t, you can go back where you came from!”

Belinda raised her hand with a smug expression.

After all, they had already received the dowry, and if Ryder couldn’t afford the final payment, they would

still profit!

No matter how they approached this deal, they would come out ahead.

Chapter 1255 True Intentions

Naturally, Belinda had never considered such a thing. It was all thanks to Lexi. She spent a small amount of money to bribe the gossipmongers around Belinda, constantly whispering in her ear and fueling her insatiable greed!

Now, Belinda’s true nature was exposed. Her greed was completely revealed in front of Alessandra!

As expected, Alessandra was seething with anger.

She acknowledged that her family was financially well-off now, and her daughter-in-law was very skilled at making money, but no one's money came out of thin air! She had no reason to ask her daughter-in-law for money to fund Ryder's wedding. It was unreasonable!

"Ruby, what's the plan now?"

Even if Ryder was foolish, he couldn't possibly continue to ask Emmanuel's family for money to get married. It wasn't about the amount of money; it was about not being able to swallow his pride!

He wanted Ruby to give a clear answer on whether she would marry him or not!

"Ryder, you've already given her 70,000. If you truly love her, why not give another 140,000?"

Ruby was inside applying makeup as she responded, "What my mom said is right! You're disabled, and I'm willing to marry you. Are you really not willing to spend another 140,000? Our love is not equal!"

In fact, she hadn't even put on her wedding dress yet. She had never thought about actually getting married. She just wanted to get more money first.

If the price wasn't satisfactory, she wouldn't get married then!

Ryder didn't know how to respond for a moment. After all, Ruby did have a point!

“Ryder, after I marry you, my parents will be your parents. Giving them money is a way to show filial piety, isn’t it? If you’re not filial to my parents, why should I marry you then? Right?!” Ruby continued.

Ryder, who was straightforward and not very articulate, was now completely at a loss for words. He turned to look at Emmanuel for help.

Emmanuel already had a frustrated expression on his face!

Frederick had already experienced the formidable nature of the Zimmerman family’s matriarch. Upon seeing Emmanuel’s expression now and remembering what Milani had said to him in the hospital, he cursed on the spot. \*D\*mm you! So, you only consider your parents as family, and you never planned to treat Ryder as a human being. right? How much can he earn in a month? You’re draining him of his money, and you’re not planning to live with him in the future.

As Emmanuel’s best friend, he said exactly what Emmanuel wanted to say.

Who would have thought that Ruby’s true intentions would be exposed? She laughed. “I know Ryder doesn’t have money, but doesn’t he have a good cousin? And the young lady from the Quillen family is his cousin-in-law. This mere 140,000 is probably nothing to them, right!”

She was self-righteous and confident!

Her true intentions had been completely revealed!

Alessandra was infuriated by her. Ruby wasn't like this before. How did she become like this today?

Even if her daughter-in-law was wealthy, it was her daughter-in-law's money. How could she keep

fixating on her daughter-in-law's money?

She knew that if she dared to do this, she would definitely be scolded!

Emmanuel didn't know what to say either. After all, this was his cousin's marriage. He was afraid that if

he forced

Ryder not to marry Ruby, he would hold a grudge in the future. So, he patted Ryder's shoulder and

said, "Ryder, you make the decision!"

"Ruby, listen to me!"

At this moment, Ryder's eyes were red as he shouted excitedly, "I am disabled! I'm not good enough

for you. You're right. After marriage, your parents will be my parents, and I will be filial to them! But I

really don't have money now. Let's get married first, and when I make money in the future, I'll be filial to

our parents!"

This was already giving Ruby a lot of respect!

The people around let out a sigh upon hearing this.

For a moment, Roselynn was at a loss for words. Ryder was simply too naive. Why would he continue with the wedding at this point?

Tia glanced at Ryder's current condition, and her heart filled with pain.

Tommy didn't go up to receive the bride. Even though he couldn't see the pained expression on his father's face, he burst into tears upon hearing his father's words!

Tia hurried over and gently embraced Tommy to console him.

"Ryder, this won't work. I can't trust you!"

This time, it wasn't Ruby who spoke, but Belinda who was still outside. "You're already in this state.

You're disabled. Can you still earn 140 thousand? What if you break your promise in the future after I marry my daughter to you?"

Chapter 1256 Accepting The Proposal

"You... You..."

Ryder seethed with anger, pointing at her with clenched teeth. He was momentarily speechless.

Emmanuel couldn't contain his frustration any longer and angrily rebuked, "Are you from the

Zimmerman family deliberately making things difficult for Ryder? Have you no decency? You're essentially selling your daughter and shamelessly flaunting it. If you wanted an additional 140 thousand dowry, why didn't you mention it earlier? You intentionally raised the price at this moment. Weren't you afraid we wouldn't agree?"

"Exactly!"

"They have no shame!"

"I can't believe it! They've forsaken their humanity for 140 thousand!"

The crowd began to curse at Belinda, including some bystanders!

Although Belinda was flustered, she defiantly responded, "Enough talk! If you want to marry my daughter, pay up! If not, go back where you came from!"

"You! You..."

Ryder was so furious that he wanted to jump up and fight with her, if only his legs could move.

Belinda remained smug. "What? Want to hit me? Look at yourself. You're old, ugly, and paralyzed.

Which girl would be willing to marry you without spending some money?"

“Pfft-”

Ryder, already seriously injured, was so humiliated and angered by Belinda that he spat out a mouthful of blood.

“Ryder!”

“Ryder, don’t get angry!”

“Hey, stay strong!”

A group of groomsmen hurriedly comforted him.

Emmanuel was even more furious. He was determined to make the Zimmerman family pay!

“I’ll marry!”

At that moment, Tia finally couldn’t bear it and rushed forward from the back of the crowd, shouting,

“Ryder, I’m willing to marry you!”

What?!

This statement shocked everyone at the scene!

Belinda was also stunned!

Ryder trembled even more, his eyes filled with tears as he looked at Tia in disbelief.



She was his goddess!

“Tia, what... what did you say?”

“I said I’m willing to marry you! Don’t marry Ruby. I don’t need your dowry. Just don’t think of me as cheap!”

Tia was kind-hearted. She didn’t want to see Ryder and his son in such pain, and she didn’t want to see the Zimmerman family bullying this honest man anymore, so she impulsively ran out.

She didn’t think about the future; her mind was just running hot at the moment!

Ryder was both shocked and delighted, and he didn’t dare to respond for a moment!

Fortunately, Roselynn and Emmanuel were there, and the two siblings immediately echoed each other.

“That’s great, Tia. Your choice will definitely be the right one. I promise!”

“Ryder, what are you still waiting for? Propose to Tia quickly!”

It was then that Emmanuel took out the diamond ring he had prepared for Ryder and handed it to him.

Ryder opened the box in public, and with the help of Emmanuel pushing his wheelchair, he approached

Tia, trembling all over as he handed it over!

“Tia, I... I propose to you! Please say yes...”

He was indeed an honest person. He didn't even know how to say romantic lines!

Fortunately, the pigeon egg-sized diamond ring was eye-catching enough that everyone's attention was on the ring!

“My goodness! Such a big diamond ring. It must be worth at least 140 thousand, right?”

“Haha! It's hilarious! The Zimmerman family insisted on raising the price of the dowry, but they didn't know that the diamond ring Ryder prepared was worth more than 140 thousand!”

“Look at the expression on the face of the Zimmerman family's matriarch now. Haha... Take a picture and hang it on the wall; it'll definitely ward off evil spirits!”

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standing in front of her!

Her gaze naturally fell on Emmanuel, even though she knew that the one proposing to her was not Emmanuel.

She had rehearsed this scene in her dreams, with the only flaw being that Ryder was in the middle.

However, she was already very content!

She slowly extended her hand, intending to give it to Emmanuel.

Fortunately, Roselynn quickly gave her a signal, and she reacted promptly. Her face turned red as she handed her hand to Ryder.

“I’ll... I’ll put it on for you then!”

Ryder was also trembling as he placed the diamond ring on Tia.

“Wonderful!”

“Blessings all around!”

“Excellent! That’s fantastic!”

“The bride has accepted it, so the wedding can proceed! Let’s return!”

Everyone around was filled with joy!

Chapter 1257 Shameless

Alessandra hadn't anticipated things turning out this way, with a last-minute change of the bride.

However, now that Ryder had this new bride, she was even more content!

As the group prepared to leave, Belinda started to panic!

"Hey! Hey! Why are you leaving? Aren't we going to have a wedding? My daughter is all dressed up!"

She hastily grabbed Alessandra.

She was clever enough to know that grabbing anyone else would be futile, so she chose Alessandra,

the kind- hearted one.

Alessandra indeed appeared troubled!

Before she could speak, Emmanuel stepped forward, pushed Belinda's hand away, and said coldly, "It

was you who refused to let your daughter marry just now, wasn't it? Why are you regretting it now?"

Belinda stuttered for a while before shamelessly saying, "I didn't mean she wouldn't marry. It was just a

joke. Quickly give the ring back to me... Give it back to my daughter."

Belinda even attempted to snatch the diamond ring from Tia's hand.

Roselynn wouldn't allow her to do that. She pushed Belinda to the ground and pointed at her while

scolding, "You were the one who raised the dowry price and disrespected Ryder because of his disability! Tia doesn't want anything. She just wants to marry him! What? Now you regret it after seeing the ring? Let me tell you. It's too late!!"

Frederick and others also pointed at her and scolded her, "Yeah! I've never seen such a greedy person in my twenty-plus years of life!"

"Your daughter is worth 70 thousand at most, and you want to sell her for 210 thousand? Are you out of your mind?"

"Haha! Look at her regretting now. It's hilarious!"

Belinda's facial expression turned sour when she was surrounded by a group of people.

Fortunately, the next moment, the door opened, and all the members of the Zimmerman family appeared. They stood behind her.

Upon seeing that Ruby hadn't even put on her wedding dress, Ryder was filled with anger. Did this woman never intend to marry him?

Ruby, however, walked up to him with her chest puffed out and shouted, "Who said I'm worthless? Who

said I'm not valuable? Speak up if you have the guts!"

How outrageous!

Who could tolerate being talked about like this?

"I said it!"

While others were afraid of her emotional outburst, Roselynn was not intimidated at all. She stood right

in front of her.

She completely suppressed Ruby with her height!

"You, a woman who has dated multiple men and has been divorced, dare to ask for a 140 thousand

dollar dowry? Where did you get the audacity?"

"You... you!"

Ruby became even angrier, but she seemed a bit timid. She shouted, "Is it wrong for me to ask for a

higher dowry when I'm marrying a paraplegic? I'm doing this out of filial piety--"

"Shut up!"

Roselynn interrupted her directly. "You're asking for a dowry from a paraplegic. Have you ever thought

about him being your future husband? Have you ever thought about his situation? No! Because you are

a marriage scammer! You just want to scam my brother and my sister-in-law's money by marrying

Ryder. You're a shameless woman! You're even worse than a gold digger!"

Oh, my goodness!

Roselynn's words were so powerful!

She said all of these words without pausing!

The men around were dumbfounded. They were amazed and gave Roselynn a thumbs up.

Roselynn didn't care about others' opinions. What kind of storm hadn't she weathered?

She had been scolded by her grandfather and uncle and was called a demoness by her in-laws. Now,

the entire Yeringham knew exactly what kind of woman she was.

She never pretended before, and she certainly wouldn't now! If they wanted to scold her, she would let

them scold her. If they wanted to call her a demoness and a shrew, they could do as they pleased! As

long as she was happy!

Ruby was completely overwhelmed by Roselynn's determination. She trembled with anger but couldn't

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Her resentment towards Roselynn was widely known.

“Now, it's you who is renegeing on the marriage, not my cousin refusing to marry, so the dowry should

not be returned. We also demand compensation for the emotional and reputational harm caused to my



cousin. Give u 140 thousand!”

Oh, my goodness!

Everyone’s perspective was shattered upon hearing Milani’s words!

Emmanuel had to acknowledge that Milani was even more audacious than before. Even if Shane were

here, he would have to bow down to her in this matter!

Chapter 1258 The Unexpected Ending

“Hehe...”

Roselynn burst into laughter/suddenly.

It wasn’t until Milani became unsettled by Roselynn’s laughter that she retorted coldly, “We have

arranged for a third party to record the entire wedding banquet today! Everyone knows what happened

from start to finish! Let’s take this to court and see who is at fault!”

“!...”

Milani was known for bullying the weak and fearing the strong. When she encountered someone

tougher than her, she would back down.

“Not only will you not receive this \$140,000, even the \$70,000 dowry we gave to your family before

must be returned to us! If you don't return it, be prepared to receive a lawyer's letter. Let's see who can afford the legal battle!" Roselynn threatened in response.

Emmanuel silently gave his sister a thumbs up. After her divorce, her fighting spirit was obviously stronger than before!

Ruby was completely panicked.

She just wanted to scam money and property, but she never expected things to escalate like this. She couldn't help but glare at her mother in anger.

Belinda also deeply regretted it!

She simply listened to the gossip of those meddling busybodies around her. They all said that since Ryder's relatives were so wealthy and had bought a house and provided a dowry for him, it would be absolutely no problem to demand \$140,000 from him, especially since he was paralyzed.

Who would have thought that not only did they fail to achieve their goal, but they also lost what they already had? The other party unexpectedly called off the wedding on the spot and married another woman. In contrast, she gained nothing, and now even the \$70,000 she received was threatened to be returned.

“Let’s go. Don’t delay the auspicious time!”

Emmanuel finally gave the order, waved his hand, and the wedding procession returned joyfully.

Unexpectedly, the bride had been among their procession all along, but they had to make a round trip before finding the real bride!

Although Ryder had just been angered to the point of vomiting blood, now that he was marrying Tia and heading back, the joyous occasion lifted his spirits. All the ailments seemed to vanish in the midst of the celebration.

As for Alessandra, she saw through the true colors of Ruby and her mother. Now that Ryder was marrying Tia, it was a relief for her.

The only one she was still worried about was Roselynn...

Emmanuel didn’t know what everyone was thinking. At this moment, he just admired Mackenzie’s wisdom. He wondered if Mackenzie had predicted that the ending would be like this.

He quietly called Mackenzie, who was dealing with matters at the company, on the way back to find out.

“This ending is quite good.”

Mackenzie was not too surprised by the development of the situation.

Emmanuel couldn't help but ask, “Mackenzie, did you predict all of this?”

“Yes.”

She admitted generously. “After getting to know Magnus, I actually studied a lot about him and read some of the books he recommended. Recently, I've been learning his deduction methods.”

Emmanuel was stunned. He never expected his wife to study his enemy!

“Magnus has many admirable qualities, but such an intelligent person ended up dying at the hands of a fool like you. Perhaps this is fate!”

Mackenzie didn't mention what she had done.

In addition to instructing Lexi to work on Belinda secretly, she also went to Roselynn that day and explained the plan to her.

She had long discovered that Tia was a kind and simple person. If she saw Ryder in such a miserable state, she would definitely be unable to bear it and help him.

In this way, once the marriage was settled, Tia couldn't easily back out and leave Ryder again.

Mackenzie found that predicting and controlling the occurrence of some things based on a person's character was not as difficult as she had imagined.

Was it her evolution? Or was Magnus overrated in the past?

"Mackenzie, will you come to Ryder's wedding?" Emmanuel asked naturally.

"I planned to go, but I suddenly have something more important to do." She sighed helplessly.

Ryder was Emmanuel's cousin, and he had taken a bullet for her. Naturally, she would attend his wedding.

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However, an unexpected event occurred today.

"What happened?" Emmanuel asked, not out of a desire to control his wife, but because he sensed something was amiss in her tone.

"Lara actually attended the press conference for the collaboration between the Quillen family and the

Verkade family as the head of research at Terence Group!”

“What?!” Emmanuel exclaimed, equally taken aback. “How did she manage that? Who gave her authorization?”

Chapter 1259 Unethical And Unprincipled Questions

“No one!”

Although Mackenzie was suppressing her emotions, her voice was noticeably gloomy, like an impending storm.

“She’s being too reckless. Mackenzie, you have to stop her!”

Emmanuel was extremely anxious. Sage had already informed him that another killer had silenced the shooter from that night before the police arrived. Based on all the evidence, it was highly likely that Gautier had orchestrated the entire incident to manipulate public opinion and blackmail Mackenzie.

“All right. If I can make it in time, I’ll attend Ryder’s wedding.”

After ending the call, she was filled with mixed emotions.

Lara’s reckless actions had certainly angered her, but what troubled her more was the word “emotion.”

She didn’t know if she was manipulating Tia’s feelings. At the same time, she wondered if Lara and

Gautier were manipulating her emotions.

Were emotions merely a matter of manipulation?

Perhaps they were. Wasn't the process of men pursuing women and women pursuing men a form of emotional manipulation? Otherwise, where would all the instances of love at first sight come from?

At that moment, dozens of journalists and business people had gathered at the Infinite broadcasting building in, Yeringham.

Ashton was among them!

She wasn't there on assignment, but she hadn't seen Emmanuel in many days, and when she heard the news about the cooperation between the Quillen family and the Verkade family, she wanted to come and join in the gossip.

Recently, there had been so much gossip news about Gautier and Mackenzie in Yeringham that even she, a policewoman who disliked entertainment gossip, came across it every day.

After all, they were prominent figures in Yeringham's business world. Everyone was quite enthusiastic about such news. The popularity continued to rise, and the media were all competing to report on it as they were eager to make money!

She didn't know if Mackenzie was secretly betraying Emmanuel by having an affair with Gautier or if someone behind the scenes was paying to hype up a romantic connection between them.

Ashton still hoped it was the latter. Although Emmanuel, that annoying ghost, always made her angry, she knew that his feelings for Mackenzie ran deep. If he was being betrayed by Mackenzie, he would undoubtedly be devastated, right?

No!

No!

Ashton shook her head. Emmanuel and Mackenzie were both so annoying. Why should she sympathize with them? Hmph! What did it have to do with her? She just wanted to enjoy the show!

"Hey... Isn't that Susan?"

Ashton walked out of the news hall of the broadcasting building and strolled around the front garden.

She didn't see Emmanuel and Mackenzie, but she did spot another annoying person.

Compared to Emmanuel and Mackenzie, Ashton really disliked Susan!

As a prominent family in Onza, the Summerton family had a lot of dealings with the Silverbane family.

Ashton had clashed with Susan since childhood, or rather, she looked down on women like Susan from



the bottom of her heart.

Susan was impulsive, unreasonable, and very immature!

So, Ashton had no intention of going over to greet her upon seeing her now.

Susan was also engaged in conversation with a lady from Yeringham, so she naturally didn't notice

Ashton.

"Mackenzie is here!"

Suddenly, someone shouted, and a chaotic scene unfolded.

Those news media reporters rushed out like a swarm of bees and quickly surrounded Mackenzie.

In addition to the eight professional bodyguards surrounding Mackenzie, Lexi and Beatrix were also

escorting her. But they couldn't stop these frenzied media reporters even with such a formation!

"Ms. Quillen, have you and Mr. Emmanuel Lowe gotten married? How far has your relationship

developed?"

"Ms. Quillen, who is your boyfriend? Is it Mr. Gautier or Emmanuel? Why were you seen having dinner

together that night? What kind of love triangle are you involved in?"

“Ms. Quillen, there are rumors that you’re a misandrist. How can you be emotionally involved with two men? Is your misandry fake, and do you actually like men?”

“Are you romantically involved with two men? Or are there other men in the picture?”

Mackenzie was speechless.

Those questions were highly unethical and lacked principles!

She had no intention of answering any of them. Despite being aware that many media outlets had compromised

Chapter 1260 Chaos At The News Hall

Susan forcefully pushed her way through the crowd, determined to confront Mackenzie.

Fortunately, Lexi quickly stepped in front of Mackenzie, and the bodyguards stopped Susan.

However, Susan stood tall and domineering, speaking in a superior tone, “All of you lowly servants, get out of my way! Anyone who dares to stop me from dealing with this mistress, Mackenzie, will face my wrath!”

She had such audacity!

Many people present were displeased with Susan.

Only the media reporters were frantically taking photos and videos, hoping that the conflict between

Susan and

Mackenzie would escalate.

“Mackenzie, you hypocritical woman! Do you think you’re the only one with bodyguards? I have them too, and they’re even better than yours!”

Facing the feared Icy Female CEO, Susan showed no respect and pointed at her while threatening loudly. “If you know what’s good for you, promise me that you will stop bothering my beloved in front of all these reporters, or I will never let you off!”

Initially, Mackenzie didn’t want to bother with this woman, but finally, she scoffed and said coldly, “Ms.

Susan, go consult a doctor if you’re sick. Thank you!”

This remark completely infuriated Susan. She was so angry that her chest trembled. She ordered her bodyguards,

“Grab this woman and bring her to me. I want to slap her a few times and see how arrogant she can be!”

“Yes, Miss!”

Her bodyguards began to take action.

Mackenzie's eyebrows furrowed.

Beatrix was even more surprised and exclaimed, "Is this woman crazy?"

Only Lexi knew what kind of person Susan was and how formidable the Summerton family's bodyguards were. To ensure Mackenzie's safety, she quickly picked up her phone to call the police.

The scene descended into chaos!

Many reporters risked getting hurt but refused to leave.

Upon seeing her bodyguards about to be defeated by the Silverbane family's bodyguards, Beatrix grew increasingly nervous. At this moment, it would be great if Emmanuel were here. Would these people dare to be so arrogant?

"Hehe, you mistress! You escaped once. Do you think you can escape for a lifetime? I will definitely destroy you, you shameless woman!"

Upon seeing Mackenzie's defenses weakened, Susan pounced on her like a madwoman. She intended to teach Mackenzie a lesson.

"Don't mess around!"

Lexi spread her arms to stop Susan.

However, the Silverbane family was a martial arts family, and the descendants had been trained in martial arts since they were young. Although Susan's skills were poor, dealing with ordinary women like

Lexi was still easy for her, and she pushed Lexi away effortlessly.

Then, she reached out to Mackenzie, intending to tear Mackenzie's clothes and humiliate her in public!

Mackenzie was no pushover either. She slapped Susan's hands away and tried to knock her down.

But she didn't expect Susan's martial arts skills to be on par with hers, and Susan's strength was even greater. She almost knocked Mackenzie down!

Mackenzie realized she had underestimated her opponent. Last time, Emmanuel could easily bully

Susan, but she was not Emmanuel!

Fortunately, at the critical moment, a woman in a police uniform pulled Susan away.

Susan was surprised. Where did this strong woman come from?

Upon closer inspection, it turned out to be an old acquaintance!

"Ashton? What are you doing here?"

Even if someone had called the police, there was no way they could have arrived so quickly!

“Susan, stop disgracing us Onzanian!”

Ashton managed to push Susan back a bit, but she didn’t knock Susan down. She still respected the

Silverbane family. Even though this woman was not the daughter of the head of the Silverbane family

and didn’t have much power, the identity of a young lady from the Silverbane family was not to be trifled

with.

Mackenzie didn’t expect Ashton to help her. Regardless of their previous relationship, she said

expressionlessly, “Thank you!”

Upon hearing these words of gratitude, Ashton felt a sense of strangeness wash over her. In that

moment, she realized that Mackenzie wasn’t as annoying as she had initially thought. In fact,

Mackenzie was not the type of woman who put on a cold facade and lacked basic manners.

“There’s no need to thank me. It’s simply my duty,” Ashton replied to Mackenzie.

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After addressing Mackenzie, Ashton turned her attention to Susan and issued a direct warning. “Gather your people and leave, or I will have no choice but to bring you back to the police station for disturbing public order!”

Susan was momentarily taken aback, but then burst into laughter. “Ashton, I dare you to try! Not only will you be unable to handle the consequences, but you won’t be able to take me away either!”